

# Mar 18 & 19, 2023 The Fourth Sunday of Lent

## Mass Times and Intentions

### Week of March 18 & 19

Saturday	6:30 pm	For our faithful priests
Sunday	10:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Marys and St. Thomas
Monday	6:30 pm	Mass
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Mass at St. Thomas
Wednesday	8:00 am	Mass
Thursday	*****	
Friday	8:00 am	Mass at St. Thomas /*Stations of the Cross 7 pm St. Marys

### Week of Mar 25 & 26

Saturday	6:30 pm	No Intention
Sunday	10:30 am	No Intention

Join us as we recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday evening at 6 pm and Sunday morning at 10 am.

### † PRAYER CONCERNS †

For all our sick and shut-ins, as well as our troops. For all who have died and all members of St. Mary’s & St. Thomas. For Prayer Chain requests please call Cathy Kennedy at 644 5073.



†Eucharistic Adoration† Wednesday mornings after 8:00 am Mass  
Reconciliation Wednesday’s after Mass/Saturday’s 6-6:20 pm

**The Feast of the Annunciation:** March 25 marks the “Feast of the Annunciation”. Mary’s *fiat*—”I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” - brought our Savior into the world. As the first disciple of Christ, Mary shows us that we must listen to and do God’s will. Prayer and action therefore go hand in hand. As followers of Christ we must make time to talk to and listen to Him in prayer. The Annunciation Novena is typically recited from March 16-24.Copies are available at the doors for your convenience. Please help yourself.

Special Collection next weekend for our Easter Flowers

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mar 20**  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Mar 21**  
Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
Jn 5:1-16

**Mar 22**  
Is 49:8-15  
Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18  
Jn 5:17-30

**Mar 23**  
Ex 32:7-14  
Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23  
Jn 5:31-47

**Mar 24**  
Wis 2:1a, 12-22  
Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Mar 25**  
Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11  
Heb 10:4-10  
Lk 1:26-38

**Mar 26**  
Ez 37:12-14  
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Rom 8:8-11  
Jn 11:1-45

### Catholic Devotions - Prayers to the Nine Choirs of Angels

Did you know that believing in angels is one of the truths of our faith? (see ccc#328). They are mentioned many times in the Old and New Testament. Our Catechism teaches us the following...."Angels have been present since creation and throughout the history of salvation announcing this salvation from afar or near and serving the accomplishment of the divine plan: they closed the earthly paradise, protected Lot, saved Hagar and her child, stayed Abraham's hand, communicated the law by their ministry, led the People of God, announced births and callings and assisted the prophets, just to cite a few examples." (ccc#332)

Who are the angels? According to Holy Scripture there are different names given to the different groups of angels - the nine "choirs" of angels. An anonymous fifth-century monk, writing under the name of St. Paul's famous convert Dionysius the Areopagite , known as "Pseudo-Dionysius", is credited with the classification of the angels. The highest group of angels would be the seraphim, the cherubim and the thrones, followed by the second level of angels know as the dominions, the virtues and the powers. The third level includes the principalities, the archangels and the angels.

The Seraphim are the angels closest to God. The prophet Isaiah tells us that the seraphim are six-winged “fiery” angels who surround God as He sits upon His exalted throne and continually worship God (Isaiah 6). The Cherubim are associated with the worship and praise of God and are described as serving the will of God, performing divine duties in the earthly realm. Their initial responsibility was protecting the Garden of Eden, as referenced in the book of Genesis. The Thrones meet directly with God to discuss his good purposes for everyone and everything in the universe, and how angels can help fulfill those purposes. They often explain the divine wisdom behind the missions that God assigns to angels who work in lower angelic ranks. Sometimes thrones angels interact with humans. They act as God's messengers, explaining God's will to people who have prayed for guidance about what is best for them from God's perspective about important decisions they need to make in their lives.

The second level of angels include the Dominions who are concerned with the government of the universe. These angels are involved in the workings of divine power and mediate God's power just as the saints intercede for us with Him. The Virtues are said to be agents of God's miracles (actions) on earth and therefore act as agents of divine perfection. The Powers form the last choir of angels in the second angelic hierarchy and are also called “the authorities.” with angelic powers to control evil spirits that torment those on earth and to thwart their plans.

The third level of angels is concerned with God's plan of salvation for mankind. This group includes the Principalities who are often seen as being the guardians of nations or peoples. The Archangels, the most known and loved in popular devotion, have a unique role as God's messenger to the people at critical times in history and salvation. And finally the Angels, from whom our guardian angels are chosen. They are loved because God has placed them with us to watch over us and care for us. They defend us against harm and temptation and warn us of impending evil.

A wonderful way to honor the nine Choirs of Angels is to recite the Chaplet of St. Michael, also called the Rosary of the Angels, which was approved by Pope Pius IX in 1851. It is reported that St. Michael promised that whoever would practice this devotion would have, when approaching Holy Communion, as escort of nine angels chosen from each of the nine Choirs. In addition, he promised his continual assistance and that of all the holy angels during life and after death, deliverance from purgatory for themselves and their relations. Copies of the Chaplet of St. Michael are available at the doors . Please help yourself.

**WHAT IS THE PRAYER CHAIN?:** If you have a need for prayers for any reason, a group of parishioners have agreed to pray for your intentions. You may give as much or as little information as you wish. If you have any prayer requests, please call the parish office (644-5073)

**PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY EVERY DAY!**  
**Jesus is coming back! Are you ready?**

### Offertory Receipts for 3/11 & 12 FY23 Weekly Goal: \$1,098

Last Week	= \$	1044.00
YTD Actual	= \$	37429.06
YTD Budget	= \$	39528.00
Over (Under)	= \$	(2098.94)

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