

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

-- ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD --

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 3, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE



DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday...... 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily and Sundays.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

CHAPEL - Currently open every day 9:00am - 9:00pm.



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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin. ©LPi

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 4 • St. Casimir

8:30 am Anthony D"Amico

Tuesday, March 5

8:30 am Jamie Brady

Wednesday, March 6

8:30 am Arnold McGill, Sr.

7:00 pm ALAN AMES MASS & HEALING SERVICE

Thursday, March 7 • Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

8:30 am John Rauch, Jr.

Friday, March 8 • St. John of God

8:30 am Betty Madere

Saturday, March 9 • St. Frances of Rome • St. Catherine of Bologna

4:00 pm Ellis & Marilyn Torres, Melvin & Nellie Powell, Melancon & Fisher

Families, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Steve Navarre, Tom & Teresa Bautsch, Living & deceased members of the Crayon & Lato Families, EJ & Zola Martin, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, EJ

IN MEMORY of ME

& Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Dolly Ocmond

Sunday, March 10 • 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Eula McMurry, Alice Biven, Michael Curtis, Doris Beadle,

Louanie Daigle, Karen Angelo, Patricia Proctor, Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind M. Hutson, Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet, Clara Pineda, All Souls, Anna Thuong Dinh, Alexandra A. Healy, Glenna Jacob, Kimberly Clement, Elma Sicard, Angie

McGovern, Audrey Arcement, Susette G. Forythe

10:30 am Paul Vincent Millet, Sr.

3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners

7:00 pm Arnold McGill, Sr.

VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

In memory of Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind M. Hutson, Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet

CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

In memory of Jourdan Growl



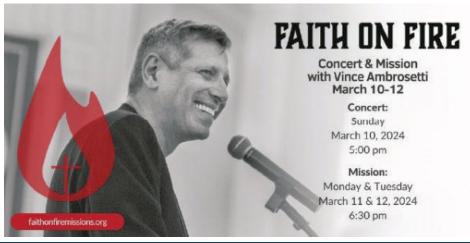
Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 10th.

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour so you are on time for Mass!



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Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays at Noon & Fridays at 6:30pm in Church

Friday Stations of the Cross will include a Communion Service and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Stations of the Cross in Spanish follows on Fridays at 7:30pm



Weekly Videos

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Evenings of Confession



Wednesdays March 6, 13, & 20 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Confession will be available in all Archdiocesan Churches from 5:00 - 6:30 pm on this day.



March 6th 7:00 pm

All are invited to attend a grace-filled evening here at **Ascension of Our Lord Church**, with internationally known Catholic evangelist,

Mr. Alan Ames



Alan will share his conversion story after 7pm Mass, followed by Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Healing Service.

For more about Alan Ames, visit <u>alanames.org</u>.



Is God calling you to serve as an

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

Liturgical Ministry Workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are now available for registration.

Call the Parish Office to register for the following or another upcoming workshop.

Saturday, March 16th 9am-1pm St. Joan of Arc Church

Keep in touch with us



TEXT "AOLPARISH" to 84576

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, March 4

6:00-7:30pm Parish School of Religion - School 6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, March 5

12:00noon Stations of the Cross - Church 7:00pm RCIA - Parish Office

Wednesday, March 6

2:20pm School Stations of the Cross - Church

5:00-6:30pm Evening of Confession

7:00pm Alan Ames Mass & Healing Service

Thursday, March 7

8:30am School Mass - Church

6:00pm PTO Meeting - Don Bosco Hall 7:00pm Baptismal Seminar - Parish Office

7:00pm KC Planning & Director's Meeting - KC Home

Friday, March 8

9:00am Soldiers for Christ Prayer Group - Church

10:30am-6:00pm Lenten Fish Plates for Sale - in front of school

6:30pm Stations of the Cross/Communion Service/Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:30pm Spanish Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9 • Team 2

10:00am-12:00noon Vince Ambrosetti Ministry Meeting & Luncheon - DBH

Sunday, March 10 • Team 2

5:00-6:30pm Vince Ambrosetti Concert - Church

7:00pm Youth Mass

Prayer

God, my church is a place for prayer. Help me to remember that always.

Mission for the Week

Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around vou. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God and talk to him. Jesus cleaned out his Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.

Kids Corner

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

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PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!

The Adoration Chapel is open every day from 9:00am to 9:00pm.

"He remains among us until the end of the world."

Go to your Adoration as one would to heaven, to the divine banquet.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

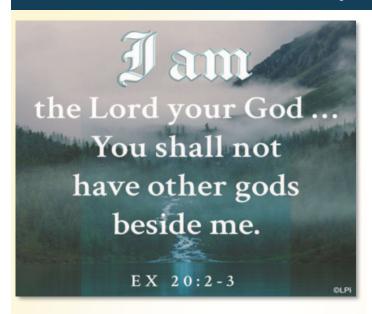
WEDDINGS: Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office at 985-652-2615.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE - Father John Muir

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to "have no other gods" besides me." This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics. ©LPi

CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Merciful Anger of Jesus

Watch your fellow churchgoers today as the priest or deacon reads the story of Jesus raising hell (or perhaps he's raising heaven?) in the temple square. Dollars to donuts, they'll be squirming.

As Catholics, we have become very uncomfortable with Angry Jesus. He makes us cringe in the same way that the Old Testament God does when He calls Himself "jealous" and talks about punishment. That level of intensity makes us recoil. If it were present in a human relationship, it would be toxic and abusive, because in humanity, fierceness and love rarely coexist in a healthy way.

But what a tragedy it would be for us to mistake our relationship with God for our relationship with our spouse, our best friend, or even our human father. Because we cannot see clearly, we would mistake His zeal for anger and His law for diktat.

The strong and sure movement of a wave against a rocky cliff will, over time, erode its surface, just as an overabundance of raindrops will flood a city. We do not call the water callous and cruel. We still luxuriate in its coolness and refreshment. Its destructive powers don't negate the life-giving properties of water. We do not demand that water apologize to us for being strong.

Fierce, uncompromising — but also, soft and merciful. How can God — and God's law — be both, at the same time? How can Christ cast a whip at someone's foot, overturn a table and scatter coins? How can the law of God be perfect, as the Psalm says, and refresh the soul — while demanding so much of it?

All I can say is, thank God for Angry Jesus. We need his fierceness and thank God it does not wane because it confuses us. Thank God his mercy does not decrease because we doubt it.

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." — 1 Corinthians 1:25

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-

10/Jn 3:14-21

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 *©LPi*

Monday:



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