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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

*1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 5:05 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 10 am (Lent) and 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am,
5:30 pm, and 9 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Thursday - 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
or by appointment

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Congratulations!

Please call the office at least 4 months before
your planned wedding date.

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

Please contact Fr. Rich at
(865) 523-7931 or fr-rich@john23rd.org



Easter Lily Donations

If you would like to make a donation in
memory of a loved one, please designate on
your check in the memo line their name(s) and
“Easter Lily.” The flowers are lovely and
donations are greatly appreciated!!

The Continental Phase of the Synod

More than one year ago, our parish had a questionnaire and a series of
conversations that were part of our participation in the Synod convened by

Pope Francis. This three-year process is now in the continental phase.
Bishops from the countries that make up Europe, for example, meet as one
to review and discover what God’s Spirit is saying to the Catholic Church.

Pope Francis has chosen a passage from Isaiah as the Biblical Verse
describing the work of this phase:

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold
back, lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.” Isaiah 54:2

An exegesis written by Jenteken Franklin offers an interpretation of this
passage that also might be helpful for Lent:

“First, we must reject smallness. Enlargement requires us to get out of our
small boxes, our small routines, our small thinking and our limited view of
God. Caleb and Joshua saw a place of enlargement before them, but the rest
shrunk back and stayed small. Caleb and Joshua believed it could be done,
but the rest said they were afraid to try and remained small-minded.

“Secondly, enlarging the place of your tent means making room for some
new people in your life. People will s-t-r-e-t-c-h you! Relationships with
people will stretch your nerves, stretch your patience and stretch your
prayer life. If you want more, if you’re tired of an unfulfilled, unfruitful,
barren life, then God is saying, ‘enlarge and stretch.’ You will never see a
miracle until you stretch your faith.

“When God tells you to lengthen your cords, it means lengthen your reach.
Wider tents require longer cords to keep them securely held in place. Once
you lengthen your cords you must also strengthen your stakes, driving them
deeper into the bedrock of God’s truth. Life is like a huge tree. The more
the branches spread, the deeper the roots must grow.”

To see the document that Bishops from all over the world will be reviewing
go to usccb.org/resources/document/continental



Lenten Fridays

Looking to add to your spiritual life this Lent? Whether you are a parishioner or a student, please join us on Friday evenings for prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Mass begins at 5:05 pm, Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm, and potluck soup supper immediately after. Come for the whole thing or just one part. All are welcome!

Schedule Hosting Schedule:

3/17 No Stations (Spring Break)

3/24 Daughters of Isabella

3/31 FOCUS

4/7 Good Friday Stations



"How to" Mass

Our faith is steeped in two millennia of tradition and the more we know the deeper we can delve into the spiritual life. During Lent, on Saturdays at 10am we will be celebrating teaching Masses, covering different aspects of the liturgy each week. Please join us for a spiritual and enriching experience.

Saturday Teaching Mass Schedule:

3/18 Liturgy of the Eucharist p.1

3/25 Liturgy of the Eucharist p.2

4/1 Closing Rites

From Farming to Fishing

Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provide nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Rice bowls are available in the lobby!

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 12, 2023

Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
Monday	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 & 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	Saint Patrick, Bishop Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Saint Cyril, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

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Insights and Awareness

Topic 67 - People of God -

**How Catholic Parish Life is Changing in
the United States - Part 4 of 4**

Part 4 - The Church has a "crisis of welcome."

How can parishes respond?

You can view this topic at:

<https://www.john23rd.org/insights>

(Sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee).

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

March 13-19

Monday: 4:00 pm - Confessions

5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Tuesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

7:00 pm - RCIA

Wednesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

7:00 pm - VolCatholic

Thursday: 4:00 pm - Confessions

5:05 pm - Daily Mass

7:00 pm - Weekly Lenten

Reflection on Zoom

Friday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm - Soup Dinner

Saturday: 10:00 am - Lenten Teaching Mass

5:30 pm - Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass

10:00 am - Adult Bible Study

11:15 am - Mass

12:30 pm - Social Concerns

Meeting

5:30 pm - Mass

9:00 pm - Mass

Pope Francis' Prayer for March: For Victims of Abuse

"We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering."

Prayer Requests

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Jo Andrews, Vic Kaminsky, Erin Kirkpatrick, Scott Hernandez, Kylie Hemphill, Dominic Mackey, Chance Adams, Jeyden, Peg Hart, John Fox, Mary L. Fox, Jamie Davis, Kathy Kuczka, Karen Pearson Rich, Connie Beeler, Christine Wade, Jerry Carney, V. J. D'Innocenzo and his family, Beth Long, the family of Mufide Rende, Ellen Wavrek, Emilian, Charles, Carlos, Michel, Fernando, Esteban, Sebastian, Margaret Dusichka, Diane Dusichka, Ray Bieniek, Geneva Stewart, Anna Platfoot, Brendan Barry, Ernst Edel, displaced tenants of Walker Springs Apartments, the Acheampong family, the Odoi family, the Bentil family, the Thompson family, the Deku family, Tom Mulligan, Tom Walsh, residents of Serene Manor, those serving in the military, and for any too reserved to let us know.

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Lector Schedule

March 18-19

Sat. 5:30pm Stan Zelasko - LuAnne Zelasko
Sun. 9:00am Kate Bales - Lee Campfield
Sun. 11:15am Sarah Miller - Ed Howley

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