

Next Sunday's Readings The First Sunday of Lent – Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 (22A); 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Matthew 4:1-11

	Mass	s & In	tenti	ons Febru	ary 18 – February 26
Sat.	18	3:15	p.m.	St. Norbert	Reconciliation
		4:00	p.m.	St. Norbert	Arthur Gauthier (birthday remembrance) by Dan & Robin Gauthier
Sun.	19	8:30	a.m.	St. Norbert	Fr. Claverlito Migrino by CDA Ct. St. Veronica
		10:30	a.m.	St. Norbert	The Sick of the Parish
Mon.	20				NO MASS
Tue.	21	4:00	p.m.	St. Norbert	
Wed.	22	8:30	a.m.	St. Michael	
		6:30	p.m.	St. Norbert	
Thu.	23	8:30	a.m.	St. Norbert	
Fri.	24	8:30	a.m.	St. Norbert	
Sat.	25	3:15	p.m.	St. Norbert	Reconciliation
		4:00	p.m.	St. Norbert	The Guyette & Fontaine Families by
					Fern & Laura Fontaine
Sun.	26	8:30	a.m.	St. Norbert	Parishioners Living & Deceased
		10:30	a.m.	St. Michael	Mary McKay by Marc & Doris DeLaricheliere

#### A Lenten Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled your will by becoming man
and giving His life on the cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
by following His example of suffering
and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Amen

Next week's second collection: Black & Native
American Missions

Our goal each week is to collect \$3,128.44 in ordinary income to meet our expenses.

 Feb. 11 & Feb. 12

 Offertory
 \$1,166.90

 All Other Revenue
 803.00

 Total
 \$1,969.90

Donations/offerings can be made online by visiting our website and accessing the DONATION button at the top of our website.

# **Fuel Assistance Project**

Are you, or someone you know, having trouble paying for fuel this winter? Contact the rectory for information on how to get help with your fuel bill. Call 472-5544.

#### **Mass Count**

#### Feb. 11 & Feb. 12

SN	4:00 p.m.	[40]
SN	8:30 a.m.	[44]
SM	10:30 a.m.	[22]

# Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

There will be two Masses celebrated that day, 8:30 AM at St. Michael's and 6:30 PM at St. Norbert's.

### Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection February 22<sup>nd</sup>

There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, and Residential Care Homes. The work that you will support will help transform people's lives. Donations can be made through the website:

https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/catholic-charities/ash-wednesday-appeal/. Please know that every gift whatever the size makes a difference.

### **Guidelines for Lent**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

<u>The rule of fasting</u> states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals sufficient to maintain strength, are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59.

<u>Abstinence</u> refers to not eating meat on Fridays. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.

# **CRS Rice Bowl**

The CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in dioceses throughout the U.S. put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$320 million dollars. You may pick up your family's Rice Bowl in the back of the church today.

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