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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MARCH 9, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

INTO THE DESERT.

— LUKE 4:1 —

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

The holy season of Lent is a time for penance & reflecting on our walk-through life with Christ. Do you think of life as a walk with the Lord? How much nicer would this world be if everyone thought this way. **The theme of the readings for the First Sunday in Lent is "God delivers His suffering servants."** With careful reading of these scripture passages, you will come to see how God delivers His people. And He will deliver us from our struggles, if we ask Him.

The First Reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy (26:4-10). This passage recounts the reason why the Israelites (Jews) were required to offer the "first fruits" of their harvest as a thanksgiving offering to God. It was an annual remembrance of God's delivering them from slavery in Egypt. God watched over His earthly family like a "father." Again and again, He delivered them from impossible situations and blessed them with the Promised Land. He will do similar good things for us, if we are committed to His service.

The Responsorial Psalm is (91:1-2, 10-15). In this prayer (from which we get the beautiful song "On Eagle's Wings"), the psalmist is encouraging the faithful to stay close to the Lord for protection from all evil, "Because he clings to me, I will deliver him." What a comforting thought when we are facing difficult times. Remember this prayer and sing it often!

The Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (10:8-13). Here Paul is repeating Moses' message (from Deuteronomy 30:10-14) to listen and obey the teachings of God and His ways. This is the beginning of Paul's discourse on "justification" and faith in action. He states that "if we believe in our heart that Jesus is Lord, and confess that belief in our speech and show it by our actions, then we have nothing to worry about." Putting our sincere beliefs into action is a sure way to salvation.

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of St. Luke (4:1-13). In this passage, we have the familiar story of Jesus being tempted by the devil. When reading or hearing this passage from the pulpit, we must remember that this is the human Jesus who has just spent a long retreat in the desert with no food or water. He is being tempted directly by the evil one, something that most of us will never experience. This is an extreme test of spiritual endurance, fidelity to God and resistance to pressure for the glories of this world. Although Jesus was at a weak point of human endurance, He was filled with the Holy Spirit and was able to cast off the enticements of the devil. The Holy Spirit will give us that same power if we call upon Him in times of struggle or temptation.

Lent is a great time for us to review our spiritual strengths and weaknesses, our struggles and our blessings and to ask for God's grace and guidance to get back onto the right track. Our problems and temptations are not the same as those of the Israelites or of the human Jesus; nevertheless, the same Holy Spirit is there to protect us from "dashing our foot against a stone." All of the above readings challenge us to seriously consider how we are going to observe this Lenten Season. To accomplish those positive objectives, we must make some plans NOW.

Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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MARCH 9, 2025 | 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

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

Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending 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: 'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry.' (Dt 26:7)

PSALM: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

SECOND READING: For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)

GOSPEL: Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 9, 2025

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/ Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36



Sunday - Mar 9th - 1st Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Tom O'Doherty (Birthday)
Requested by: Janine O'Doherty

Monday - Mar 10th - Lenten Weekday

8:30 am - †Evolie Matotek
Requested by: Ritchie & Cathy Basala

Tuesday - Mar 11th - Lenten Weekday

8:30 am - †Joe Kuzniar
Requested by: Carol Potter

Saturday - Mar 15th - 2nd Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †John R. McConley
Requested by: Rita C. McConley

Sunday - Mar 16th - 2nd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Angel White
Requested by: Terry & Wendy Kushinski

LENTEN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Parish Mission on Sacrifice from 7:00-8:00 pm:

Sunday, March 9th at St. Anthony
Monday, March 10th at St. Teresa
Tuesday, March 11th at St. Anthony

Stations of the Cross on Fridays:

Children's Stations at 1:15 pm
(No Children's Stations on 3/21)

Evening Stations at 7:00 pm with Deacon Paul

Night of Confession:

Wednesday, March 19th from 6:30-8:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 17th

Mass at St. Teresa at 7 pm

Good Friday, April 18th

Stations of the Cross at Noon with Deacon Paul
Passion Services at 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil, April 19th

Mass at St. Anthony at 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Mass at St. Anthony at 10:00 am

Parish Office Closed

Easter Monday, April 21st & Tuesday, April 22nd
Reopens on Wednesday, April 23rd



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 15th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Marybeth B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam W., Laura P., Patty R.

Server: Lucy K.

Sunday, March 16th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Celia F.

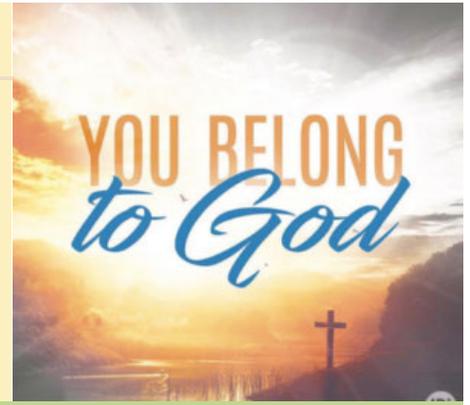
Eucharistic Ministers: Hilaire T., Dan L., Karen L.

Server: Ellie O.

OFFERTORY REPORT

FISCIAL YEAR (7/1/24-6/30/25)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (2/16/2025) \$3,302.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - \$(7,949.90)



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.

PRAYER FOR LENT

Dear Jesus, this is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you. **Amen.**

CONFESSION TIP 1

Look up confession times before you go and make a plan so you aren't rushed.



PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

MARCH INTENTION - FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

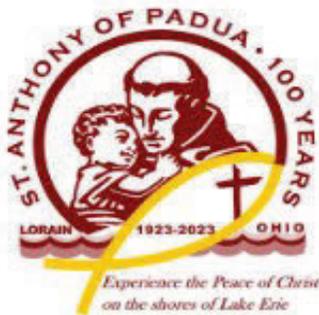
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FR. CHRISTIAN MOORE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Christian Moore, former pastor here at St. Anthony's will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of his ordination on Saturday, March 15th. If you would like to send Fr. Christian a card of congratulations, and also good wishes since he has successfully recovered from some serious health issues last month.

His address is Saint Anthony of Padua Church 310 N. Sherwood Ave. Clarksville, IN 47129

May God continue to bless Fr. Christian!

LENTEN COMBINED PARISH MISSION - 3/9, 3/10 & 3/11

This Lent, The Reverend Father Jared Orndorff, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Cuyahoga Falls will lead us in a reflection on **Sacrifice: the key to reaping the wealth of God's Love!**

There will be 3 talks:

Sunday, March 9th from 7-8 pm (Sacrifice: in Scripture) at St. Anthony Church

Monday, March 10th from 7-8 pm (Sacrifice: Why Jesus Came) at St. Teresa Church

Tuesday, March 11th from 7-8 pm (Sacrifice: in my life, as an encounter with God) at St. Anthony Church

About Our Speaker:

Akron native, Fr. Jared P. Orndorff became Pastor at St. Joseph Parish in 2013. Before being assigned to St. Joseph's, he served as parochial vicar at St. Mary's Parish in Chardon & St. John Vianney in Mentor.

Fr. Jared grew up in the Kenmore area of Akron as a member of Immaculate Conception Parish.

After graduating from Archbishop Hoban High School, he received an Associate degree from the Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts. He worked as a chef prior to pursuing his vocation as a priest.

Fr. Jared earned an undergraduate degree in philosophy & history with a minor in Catholic studies from John Carroll University. He then attended St. Mary's Seminary & Graduate School of Theology in Wickliffe where he earned a Master of Arts degree in Church History & a Master of Divinity.

He was ordained a Priest in 2008 in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

He is also currently the Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union in the Diocese of Cleveland.

(Fr. Jared is pictured to the left with his black Labrador retriever, Monsignor)



2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE MASSES AT NATIVITY

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish was selected by the Diocese of Cleveland as the pilgrimage church for Lorain County during this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. They invite all the faithful throughout the county to take advantage of the graces being offered by making a pilgrimage to Nativity.

Jubilee Masses will be celebrated every other Tuesday at 6 pm beginning on March 11th except for March 25th (Annunciation) & April 22nd (Easter Tuesday) until December 16th. Please plan to join us.

PARISH MISSION AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - 3/11-3/13

St. Vincent de Paul in Elyria is hosting a Lenten Parish Mission on March 11th, 12th & 13th beginning at 6:30 pm in their Parish Social Hall (elevator & handicap accessible). The topic is the "Creed", led by Dr. Daniel Keating, professor of Theology at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, Michigan. Three different talks, three nights!

Tuesday is "Faith in God as our Father"; Wednesday is "The Son both Divine & Human"; and Thursday is "The Gift of the Holy Spirit & The Life of the Church". Light refreshments will be served.

Make a commitment to become who you say you are this Lent and dive into the Creed.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - 3/16

You are not alone. Catholic Cemeteries Association walks with you along your grief journey. Please join us at our FREE monthly grief support meetings. Six convenient locations and a virtual meeting for those who cannot attend in person. Find strength, hope, and a voice for your grief. Our next meeting is Sunday, March 16th at 3 pm for our in-person or 5 pm via Zoom. For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>.

MARIAN GUILD MINI RETREAT - 3/23

The annual Marian Guild Mini Retreat will be on Sunday, March 23rd after the 10 am Mass.

Carol Babics Brewer will be our speaker, keeping with this year's theme of alumni presentations.

Carol will share with us her Catholic journey from childhood through adulthood. Carol graduated from St. Anthony's School & Lorain High School. She is presently a parishioner at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in South Amherst, but she received all of her sacraments at St. Anthony's as well as both of her daughters. Carol is the daughter of Helen Hurley, former Sacristan & Third Order of Saint Francis member, and an advocate for the rosary & devotion to the Blessed Mother. Carol has a long history here & we are very glad to have her return to her home parish!

Please join us for a light lunch to be served after this interesting presentation. The event is free but an RSVP to Terri George, 440-320-3272, would be appreciated in order to provide lunch for everyone. *We hope to see you there.*

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Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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