

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF
LENT



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Self-Denial

Even though it may not have been put into practice very much, contempt for riches had been taught by some of the ancient pagan philosophers. Nobody before Christ, however, even thought of demanding self-renunciation as well. Self-denial might seem to be a degradation & almost an annihilation of human nature. It might appear quite impossible. Nevertheless, Jesus has said: *"If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, & follow me."* (Mt. 16:24)

Would God have commanded us to do something impossible? Certainly not. As St. Augustine says, our divine Redeemer did not order us to do anything impossible, but to do whatever is perfect. Perfection is admittedly difficult, but it is not impossible. Should we answer Jesus Christ's command in the same way as the disciples did on one occasion: *"This is a hard saying. Who can listen to it?"* (John 6:61) No, our reply must be that which St. Peter gave when Our Lord asked reproachfully: *"Do you also wish to go away?"* (John 6:68) We must repeat with Peter: *"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast words of eternal life, and we have come to believe and to know that thou art the Christ, the Son of God."* (John 6:69)

Let us examine carefully what is meant by this self-denial. It makes two main demands on us. Firstly, we must renounce all those lower impulses & desires which besiege the soul. (I Peter 2:11) This means that we have to control & discipline our passions. Since original sin has corrupted our nature, these passions must be restrained and conquered, & then directed towards good objects. Our passions must be changed into virtues. This is a hard task, to accomplish which we must employ both natural & supernatural means.

But we cannot stop at this. The second requirement will cost us even more. We must renounce our own ego, our own will. How can we do this? We must no longer desire whatever is pleasing to us, but whatever is pleasing to God. Our will must cease, as it were, to belong to us in order to become the will of God. Is it the will of God that we should be sick, or poor, or humiliated? Thank God for it. Does He desire to give us consolations or honors or success? Thank Him for this, too. Desire nothing else but what He desires. We are no longer ourselves. Our will is completely absorbed in the will of God. This is not a degradation of human nature; it is its sublimation. Self-renunciation makes it possible for God to live and act in us. Anyone who reaches this goal can say with St. Paul: *"It is now no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me."* (Gal. 2:20)

This denial of ourselves to the extent of identifying our will with the will of God produces in us a profound peace. The Saints scaled this height & found there that tranquility of spirit which led them to rejoice in martyrdom & dishonor. It was this peace of soul which made the dying St. Aloysius Gonzaga smile & say: *"I am happy to be going."* It was this which enabled the saintly John Cardinal Fisher, when he was going to the scaffold, to behold a light which does not fail & say: *"Commit to the Lord your way... He will make justice dawn for you like the light."* (Ps. 36:5-6) This, too, is why the Imitation of Christ tells us that nobody is so free as he who knows how to deny himself.

~Antonio Cardinal Bacci, "Meditations for Each Day"

~Rev. Edward J. Smith

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FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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SUNDAY READINGS

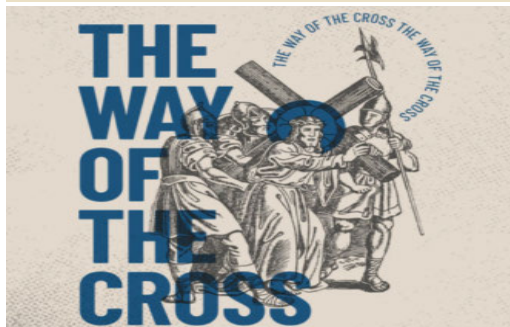
FIRST READING: "I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

PSALM: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

SECOND READING: He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? (Rom 8:32)

GOSPEL: Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

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Sunday - Feb. 25th - 2nd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Margaret Saltis
Requested by: Carol Bainbridge

Monday - Feb. 26th - Lenten Weekday Mass / School Mass

8:30 am - †Sheila Strauser
Requested by: Michael & Maureen Negulescu

Tuesday - Feb. 27th - Lenten Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Romana Amador
Requested by: Lydia Inchaurregui

Saturday - Mar. 2nd - 3rd Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †Jeanne Provenza
Requested by: Merlin & Rose Vanderhoof

Sunday - Mar. 3rd - 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Living & Deceased Members of the Marian Guild
Requested by: The Marian Guild

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - EVERY FRIDAY

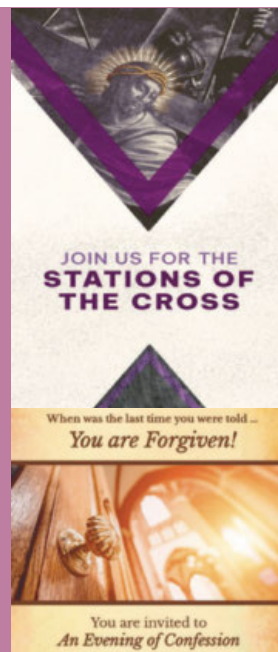
1:15 pm Children's Stations with the School
&
7:00 pm with Deacon Paul

(March 1st,
March 8th

March 15th - *No School Stations,*
March 22nd)

EVENING OF CONFESSION WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

St. Teresa from 5:00-6:30 pm
&
St. Anthony from 6:00-8:00 pm



Liturgical Ministers

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Saturday, March 2nd at 4:00 pm

*Lectors: Marybeth B.
Eucharistic Ministers: Pam W., Laura P., Patty R.*

Sunday, March 3rd at 10:00 am

*Lectors: Celia F.
Eucharistic Ministers: Hilaire T., Dan L., Karen L.*

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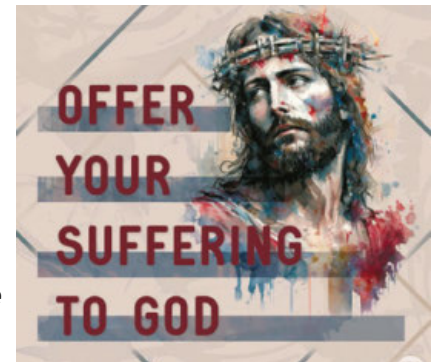
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

OFFERTORY REPORT

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,240.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (2/4/2024) \$7,295.00
 7/1/2023 TO DATE +/(-) BUDGET..... -(\$8,505.53)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Today we are following Jesus up on a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. There they see Jesus "transfigured," his face like the sun and his clothes as white as light. Jesus is there conversing with Moses and Elijah.

What are we to make of this image of Jesus, the earthly teacher of this small band of disciples? They were merely followers of a teacher, a rabbi. When they see this and hear a voice proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son..." they begin to realize this man is more than just a rabbi. However, Jesus tells them to keep this a secret until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

Well, they have no idea what this means. Therefore, they continue to follow him as if he was just a human, a teacher. However, we live in the time after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead. Now it is we who must proclaim the good news of Jesus, the Son of God the Father.

Take this week and think about how, in your own way, can proclaim through your words and deeds the Jesus is your savior, your teacher, and rabbi.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
Pat Costello II	Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Anna Mae Ebinger	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores
Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Brian Grace
Dan George	Renee Golowenski	D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.
Juan Gonzalez	Vicky Herrmann	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey
Baby Jackson	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter
Deacon Luis Maldonado	Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer
Ellen Morgan	Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell
Joe Rizzo	Amy Schmidt	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin
Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

St. Anthony & St. Teresa Parishes Combined Lenten Mission

Temptation: The World, The Flesh, and The Devil

**Presented by The Very Reverend Sean Ralph,
Rector of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist**

**When: March 10th (St. Anthony Church), 11th (St. Teresa Church), and
12th (St. Anthony Church)**

What Time: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

As we enter the Holy Season of Lent, our parish mission will focus our attention on a topic that affects us all: Temptation. Fortunately, for three evenings we have a wonderful mission speaker to aid us in our fight against our adversary. Father Sean Ralph will expertly guide us in an examination of the topic from three different perspectives: worldly temptation, bodily temptation, and the activity of the Devil.

Please prioritize our Parish Mission as part of your Lenten spiritual activities. Come and listen to what God wants you to know about temptation in your life.





THE PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

MARCH 2024

FOR THE MARTYRS OF OUR DAY, WITNESS TO CHRIST

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage & missionary drive.

ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS

We are currently taking applications for New Students for the 2024-2025 School Year!

Spaces are limited. Enroll today!

Go to www.stanthonylorain.org & click on Enroll Online.

Any questions, call 440-434-2069.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

The St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St Anthony's continues to collect donations for the Saint Elizabeth Shelter.

Our mission is to collect breakfast food - oatmeal, cold cereals, & breakfast bars.

There are donation boxes located at the church entrances.

We would also like to thank you for your generous donations to our food pantry, which makes you are a part of our mission to help needy parishioners & neighbors who reside on the east side.

God bless you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

LAST CALL FOR LORAIN INTERNATIONAL PRINCESS PAGEANT

We are now accepting applications for the 56th Annual Lorain International Princess Pageant in June. Open to girls ages 16-24 who reside in Lorain County and Vermilion. This is not a beauty contest, rather, it is a scholarship pageant that highlights the pride of one's family heritage and their community. **To apply to represent your nationality, visit www.loraininternationalfestival.com by February 26th.**

LAST CALL FOR FIRST FRIDAY FORUM - 3/1

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear from Dr. Frank O'Linn, Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Schools for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, who will be speaking on the "*Future of Catholic Schools in the Cleveland Diocese: Catholic Schools for All*" **at our luncheon on Friday, March 1st.** Come join us for good food, fellowship and a great speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 am at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. Elyria with Dr. O'Linn speaking at Noon. *All reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, February 26th.* Call 440-320-3272 or email fflorain@gmail.com with your reservation. Cost is \$25 at the door or mail a check to 320 Middle Ave., Elyria, OH 44035.

UNBOUND...A DAY OF HEALING PRAYER - 4/6

Catholic Renewal Ministries is hosting, UNBOUND...a day of Healing Prayer with Matt Lozano, Director of Training - Heart of the Father Ministries. Come learn what Unbound can do in your life.

Experience God's love & healing grace through Unbound prayer.

Join us at St. Peter Catholic Church, 35777 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, on Saturday, April 6th.

Praise & worship the goodness of God. Doors open at 8 am, program runs 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Early Bird Postmarked by March 1st: \$75 includes continental breakfast & lunch.

Postmarked by March 25th: \$85 includes continental breakfast & lunch.

The Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 25th. 'Walk-ins' are welcomed - \$85, lunch not included.

Prayer teams will be available. If you wish, please attend Mass at 8:00 am at St. Peter Church.

For more info, call Marge Zampino, 216-990-0919 or Mary Cusack, 330-687-8843.

Register by PayPal at crmweb.org or by mail. Send your check made out to CRM to:

Marge Zampino, 2747 Vincent Drive, Seven Hills, Ohio 44131.

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If you would like to submit an article for an upcoming Bulletin, please send requests to obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com by Monday at 10 am.
Bulletins are sent to print every Tuesday!



LENTEN Fish Fry

St. Teresa of Avila Parish
1878 Abbe Road
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All Fridays of Lent
4:30-7:00pm

DINE IN & DRIVE THRU

DINNERS

All dinners include coleslaw, dessert, roll, and your choice of: fries, cabbage & noodles, mac & cheese, or pierogi.

Lake Perch 3 pieces of perch	\$20
Shrimp 10 pieces of shrimp	\$20
Combo 2pc perch & 6pc shrimp	\$20
Pierogi 6 pieces	\$12
Mac & Cheese	\$12

Dine in dinners receive your choice of: coffee, tea, lemonade, or iced tea

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