



# ST. ANN

## — CHURCH & SHRINE —

**Anchored in Faith, Your Soul...Our Mission**

*Ash Wednesday*  
**February 22, 2022**

**Mass with distribution of ashes**  
**6:30 AM, 8:45 AM, 6:30 PM**

**Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes**  
**12:00 PM & 3:00 PM**

Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of  
fasting and abstinence for Catholics.



### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday | 7:30am, 4:00pm Vigil  
Sunday | 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

#### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday | 6:30am, 8:45am

#### Reconciliation

Saturday | 3:00pm  
Tuesday | 6:00pm  
Other | By Appointment

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)

Tuesday | 9:30am-6:00pm (Followed by Benediction)  
First Friday | 9:30am-10:30am (Church)

### PARISH CLERGY

#### Pastor

Rev. Billy O'Riordan

#### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Michael Lamy

#### Deacons

Deacon Tom Fox  
Deacon Gerard "G" Gautrau  
Deacon Phil Doolen (Retired)  
Deacon Ray Bertin (Retired)

#### St. Ann Church Information

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#### St. Ann School Information

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Principal | Lindsay Guidry

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 | SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





# 2 | THIS WEEK

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## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday 2/19

6:00 pm | CYO Gym

### Monday 2/20

**Lundi Gras | Parish Office Closed**

**School Mardi Gras Holidays - No Holiday Care  
President's Day**

### Tuesday 2/21 | St. Peter Damian

**Mardi Gras Day | Parish Office Closed**

**No Tuesday Adoration**

**No Tuesday Confessions**

**School Mardi Gras Holidays - No Holiday Care**

**No PSR Classes**

### Wednesday 2/22 | Ash Wednesday

**School Mardi Gras Holidays - No Holiday Care**

6:30 am | Mass with Distribution of Ashes

8:45 am | Mass with Distribution of Ashes

9:30 am | Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond

12:00 pm | Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

3:00 pm | Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

6:30 pm | Mass with Distribution of Ashes

### Thursday 2/23 | St. Polycarp

**School Mardi Gras Holidays - Holiday Care Provided**

9:30 am | Adult Catechism - St. Raymond

6:00 pm | Knights of Columbus - St. Raymond

### Friday 2/24

**School Mardi Gras Holidays - Holiday Care Provided**

9:30 am | Jerry Talbot Outreach - St. Raymond

6:00 pm | Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - Cafeteria

6:40 pm | Rosary for Peace in Ukraine - Church

7:00 pm | Stations of the Cross - Church

### Saturday 2/25

3:00 pm | Confessions

5:00 pm | Rosary Prayer Group - JPIL

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday 2/19

**4:00 pm** | Emile Lafourcade, Lehmann Family, Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander, Rudy & Shirley Schroeder & Family, Joseph Albert Sclafani, Sr., Ernie Becnel, Diane Garofalo (Health), Vickie Smith Mire, Erin Fury Parkinson, Ronald Charles LeBlanc, Robert Cumiskey, Barry Bares

**8:00 am** | Jules & Nancy Simoneaux

**9:30 am** | Roland J. Molinaro

**11:00 am** | Cheryl Cumiskey, Cheryl French, Michael Bonura, Betty Davis (SI), Stevan Verneuil, Simona Verneuil (SI), Joycelyn Koll, Barry Bares, Robert English, Eileen Guidry, Georges Ashkar, Anthony "Tony" Damiano, Julie Baudry, Kay Dorman, Sue Garidel (Thanksgiving), The Corpora Family (Health), Max Verret, Fulcher (SI), Nancy F. Urquijo, Juana Martinez, Kathy Keenan (Health)

**5:00 pm** | Parishioners

### Monday 2/20

**6:30 am** | Richard P. Beben

**8:45 am** | Gerard F. Krack

### Tuesday 2/21

**6:30 am** | Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander

**8:45 am** | Joseph Albert Sclafani, Sr.

### Wednesday 2/22

**6:30 am** | Linda Murry (Health)

**8:45 am** | Chris Alessi

**6:30 pm** | Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday 2/23

**6:30 am** | George S. Turpie, III

**8:45 am** | Lee Russell Centanni

### Friday 2/24

**6:30 am** | Cheryl Cumiskey

**8:45 am** | Larry Booksh (SI)

### Saturday 2/25

**7:30 am** | Marie Hardouin



**Aloha!**

Come Hula With Us!

**DATE NIGHT**

**SATURDAY  
JULY 8, AT 6:30 PM  
ST. ANN CAFETERIA**

**Tickets \$50 Per Couple  
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Online and In Parish Office  
Get your tickets early!  
This event will sell out!**



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# ANCHORED IN FAITH, YOUR SOUL...OUR MISSION

February 19, 2023 | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When I was in seminary, I had the opportunity to spend a summer in Omaha, Nebraska at Creighton University for a summer program called IPF (The Institute for Priestly Formation). Part of that beautiful experience included an eight day silent retreat with a spiritual director whom you would meet with once each day during the retreat. At the end of the conversation, you were given passages from Scripture to pray with until your next meeting. One of those passages for me was our Responsorial Psalm for today's Mass - Psalm 103.

While I was praying with the Psalm, I was struck with how it spoke to my journey with the Lord. As you may or may not know, I spent about nine years actively not practicing my faith. In the end, and to this day, the Lord drew me back to Him, and draws me back to Him through His merciful love, which is one of the themes in this Psalm. Without His mercy, I would be lost in my sins: utterly hopeless from my perspective. But, His mercy gave me a path forward.

I find this idea helpful when reading the final line of today's Gospel - "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." That verse can cause a lot of anxiety and despair if not read through the lens of God's merciful love for us. From the words of our Savior Himself, we are to

strive to be perfect, but we should also resist the temptation to despair or be anxious when the reality that we are not yet perfect becomes painfully obvious to us.

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Strive to be perfect. When you fail, ask for forgiveness, and begin to strive for perfection again. Trust in the Love the Father has for you, and do not grow weary in asking for His mercy as often as you need it. For reflection, I offer these beautiful words from Pope Francis as a final thought: *"He always has patience, patience with us, he understands us, he waits for us, **he does not tire of forgiving us** if we are able to return to him with a contrite heart...The problem is that we ourselves tire, we do not want to ask, we grow weary of asking for forgiveness. **He never tires of forgiving**, but at times we get tired of asking for forgiveness."*

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Michael



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### st. Joseph Altar 2023



St. Ann Ministry Center



Friday, March 17

Altar Blessing 9:30AM  
School Visits Only 10-3PM  
3-7PM Public Viewing  
Seafood Dinner 5:30-8PM

Saturday, March 18

Noon - 6PM



Sunday March 19

10:30 - 6PM

St. Joseph Lunch in Cafeteria following 11AM Mass



Candles  
\$10

Available  
in March

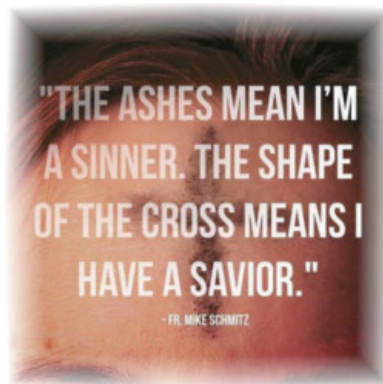
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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 19, 2023

Sunday	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday	Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sun	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



### ARCHDIOCESAN GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, June 25, 2023 | St. Philip Neri

If you will be celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2023 (married in the year 1973) or were married before 1973 and wish to attend, please register with the parish office no later than **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**. Please note: This celebration is a **prayer service and not a Mass**. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's parish.



**Catholic Charities**  
Archdiocese of New Orleans

We received a letter from Catholic Charities thanking us for our participation in the 2022 Christmas Adopt-A-Family program. **"This Christmas, 1553 individuals received Christmas gifts under their trees because of your generosity which impacted 789 families."...**

As always, St. Ann parishioners are always very generous in helping those in need. Thank you for your participation in this most worthy cause.

### FAST & ABSTINENCE

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.**

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own *sui iuris* Church.

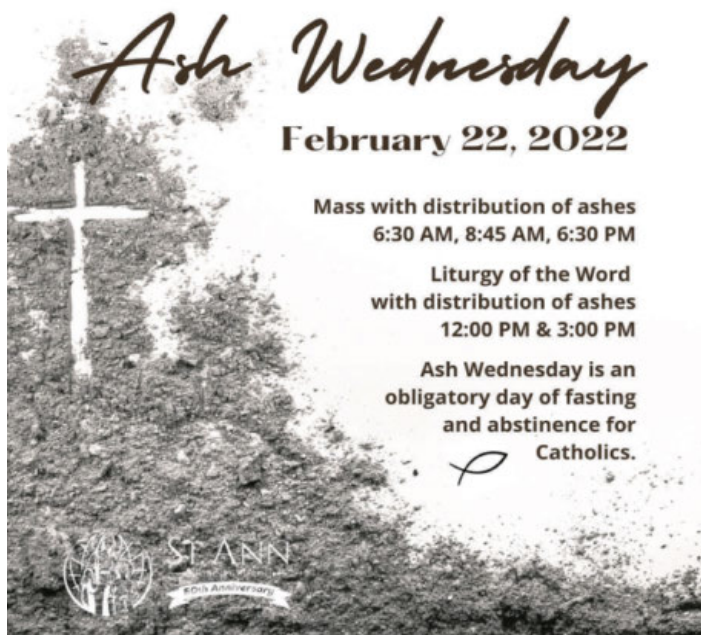
If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.





# ANCHORED IN FAITH, YOUR SOUL...OUR MISSION

February 19, 2023 | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

## Why do we put ash on our forehead?

Ashes are applied to our forehead in the sign of the cross as the words, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return" are spoken to us. The other formula which is used, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" emphasizes our call to continual conversion and holiness of life. This act symbolizes our mortality as well as our need for ongoing repentance. It is a reminder that this life is short and merely a foreshadowing of what we shall become through the redemption of Jesus Christ on the cross.

## The Ashes

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

## When do I wash the Ashes off my face?

There is no specific instruction on how long ashes are to be worn. You can, in fact, wash them off immediately after the service if you want. Many people choose to wear their ashes for the remainder of the day both as a reminder of their own mortality and as a witness before those around that they are a follower of Christ and are entering into a season of examination and abstinence.

Source: [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

## LENT | TRIDUUM | EASTER

Everything you need to know about Lent, Triduum, & Easter

[stannchurchandshrine.org/lent-easter](http://stannchurchandshrine.org/lent-easter)

## LENTEN DINNERS

All Dinners Begin at 6 PM

2/24	Fish Fry   Dine in or Take Out	\$12
3/3	Dine In or Drive Through	
	Fried Fish Plate	\$12
	Fried Shrimp Plate	\$12
	Combo Plate	\$14
3/10	Fish Fry   Dine in or Take Out	\$12
	Proceeds benefit St. Terese Academy	
3/17	Dine In or Drive Through	
	Fried Fish Plate	\$12
	Fried Shrimp Plate	\$12
	Combo Plate	\$14
3/24	Dine in or Take out	
	Seafood Dish TBD	\$12
3/31	Dine In or Drive Through	
	Fried Fish Plate	\$12
	Fried Shrimp Plate	\$12
	Combo Plate	\$14

## LENT | DATES TO REMEMBER

### Lenten Mission | March 27 - 29

#### Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. | Our Baptismal Call

He will speak at all Masses the weekend prior to the Mission.

#### Mission Mass Times March 27-29:

10 AM & 7 PM (No 8:45 Mass)

### Evenings of Confession | 5 - 6:30 PM

#### Every Parish in the Archdiocese of New Orleans

March 15 | March 22 | March 29

Resources for preparing to make a good Confession can be found on our website

[stannchurchandshrine.org/reconciliation](http://stannchurchandshrine.org/reconciliation)

### Rosary & Stations of the Cross | Fridays

#### Rosary for Peace in Ukraine | 6:40 PM

#### Stations of the Cross | 7:00 PM

We will once again pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine just before we begin Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent.



# 6 | FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

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## Saint Spotlight

St. Peter Damian—  
February 21

Peter Damian was very good to the poor. It was the ordinary thing for him to have a poor person or two with him at table and he liked to minister personally to their needs. Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his own brother when his other brother, who was archpriest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor.

Peter was very strict with himself. He wore a [penitential] hair shirt under his clothes, fasted rigorously and spent many hours in prayer. Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of Saint Romuald at Fonte Avellana.

When he was not praying, he studied the Bible. The abbot commanded that when he died, Peter should succeed him. Abbot Peter founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude and wanted nothing more for himself. The Holy See periodically called on him, however, to be a peacemaker or troubleshooter, between two abbeys in dispute or a cleric or government official in some disagreement with Rome.

Finally, Pope Stephen IX made Peter the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He worked hard to wipe out simony—the buying of church offices—and encouraged his priests to observe celibacy and urged even the diocesan clergy to live together and maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance.

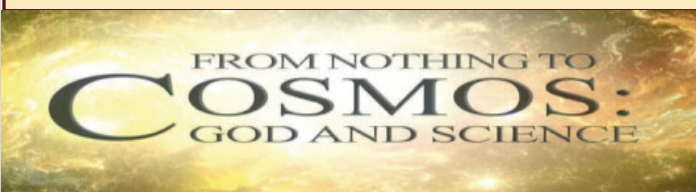
He wrote many letters. Some 170 are extant. We also have 53 of his sermons and seven lives, or biographies, that he wrote. He preferred examples and stories rather than theory in his writings. The liturgical offices he wrote are evidence of his talent as a stylist in Latin.

When returning from an assignment in Ravenna, he was overcome by a fever. With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072. In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

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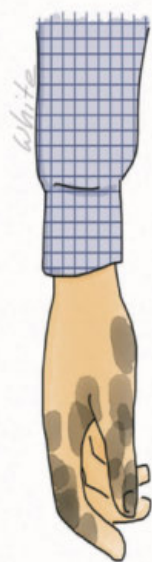


**JOIN US** as we begin a new series of our Catholic-based Bible Study with an in-depth study of the **Letter to the Hebrews!** Classes will be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. or Tuesday mornings at 9:45 a.m. beginning March 6th in the Parish Ministries Center. Bring your Bible or borrow one of ours! This Bible study provides an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Hebrews. Those who receive this sermon/letter are reminded of the great heroes of faith found in the Old Testament and are urged to imitate their faithful endurance. Come alone, or bring a friend! Call 455-7071 for more info.



Imagine this: Your friend begins telling you about an article he read recently from an internationally-known scientist who said, "God is not necessary for the creation of our universe or mankind." How would you react? **Well, this really happened.** The scientist was Stephen Hawking, Ph.D. and many people are talking about it.

Fr. Robert Spitzer, the author of New Proofs for the Existence of God challenged Dr. Hawking on The Larry King Show and wants you to be aware of why. Using science, philosophy, medicine, the transcendental and metaphysical proofs, Fr. Spitzer lays out the truth of God's plan and how we are a part of it. Join us on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. beginning March 9th in the Parish Ministries Center as we begin a four-week study of how God did create the vast universe from nothing! We hope to see you there!



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priests  
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## The Cate-Corner

Here's another jewel from your *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

During his public life Jesus not only forgave sins, but also made plain the effect of this forgiveness: he reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community of the People of God from which sin had alienated or even excluded them. A remarkable sign of this is the fact that Jesus receives sinners at his table, a gesture that expresses in an astonishing way both God's forgiveness and the return to the bosom of the People of God.

In imparting to his apostles his own power to forgive sins the Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners with the Church. This ecclesial dimension of their task is expressed most notably in Christ's solemn words to Simon Peter: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." "The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of the apostles united to its head." **CCC 1434-44**





# ASH WEDNESDAY



## Turn Our Hearts

God of Love,  
you shower us with kindness,  
offer us limitless mercy,  
and summon us unceasingly.  
As we enter the season of Lent,  
help us respond to your invitation

to turn our hearts toward you  
and walk the journey ahead  
in a spirit of humility and gratitude.  
Grant us the grace we need to grow in love  
these forty days of Lent.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023**

**Lent: A Great Love Letter from God**



*Today's readings: Joel 2:12–18; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 12–13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18.* The season of Lent (from the Latin meaning “lengthen”) is a gift of time to focus on spiritual preparation for the celebration of Easter. The season will conclude at sundown on Holy Thursday, the beginning of the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

As daylight in the Northern Hemisphere incrementally lengthens, so does our spiritual focus. Read the season of Lent as a great love letter from God. Look for the invitations in the Scriptures to turn your heart toward God and receive the gifts of mercy and love offered. God summons us unceasingly.

The scriptural invitations move from gentle calls to fervent supplications. The opening lines from our Ash Wednesday Scriptures set the theme for the entire season: “Return to me with your whole heart” (Joel 2:12). Lent offers us proven pathways to respond to God’s invitation to love. When Lenten traditions are lived and understood, they bring us closer to God and transform our hearts along the way. Today’s Gospel shows us the humble stance to assume as we practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This week, as you prepare for your journey through the next forty days, seek to live spiritual practices such as prayer, devotion, fasting, reconciliation, and generosity as gestures of adoration for our beloved.



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, February 20 The Gift of Wisdom

The first reading attributes wisdom to our Lord. The Lord pours wisdom upon all his works, upon every living thing, upon his friends. What a gift for each of us! Lent invites us to a time of intentionality, a time of turning our hearts and minds toward this gift of wisdom. These days leading up to Ash Wednesday offer us the opportunity to till the soil of our hearts for the seeds of the Lord's wisdom. Make plans to participate in Ash Wednesday services this week. *Today's readings: Sirach 1:1–10; Psalm 93:1a, 1cd–2, 5; Mark 9:14–29.*

### Tuesday, February 21 Trust God

The invitation in the reading from Sirach is clear: turn to God with trust. God will help each of us make straight our pathways. Filled with compassion and mercy, the Lord saves us in times of trouble and forgives us with love and mercy. Our Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us open our hearts with trust. How will you commit to the spiritual practices of Lent? Take time today to reflect and decide. *Today's readings: Sirach 2:1–11; Psalm 37:3–4, 18–19, 27–28, 39–40; Mark 9:30–37.*

### Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday

The Scriptures of Ash Wednesday invite us to turn to God with humility and awareness. Only we know the personal work needed in our relationship with the Lord. Today's Lenten practices of receiving ashes, abstaining from meat, and fasting help us assume this humble stance of awareness. Make some private notes to yourself about where growth is needed and how you plan to personally embrace Lent as time for transformation. *Today's readings: Joel 2:12–18; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 12–13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18.*

### Thursday, February 23 Put God First

Jesus instructs, "Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." Essentially, Jesus commands us to put God first. These early days of Lent encourage us to set our spiritual priorities for the journey ahead. The opportunity to join others in praying the Stations of the Cross is available at many parishes during Lent. Through the stations, we prayerfully remember the dramatic moments our Lord experienced in the final hours of his life. Resolve to participate in this devotion sometime in the next forty days. *Today's readings: Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 9:22–25.*

### Friday, February 24 Fast Mercifully

The Church asks us to abstain from meat and to fast on the Fridays of Lent. Our Scriptures today help us understand the spiritual practice of fasting. The prophet Isaiah describes fasting as setting the oppressed free, sharing our bread with the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, and not turning our backs on our own. Fasting is active participation in the corporal works of mercy. How can we commit ourselves even more to caring for those in need in our community this Lent? *Today's readings: Isaiah 58:1–9a; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 18–19; Matthew 9:14–15.*

### Saturday, February 25 Keep the Sabbath Sacred

The Scriptures continue to coach us in planning our Lenten practices. Isaiah reminds us of the command to keep the Sabbath as a holy day. This is hard to do in our modern world. But Lent offers us an opportunity to renew our resolve to make Sunday a day to rest in God. Plan a special Sunday meal for each week of Lent. Set aside time for holy rest. Take a long walk, visit a neighbor, pick up some spiritual reading, or try a new craft. *Today's readings: Isaiah 58:9b–14; Psalm 86:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Luke 5:27–32.*





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their spouses and  
grandchildren for taking  
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