

3 March 2024
III Sunday of Lent (Both Calendars)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM
Confessions: Wed. & Fri. 6:30-7:55 PM/ Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 4 Mar. St. Casimir of Poland, Prince, Patron of Poland, Lithuania
8 AM For: Laretta M. Castronovo+
Req: Her son

Tue. 5 Mar. St. John Joseph of the Cross, Pr./St. Conon, Martyr
8 AM For: Joyce Lott+
Req: Anne Johnson
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & Newborn

Wed. 6 Mar. Bl. Rose of Viterbo, Virgin
7 PM For: John Murphy+
Req: James Murnane

Thu. 7 Mar. Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
8 AM For: Robert McCauley+
Req: Frances McCauley

Fri. 8 Mar. St. John of God, Patron of nurses & booksellers
8 AM For: Michael Armitage (L.)
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Steven Anderson

Sat. 9 Mar. St. Frances of Rome/St. Dominic Savio
8 AM For: Special Intention
4 PM For: Robert Czuppa+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Owen Waller

Sun. 10 Mar. IV Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
8 AM For: John Scapino+
Req: Anne Johnson
9:30 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC
11 AM For: Mary Lorraine Armitage+ (9th Ann.)
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Steven Anderson

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS: TUE. 5 MARCH

Jr. High School Class 7 PM Sr. High School-Adult Class 8 PM

ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY MEETING: THU. 7 MARCH 7 PM

At this meeting we will have a discussion about the meaning of suffering in our lives as Catholic men. We welcome all men of the parish to join us.

FIRST PENANCE: SAT. 9 MARCH AT 10 AM

Our first communicants will make their first Confession at this time, and will be enrolled in the Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on the same day. Please keep them in your prayers that they live always in the state of sanctifying grace.

LENTEN AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION: SUN. 10 MAR

Next weekend, Fr. Maximillian Mary Dean will preach at all the Masses. He will then present an afternoon of recollection for us at 3 PM, which will be over with by 5:00 PM. Father is a hermit in Pennsylvania, who has great musical gifts. He has composed lovely hymns which he will incorporate into his afternoon talks.

Father will also hear Confessions next Saturday and at the Recollection. Use the opportunity to confess to a different confessor.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

His Eminence, Raymond Cardinal Burke is calling on all Catholics to join him in a Novena to the Empress of the Americas, from 12 March to 12 December, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. He is encouraging us to pray in this time of crisis in America and in our Church to her who brought about the conversion of 9 million inhabitants of Mexico by her appearance there in 1531 to St. Juan Diego. To join in the Novena, go to novena.cardinalburke.com.

LAST CALL FOR THE MENS' IGNITE CONFERENCE

So far, none of our men have registered for this year's Diocesan Men's Conference. This will be the last call for any of you to do so. The theme this year is "Lord, Guard Us". The speakers will be Chris Stefanick, Jim Towey and Deacon Ralph Poyo. If you would like to attend, please let Father know.

RELEASE OF THE MOVIE "CABRINI"

This week, a movie about the fabulous Italian missionary nun, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is being released in theaters throughout the US. This film was produced by Alejandro Monteverde, the same man who produced "The Sound of Freedom", which exposed the child-trafficking operation that is so widespread.

In the movie, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is played by Cristiana Dell'Anna. Portions of the film were shot in Buffalo and Niagara Falls. St. Frances X. Cabrini is the first American citizen to be declared a Saint. She was sent by Pope Leo XIII to care for the poor and discriminated-against immigrants in New York. She went on to travel throughout the US and South America, establishing schools, orphanages and hospitals for immigrants to the "new world". She crossed the Atlantic 25 times to bring more Sisters from Italy to work here. She died in Chicago in 1914, and her body is enshrined in NYC. The movie is showing at the Marquee Cinema in New Hartford.

The False Christ of the Chosen

“*The Chosen*” is a widely popular TV series created by Mormons and Protestants who admit that it is a fictionalized Gospel with fictionalized characters. Many Catholics have had their conceptions of Jesus formed by the Christ portrayed in this series. While many claim that the show has brought them closer to Christ, we ought to be aware of its shortcomings in presenting what a Catholic should know and believe about our Divine Savior. The following remarks are taken from an article in *Crisis* magazine, by Leila Miller, 19 Feb. 2024.

Miller writes, “Even respected Catholic scholars, writers and speakers are being emotionally drawn to the “buddy” Jesus, appearing to prefer this fictionalized, fun-guy Jesus to the Catholic Jesus they have always known...Austen Ruse, a serious and seasoned Catholic writer and thinker-tells us that because of this TV Series, he suddenly knows Jesus. The veil that had previously kept him from intimacy with our Lord has been lifted for him by experiencing this Jesus Whom we had never seen before: 'You want to have a beer with Him.’” Miller cautions, “Whenever culture or academia talks about 'this really, really, real Jesus' that the Church has been hiding from me all this time, He begins to look like either the author of the book or the producer of the film.”

“If you discover a new Christ, outside the Church, who has never been presented within the Church, then every red flag in your vicinity should be whirring like a helicopter; every antenna should be up and beeping. Any 'new' Christ you discover at this point is simply 'another Jesus' that St. Paul warns about (II Cor. 11:4).

Miller says, “It is a dangerous spiritual game for moderns to start dreaming up new, fun and strangely contemporary scenarios to 'humanize' Him for our emotional desires....We all know Jesus was fully human as well as fully divine, and of course He laughed and smiled, and He enjoyed many events and conversations with His family and friends. Literally no one disputes that...

“But Jesus arguing with John the Baptist? Never. Cracking sarcastic jokes at the expense of Simon Peter and then literally rolling His eyes, moments before performing a miracle for Peter's mother-in-law? Never. The very Word of God Himself nervously hung up 'writing' the Sermon on the Mount and needing Matthew's help and advice on effective wording? Never. Jesus, sitting alone, making flatulence noises to attract school-age children hiding behind a bush? Never.

And then there is the deconstruction and disrespect of the holy ones of God: Would the Blessed Mother be the homeliest woman in Jesus' circle? Would she distastefully describe Jesus' “messy” birth, when asked about that holy night? Never...Would Peter and his wife discuss the 'right time' to have babies? Never.

Sadly, the author points out that *The Chosen* is being shown in many Catholic schools and catechetical programs. Many of those who will see it are poorly catechized to begin with, so how will they know which parts to reject. She points out that if the secular world or popular culture find a “Jesus” to be perfectly acceptable, non-threatening and inoffensive-then it's a false Jesus. We must not sell our birthright for a mess of pottage.