

# MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2nd Sunday of Lent	2 Catechumen Class	3	4	5	6 First Friday Homeschooler's Event Stations of the Cross	7 First Saturday
8 3rd Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings begins	9	10	11	12	13 Pro-Life Vigil Stations of the Cross	14 Roses of Mary
15 4th Sunday of Lent	16	17 St. Patrick	18	19 St. Joseph	20 Stations of the Cross	21 St. Benedict
Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma						
22 Passion Sunday	23	24	25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	26	27 Stations of the Cross	28
Lenten Parish Mission						All-Night Adoration
29 Palm Sunday	30	31	1	2 Holy Thursday	3 Good Friday Stations of the Cross	4 Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil

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### Rest of the Souls of:

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION + CATHOLIC CHURCH +

Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 15, 2026



"O Mary, through thine Immaculate Conception make my body pure and my soul holy."

### Sunday Schedule:

Low Mass: 7 a.m.  
9 a.m.  
Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

### Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday: 8 a.m.  
Thursday: 6 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

### Confessions:

One-half hour before Mass,  
Saturdays at 4 p.m.

### Holy Hour, Benediction:

Thursday: 7 p.m.

Pastor: FR. JAMES J. GORDON, F.S.S.P.

# BLESSED is He

Who is FAITHFUL to GOD in ADVERSITY

Attaining Salvation, by St. Alphonsus Liguori

The fidelity of soldiers is proved, not indeed in repose, but in action. This earth is for us a battlefield where everyone has to fight and conquer in order to be saved; if he does not conquer, he is lost forever. Therefore said holy Job: "All the days in which I am now in warfare, I expect until my change come" (*Job 14:14*). Job suffered in struggling with ever

so many enemies, but he comforted himself with the hope that, conquering and rising again after death, he would change his state. Of this change St. Paul spoke and rejoiced, saying: "The dead shall rise again incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (*1 Corinthians 15:52*). Our state is changed in Heaven, which is a place of no more toil, but of rest; not of fear, but of

security; not of sadness or weariness, but of gladness and joy eternal. With the hope then of such great joy, let us animate ourselves to fight until death and never give ourselves up conquered to our enemies, "Until our change come," until our struggle is ended and we possess a blessed eternity.

"The patient man shall bear for a time, and afterwards joy shall be restored to him" (*Ecclesiasticus 1:29*). Blessed is he who suffers for God in this life; he suffers "for a time," but his joy will be eternal in the country of the Blessed. Thus will end the persecutions; the temptations will end; the infirmities, the annoyances and all the miseries of this life will end; and God will give us a life of complete happiness, which shall never end. Now is the time for pruning the vine and for cutting off everything which hinders us on our way towards the promised land of Heaven. "The time of pruning is come" (*Canticle of Canticles 2:12*). But cutting off causes pain, so that we have need of patience; and then "afterwards joy shall be restored," when the more we have suffered, the more shall we be filled with consolations. God is faithful! And to him who suffers with resignation on earth for His love's sake, He promises that He Himself will be his reward, a reward infinitely greater than all our suffering: "I am thy protector and thy reward exceeding great" (*Genesis 15:1*).

Meanwhile, before we receive the crown of eternal life, the Lord wills that we should be tried by temptations. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life, which God hath promised to them

that love Him" (*James 1:12*). Blessed then is he who is faithful to God when suffering adversity. Some people think they are beloved of God when all their temporal affairs go prosperously and they have no troubles; but they are mistaken, because God does not try the patience and faithfulness of His servants by prosperity, but by adversity, in order to give them that crown which fades not away, as all the crowns of this earth do fade away. This shall be a crown of eternal glory, as St. Peter writes: "You shall receive a never-fading crown of glory" (*1 Peter 5:4*). To whom, then is this crown promised? St. James says: "God has promised it to them that love Him" (*James 1:12*). God has promised it again and again to those who love Him, because divine love will make us fight with courage and win the victory.

To love of God we must also join humility. The Word of God say, "Gold and silver are tried in the fire, but acceptable men in the furnace of humiliation" (*Ecclesiasticus 2:5*). It is in humiliations that saints are discovered, for there is made known whether they are gold or lead. Such a one is considered a saint; but when he receives an injury from another, he is entirely disturbed; he complains of it to everyone; he says he will make him repent of it.

What does this show? It is a sign that he is not gold, but lead. The Lord says, "In thy humiliation keep patience" (*Ecclesiasticus 2:4*). The proud man, whatever humiliation he receives, considers it a great injustice, and therefore cannot endure it; the humble man, on the contrary, accounting himself deserving of every evil treatment, suffers all with

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, March 16 ~ Feria of Lent

8 a.m. — Fr. Dennis Gordon, F.S.S.P., by the Ford Family

6 p.m. — Parish Mission

### Tuesday, March 17 ~ Feria of Lent

8 a.m. — + James P. Gordon, Jr.

6 p.m. — + Fr. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P.

### Wednesday, March 18 ~ Feria of Lent

8 a.m. — + James R. Golka

6 p.m. — + John Ivancik, by Rob Ivancik

### Thursday, March 19 ~ St. Joseph

6 p.m. — Private Intention

### Friday, March 20 ~ Feria of Lent

8 a.m. — Charles Surofchek, by the Surofchek Family

6 p.m. — Private Intention

### Saturday, March 21 ~ Feria of Lent (St. Benedict)

8 a.m. — In Honor of St. Benedict

### Sunday, March 22 ~ Passion Sunday

7 a.m. — Reparation for All Sacrilegious Communions

9 a.m. — Private Intention

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Fr. Gordon may accept Mass intentions

## Upcoming Parish Events

### TODAY ~ First Holy Communion Class

Class begins half an hour after the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom.

### MARCH 16-19 ~ Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma

Nuestra Misión Parroquial anual de Cuaresma en español será de 16 a 19 de Marzo. Misa será a las 18:00 con una conferencia a las 19:00.

### MARCH 20 ~ Stations of the Cross

Traditional Stations of the Cross devotions 7 p.m. every Friday of Lent. There is an additional Mass 6 p.m. every Friday of Lent.

### MARCH 22 ~ Confirmation Class

Class begins half an hour after the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom.

### MARCH 23-26 ~ Lenten Parish Mission

Our annual Lenten Parish Mission in English will be March 23-26. Mass will be at 6 p.m. with a conference at 7 p.m.

### JUNE 30 - JULY 7 ~ Girls' Camp: Register Now

Accepting applicants now for girls aged 12-17 for Camp St. Rita. Sign up sheets and information available in church vestibule.

patience. Let him who has committed one mortal sin cast a glance upon the Hell which he has deserved, and thus will he suffer with patience every contempt and every pain.

Let us, then, love God; let us be humble; and whatever we do, let us do it, not to please ourselves, but only to please God. O accursed self-love, which intrudes itself into all our works! Even in our spiritual exercises, in meditation, in works of penance, and in all our pious works, it goes seeking its own interests. Few are the de-

vout souls who do not fall into this defect: "Who shall find a valiant woman? Far and from the uttermost costs is the price of her" (*Proverbs 31:10*).

Where shall we find a soul so valiant that, despoiled of every passion and of all self-interest, it continues to love Jesus Christ in the midst of slights, pains, desolations of spirit and the annoyances of life? Solomon says that such souls are gems of great price; they come from the farthest ends of the world and therefore are most rare. + + +