

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

5:00 pm

- + Peter Dao Van Dieu
- + Antonio A. Sousa
- + Geraldine Mercier
- + Fred Grant

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 am

- + Ormindia Alves

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)

5:00 pm

- + Geraldine Mercier

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 am (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration & recitation of Divine Mercy Novena)

- + Luis Da Costa

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

10:30 am - Patronal Feast Day Mass

5:00 pm

- + James Frederick Davidson, Jr.
- + Olga & Carlos Dorez
- + Luiza & John da Costa
- + Palmira Melo
- + Jose A. Sousa

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 am

9:00 am + Lino Camara

11:00 am - for the People - *pro populo*



If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

PASSION PLAY

Following the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, March 28, youth from St. Patrick's Parish will be performing a dramatic production of our Lord's Passion. Please consider joining us for this exciting presentation. All are welcome.



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Donations are invited towards the flowers that will decorate our church and sanctuary during the Easter season. Special envelopes are available in the narthex. Donations should be placed in the regular Sunday collection basket at any of the weekend Masses. All donations must be received by **Sunday, March 29** in order that the list of memorials and thank offerings may be included in our Easter bulletin.



CWL MEETING

The next Catholic Women's League meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 10**. The meeting will begin with the celebration of Mass at 5 pm and continue in the parish hall. Before the meeting begins a traditional supper of Irish beef stew and soda bread will be served. The meeting will follow.

LAMP OFFERING

March 8 - 14

March 15 - 21

SANCTUARY LAMP

Available

Available

LADY ALTAR LAMP

Available

Available

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MARCH 14 & 15

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	B. Miller	A. Sousa K. Imperatore	B. O'Brien
Communion	B. Raghubar A. Miller	B. Sousa J. Bui	H. France R. France

OFFERTORY

MARCH 1, 2026

Sunday Envelope Contributions	\$3,398.00
Loose Collection	\$ 553.05
EFT Donations	\$ 992.50
Total Collection – Thank you!	\$4,943.55

MARCH 8, 2026



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Through prayer, music and scripture, the *Way of the Cross* allows us to join Our Lord on His journey to Calvary - **each Friday evening during Lent at 7 pm in the Church.** Mass to follow. Please join us.

THE FIVE PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The five precepts of the Catholic Church are a description of the absolute minimum spiritual requirements of Catholics regarding the Church. They are as follows:

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and remain free from work or activity that could impede the sanctification of such days.
2. **You shall confess your sins at least once a year.**
3. You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

c.f. CCC # 2041—2043; Comp. CCC # 432.2



CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:45 - 4:30 pm., Friday after the 8 a.m. Mass or by appointment. Additional confessions will be heard during Lent every Tuesday and Thursday following the 5 pm Mass.

As well, a visiting priest will be at St. Patrick Church and

available to hear confessions on the weekend of March 21 & 22 before, during and after all Masses at the following times: Saturday, March 21 from 4 - 6 pm and on Sunday, March 22 from 8:30 am - 12 noon. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten season.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Parish community includes parishioners who live at home but for health reasons are not able to attend Mass. You will have the privilege of bringing them Holy Communion and visiting with them. This may also include bringing Holy Communion to those in hospitals or retirement and nursing homes. Training is provided by the Diocese once a year for first time ministers and is required along with a police records check for the Vulnerable Sector. Ministers must be confirmed members of the Catholic Church in good standing. Additional practical training will take place in the Parish. *Time:* Scheduled or called as required. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this ministry. For further information, please speak with Fr. Joe.



MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV LENT 2026

The 2026 Message of Pope Leo XIV for Lent is titled "*Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion.*" In his message, the Holy Father writes: "Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of

our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life." To read the entire message please visit: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/len/documents/20260205-messaggio-quaresima.html>

READY FOR LENT?

The season of Lent is upon us. Ash Wednesday, February 18, initiated a 40-day journey of reflection, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This period serves as preparation for Easter, encouraging a 'bright sadness' - a time for spiritual renewal, self-control, and drawing closer to God before celebrating the resurrection.

We do penance during Lent for a variety of reasons. We are freely taking on suffering with Jesus for the salvation of the world, in order to build up the body of Christ (c.f. Col. 1:24). We express our sorrow for our own sins and offer prayer for others by the penances we undertake. By our penances, God purifies our hearts, and helps us to control our desires and so serve him in love. As we do our penitential actions during Lent, we are praising God and proclaiming that we are indeed God's people, brothers and sisters of the suffering servant. The following penances are found in the scriptures or in the traditional practices of Christians:

- *Giving up sin*
- *Praying*
- *Fasting*
- *Doing good works*
- *Giving alms*
- *Carrying out our duties of state*
- *Meditative reading*
- *Controlling our desires for possessions*
- *Abstaining from meat or other foods*
- *Controlling our desire for entertainment*

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
Tuesday	Rev. Patras Samuel Masih
Wednesday	Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M.
Thursday	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
Friday	Parish & Chancery Staff
Saturday	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.