

THE LUCYLIGHT | MARCH 10, 2024

Weekly Schedule



9am Mass 7pm NA - HFH 7pm Nar Anon - 2



10am Storytime - Kid's Room **6:30pm** Secular Franciscans - 2



12pm Mass5pm Blessings in a Backpack - 16:30pm OCIA - 27pm Bible Study - Gospel of Mark7:30pm BAA Band Practice - HFH

THUR MAR 14

4pm Teen O.C.I.A. - Cafe **7pm** Choir Rehearsal - Church **7pm** Men's Scripture - 2

FRI MAR 15

9am Mass7pm Living Stations of the Cross - Church

SAT MAR 16

3-4pm Sacrament of Reconciliation **4:30pm** Mass



9am MassFamily Faith Formation after Mass11am Mass7pm Al Anon - 2

St. Lucy Food Pantry Easter Items Needed:



Food Pantry Donations Needed Canned Yams
Canned Pineapple
Rice | Green Beans
Mushroom Soup
Cookie Mix | Brownie Mix
3-5lb. Hams
\$20/\$25 Kroger Gift Cards

Thank you for your ongoing generous support of the Food Pantry!

Reflecting on the Gospel: A Deeper Understanding

by Father John Muir

March 10, 2024 4th Sunday of Lent

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

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Vicariate Penance Services



Wednesday, March 20
Our Lady of Hope
1 p.m.

Monday, March 25
St. Joan of Arc
7 p.m.

OUR PARISH LIFE

Scriptures

Intentions



Monday, March 11,	2024					
Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54	9am Mass	Marlene Kornack req. A Friend				
Tuesday, March 12,	2024					
Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16	No Mass					
Wednesday, March	13, 2024					
Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30	12pm Mass	Jerry Kassner req. His Daughter				
Thursday, March 14, 2024						
Ex 32:7-14	No					

Friday	7 M	arch	15	2024
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Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 9am Mass

Mass

Intentions of Avery Colombo (Celebrating her 21st Birthday) req. Joanne Colombo

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53

In 5:31-47

4:30pm Mass

Please pray for those facing the challenges of illness:

Joseph Allegrina Claire Allen Sr. Mary Ann Ankoviak Michael Armiak Ted Barthel Diane Biafora Hubert Bohle Bobby Bradley Maria Buscemi Angie Campbell Vince Caporale Lance Carlsen Bob Caza Sue Collins Barb Constantino Susie Cowan Nina Daleo Karen Daley Joseph Davenport Ginny Denomme Michael Dombrowski Amy Erickson

Joan Fetterman

Jackie Fromm Shawn Goldie Loretta Hahn David Haraminac Rachel Hawks Jacqueline Hicks Carol Hough Paul Hyde Paul/William Jakel Chris Janutol Bob Knoth Maria Krampitz Josephine Lopetrone Elana Gusmano Maleitzke Kathy McPherson Robert Michielutti Sr. Peggy Milbeck Rose Morgan Aggie Ochs Hedwig Pachulec Amy Paschen Linda/Joey Pellerin

Fran Price Sklvar Pfromm Jennifer Bradley Robinson Tom Rutty Phyllis Sawicki Linda Schmalz Larry Seib Virginia Shaulis Gail Sheahan Payton Shock Don Stevens Carmelita Tafoya-Jones Alicia Tanksley Sandy Tenkel Mary Ann Tindall Andrea Trella Doris Turner Gail Unger

> Jack Wilson Robin Wright

Leslie Zaremski

Mel Plaskey

Extended Care

Jane Hinkins John Urbanek Roy Vorhees Madeline Williams Helen Zimmer



Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

Daylight Savings Time begins

Eucharistic Liturgies: Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

SCRIPTURES

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15

Second Reading:

Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

3rd Scrutiny (11am Mass)

Ez 37:12-14 Psalm 130: 1-8 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

MASS INTENTIONS

Pat DeBaker (Celebrating her 99th Birthday) req. Her Family

Patrick Callahan req. His Family

James Mataway req. Joan Braathen



Fr. James Scheick
Evelyn Taugher
Ellen Chase
Shirley Curcuru
Marlene Muller
Donald Darbro
James Trella
Jeff Erickson
Virginia Thiel
Susie Calandrino
Craig Bowman
Raymond Claes
Candy Martin

Catholic Churck

Our Lenten Scriptures



Three things are presented in the First Reading. The conclusion of the Second Book of Chronicles contains a condensed account of the fall of Jerusalem, Israel's exile in Babylon, and the possibility of Israel's

return to Judah. The Persian defeat of the Babylonians under King Cyrus brought an end to the exile and ushered in the period often referred to as "the restoration."

Psalm 137 provides insight into the exile experience that was glossed over in the First Reading. The psalmist tells us the Judeans were taunted by the Babylonians, who asked the exiles to sing songs from their homeland. The exiles refused to sing for their captors and instead held fast to their fond memories of Jerusalem as expressed in today's refrain: "Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!" This psalm is a lament, a song of longing for the world that the exiles had known prior to their defeat by the Babylonians.

Today's New Testament readings broaden our understanding of what it means to believe in Jesus, the Christ. Ephesians reminds us that God's mercy and grace are freely given to all who believe in Jesus and that our faith is a gift of God. While we know from the very first chapter of Genesis that we are made in the image and likeness of God, in Ephesians we hear that, in addition to being God's "handiwork," we are created "in Christ Jesus" for good works. Meanwhile, the Gospel reminds us that the life we have in Jesus is eternal. If eternal life is desired, we must choose to walk in the light of God.

Quotation of the Week



"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

Matthew 5:7

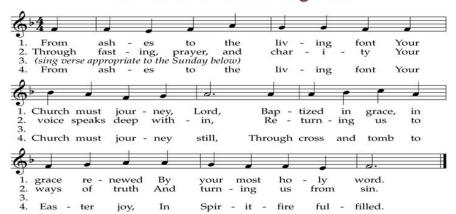
Our Lenten Scriptures (Year A with the Elect) 11 a.m. Mass

Our reading from the Frist Book of Samuel introduces us to David, the future king of Israel. His story will dominate the remainder of First and Second Samuel. In these verses, we find Samuel fulfilling the Lord's instructions to visit Jesse and to anoint God's chosen one from among Jesse's sons. As in several other texts from the Old Testament, God's choice does not follow human standards, in which the eldest son is most often the recipient of special blessings over the youngest (consider the stories of Esau and Jacob and Reuben and Joseph, where the youngest received God's favor). When Samuel fulfills the Lord's command and anoints David, the Lord's spirit rushes upon him. As king of Israel, David will have the responsibility of shepherding, caring for God's people.

It is not surprising, then, that the Lectionary uses Psalm 23, one of the most well-known and loved texts of the psalter, as today's responsorial psalm. While continuing the theme of the shepherd, the poem clearly identifies the Lord as Israel's true and tender shepherd.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus cures a man who had been blind since birth. Today's abbreviated version of the lengthier account is itself an intricate story involving a dispute among the Pharisees and observers of Jesus' cure, a declaration by the cured man that Jesus is a prophet, and another encounter with Jesus in which the man declares his belief that Jesus is the Son of Man and then worships him. When read in its entirety, Chapter 9 is recognized as the story of an individual's developing faith in Jesus.

ENTRANCE From Ashes to the Living Font



Year B

Lent I & II

From desert to the mountaintop
In Christ our way we see,
So, tempered by temptation's might
We might transfigured be.

Lent III

 Come, purify our hearts and lives, Cast out our sinful ways;
 As temples of the Spirit, cleansed, Restore us for your praise.

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Year A

Lenten Sundays I & II

From desert to the mountaintop In Christ our way we see, So, tempered by temptation's might We might transfigured be.

Lenten Sunday III

 For thirsting hearts let waters flow, Our fainting souls revive; And at the well your waters give Our everlasting life.

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Lent IV

 The Son of Man is lifted up, The cross becomes our sign: You are God's own beloved Son, The source of life divine.

Lent V

 Unless, like grains of wheat, we fall Upon the ground to die, We will not rise, with you, to life: Eternal life on high.

The Whole Booke of Psalmes, London, 1562

Lenten Sunday IV

3. We sit beside the road and plead, "Come, save us, David's Son!" Now with your vision heal our eyes, The world's true Light alone.

Lenten Sunday V

 Our graves split open, bring us back, Your promise to proclaim; To darkened tombs call out, "Arise!" And glorify your name.

The Whole Book of Psalmes, London, 1562

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Psalm 137



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Psalm 23



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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday (March 9-10)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to

(and, striking one's breast)

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask Blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie eleison Christe eleison Kyrie eleison

OPENING PRAYER

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Liturgy of the Word (B) FIRST READING

II Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

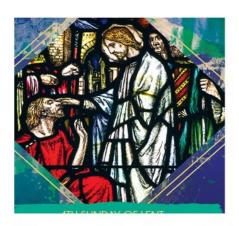
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Let my tongue be silenced, if I every forget you!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10 GOSPEL

John 3:14-21



Liturgy of the Word (A)

FIRST READING

I Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23: 1-3, 4, 5, 6 The Lord is my shepherd; There is nothing I shall want

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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11:00 Mass During the First Scrutiny with the Elect I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (#646) verse 3







PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

The Cross of Jesus



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EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS Mass for the City HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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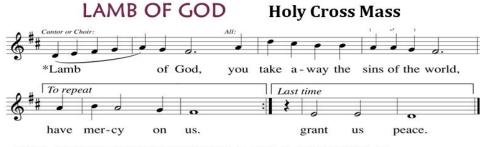
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION C



Save us, Sav-ior of the world for by your Cross and Res-sur-rec-tion you have set_us free.



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NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

In keeping with the theme "Reveal Christ's Love," the funds collected through The Catholic Relief Services Collection support vital Catholic programs that show the abundant love of Christ for those in need and share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person.

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evangelization and ministry.

DURING COMMUNION

Remember Your Love (#881)

AFTER COMMUNION

We Belong to You



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RECESSIONAL

Though the Mountains May Fall (#602)



The Annual Collection benefitting Catholic Relief Services is this weekend.
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(Practicing) Catholic

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Words on the Word

by Michael Chapp

The Uncomfortable Life in The Light

If you have ever been a woman over the age of 30 who stayed in a budget motel, you know the horror of awakening in a dark room, switching on the bathroom lights and screaming at the shriveled-up she-witch you find hiding there.

And you know the feeling of disappointment that blooms in the pit of your stomach as you realize the shriveled-up she-witch is your own reflection staring back at you beneath the merciless glare of overhead fluorescent lighting.

You may also know the relief of visiting a nice restaurant after dark and catching sight of yourself in the mirror. You lean forward, mesmerized by how different — how matte! How smooth! — the contours of your face look in what we call "forgiving light." But this turn of phrase is simply not correct. It is not light, and it does not forgive. It is darkness, and it merely conceals.

But it feels so much better, doesn't it? Salvation can feel like condemnation, when being lost is all you know. Sometimes it is so much more comfortable to live lost in the shadows.

It is possible to yearn for darkness. Darkness gives cover to so many things. The light has a harshness that can almost seem demanding, exposing. Light can bleach. Light can burn.

"Is this really me?" you think in that budget hotel bathroom, examining acne scars you never saw before and crow's feet that seem to have developed overnight. The answer is yes. Yes, that is really you, all of it, every inch. There's nothing to be afraid of, just step into the light and own it.

"And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil."

— John 3:19

March 10, 2024 — Rest in a Chaotic World

As if life isn't already complicated enough, along comes a new theory about people who thrive on making the world even more chaotic.

A recent story on a national news website explored what the authors described as a growing phenomenon of people seeking discord.

Researchers explored people's responses to several statements, one of which was: "I need chaos around me; it is too boring if nothing is going on."

Difficult as it may be to believe, nearly 33% of respondents concurred.

"The researchers came up with a term to describe the motivation behind these (people)," the story said. "They called it the 'need for chaos,' which they defined as 'a mindset to gain status' by destroying the established order."

Not surprisingly, of course, much of this manifests itself on social media. As does the tendency to be cruel just for the sport of it.

Another recent story pointed out the increase in what it called "modern outrage culture." People who subscribe to this mindset create a spiral effect of angst and hatred. "People wanting clout compete to produce the meanest and most over-the-top commentary," the story noted, "stifling open dialogue and demonizing those who make mistakes."

It's in this environment that we as Christians are called to work for change. It means taking precisely the opposite approach. An approach articulated in today's psalm response:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want," we pray. "In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage."

Repose. Rest. Refreshment. Peace. It may not be the trendy path these days, but it's the right one.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent (after 9 a.m. Mass)



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 15 7 p.m. | Church



Stations

作CROSS



Praise & Worship Monday, March 18 3:30 p.m. | Chapel

An opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord.

Exalt God the Father!
Praise and thank
Jesus our Savior!
Yield to the power of the
Holy Spirit!
Everyone is welcome.

The Presentation of The Lord's Prayer to the Elect

Wednesday, March 20 7 p.m. St. Paul on the Lake

Jesus and the Eucharist

A seven week small group series for Eucharistic Revival

Holy Family Hall | 7 p.m.

Tuesdays: April 9, 16, 23 & 30 May 14, 21 & 28 (No meeting on May 7.)

Light Refreshments



Dancing With God 2024 Men's Retreat

MEN'SRETREAT

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center https://www.stpaulretreat.org April 19-21, 2024

> Contact: Michael Reeber 586-909-6257

Frank Debinski 586-778-1799



ST. BASIL Priest In Solidum Fr. Eric Fedewa

22851 Lexington | Eastpointe 48021 586- 777-5610

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Daily: MWFS 8:30 am **Tu** 7:00 pm

ST. VERONICA Priest In Solidum Fr. Stan Pachla

21440 Universal | Eastpointe 48021 586- 777-0331

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Daily: TuWT 7:45 am (Convent)

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Priest In Solidum Msgr. Gary Smetanka

467 Fairford | GPW 48236 313-884-5554

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. **Daily: MTuWT** 7:30 a.m. **F** 8:30 a.m.

ST. JOAN OF ARC
Priest In Solidum
Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin
Fr. Adam Nowak
22412 Overlake | SCS 48080
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Saturday: 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

Daily: MTuWTF 7:00 am.

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Priest In Solidum (Moderator) Fr. Jim Commyn 23401 Jefferson | SCS 48080

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Daily: MF 9:00 am **W** 12:00 noon

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday

Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed

Masses

Weekdays: 9 a.m. (Mondays and Fridays) 12 p.m. (Wednesdays)

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m. Sundays: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Holydays: As Announced

Confessions

Saturdays: 3-4 p.m.

Private Confessions: By Appointment

Baptisms

Arrangements can be made by contacting the Parish Office.

Sick Calls and Communion Calls

Please notify the parish office when there is a serious illness in your family.



St. Lucy Mission Statement

St. Lucy Catholic Community loves and serves God.

We:

Welcome all
Build relationships
Worship prayerfully
Encourage life-long learning
Reach out in service
Engage others as disciples

As Jesus taught.