

ST. LAMBERT PARISH
Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021



Mark 1:27

He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.



Sunday Masses: (5 pm Sat)
8am, 10am, 12pm

Confessions: Saturday at 3:30 pm

Pastor: Rev. Richard Simon

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 St. Lambert Parish - Skokie, IL

Baptisms: Third Sundays of the month at 1:30 pm. For guidelines and more information please speak to Deacon Chick after mass.

To Register as a Parishioner:
Go to stlambert.org under %about Us+

END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2020

Parishioners may request a year end statement for their contributions to St. Lambert for the calendar year 2020. Please call the parish office or email Debbie at debbie.stlambert@aol.com. Leave your name, envelope number and address and your statements will be mailed to you.

Please note: no statements will be sent automatically, so we request that you contact us if you would like to receive yours!

Sunday Offertory Collection

January 23– 29, 2021

Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,776.00
Sunday Mail In:	160.00
Loose:	375.00
GiveCentral:	<u>965.00</u>
Total:	\$5,276.00



Thank you for your continued support!

The only 2 other ways your donation can come directly to the parish are....

1. Online, using our GiveCentral homepage at: givecentral.org/location/204
(There is a small fee for each transaction to the parish)
2. Or donations can be made by using your bank account as a bill payment.
It can be scheduled in advance to occur on a recurring basis or as an individual one time donation.

There is no charge to the parish or to you to utilize this service.

If you have any questions, please email or call Debbie.



Offertory envelopes will be available for pick up after mass next weekend in Roberts hall.

We ask for your patience as we need to keep social distancing.

The Presentation of the Lord -February 2, 2021

“We too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. To encounter him: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives—not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice.”
— Pope Francis, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2019.

The Presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior—the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the “light of the nations” and the “glory of Israel,” but also “a sign that is spoken against.” The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ’s perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation of God has “prepared in the presence of all peoples” (CCC, no. 529).

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Please Make Your Gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world." This is especially important during these trying and challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own parish. For example, Appeal funds support St. Lambert.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

- Ways to Donate are ...
- Envelope (pre-addressed) . available in back of churches
- Online at annualcatholicappeal.com
- Telephone . Annual Catholic Appeal . 312.534.7959
- Mail to . Annual Catholic Appeal, 835 North Rush St. Chicago, Illinois 60611-2030

SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN, MARTYR*C. THIRD CENTURY**Feast Day: February 5th*

Pope Saint Gregory the Great reigned as the Supreme Pontiff of the Church from 590–604. His family loved Sicily and had property there, so the young Gregory was familiar with that beautiful island's saints and traditions. When he became Pope, Saint Gregory inserted the names of two of Sicily's most revered martyrs, Agatha and Lucy, into the heart of the Mass, the Roman Canon. Saint Gregory even placed these two Sicilians just before the city of Rome's own two female martyrs, Agnes and Cecilia, who had been part of the Roman Canon for many centuries prior. It was this papal decision that has preserved Saint



Agatha's memory more effectively than anything else. Liturgy is inherently conservative and protects the Church's oldest memories. So on the lips of thousands of priests every day are the names of some of the Church's most revered female martyrs: "Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and all the saints."

Not much is known for certain about the life and death of Saint Agatha, but long tradition supplies what primary documents lack. Pope Damasus, who reigned from 366–384, may have composed a poem in her honor, indicating how widespread her reputation was by that early date. Saint Agatha was from a well-off family in Sicily in Roman times, probably in the third century. After dedicating her life to Christ, her beauty drew powerful men to her like a magnet. But she refused all suitors in favor of the Lord. Perhaps during the persecution of the Emperor Decius around 250, she was arrested, interrogated, tortured, and martyred. She refused to renounce her faith or to give in to the powerful men who desired her. An ancient homily relates: "A true virgin, she wore the glow of a pure conscience and the crimson of the lamb's blood for her cosmetics."

It is also the constant tradition that her torture included sexual mutilation. Whereas Saint Lucy is shone in art with her eyeballs on a platter, Saint Agatha is normally shown holding a plate on which rest her own breasts, as they were cut off by her pagan tormentors before her execution. This peculiar image is, in fact, carved into the wall over the entrance to the sixth century church of Saint Agatha in Rome, a church re-dedicated by Pope Saint Gregory himself so long ago.

Men commit most of the physical violence in the world. And when their victims are women, that violence can be particularly vicious because their victims are so defenseless. The stories of the early male martyrs of the Church relate tales of extreme torture by their Roman captors. But the stories of the women martyrs often relate something more—sexual humiliation. No male martyrs are known to have suffered similar indignities. Saint Agatha and others were not only physically tough to endure the pain they did, but also mentally and spiritually powerful to have resisted to the death the public embarrassment and degradation particular to them as women. They were the strong ones. It was their male captors who

looked weak.

It was Christianity's exaltation of women, children, slaves, prisoners, the old, the sick, the foreigner, and the outcast that caused the vast leaven of the Church to slowly rise in the Mediterranean world. The Church did not create a victim class who complained about a privileged class. The Church preached the dignity of persons. The Church did not even preach equality of individuals or teach that governments must enact laws protecting the unprotected. That is all so modern. The Church spoke in theological language and taught that every man, woman, and child was made in God's image and likeness and so deserved respect. It taught that Jesus Christ died for every person on the cross. The Church gave, and gives, total answers to total questions, and those answers were, and are, compelling. The Feast of Saint Agatha is still massively celebrated on February 5 in Catania, Sicily. Hundreds of thousands of faithful process through the streets in honor of that island's patron saint. The ancient traditions carry on.

St. Agatha is the Patron Saint of Nurses, breast cancer, victims of sexual assault, against fire and bellfounders.

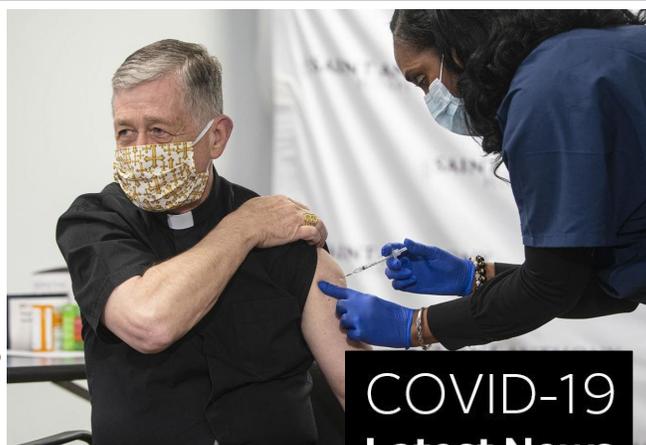
GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE

The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated families and communities around the world. Finally, there is hope in the form of vaccines that have been approved by the Vatican and deemed safe and effective by federal regulators.

As a faith community concerned about the sanctity of human life, the archdiocese encourages everyone to get vaccinated for the sake of their own health and the common good.

We join the voices of many who thank our dedicated health care workers, brave first responders and essential workers, including our Catholic school educators and staff, who report to work every day and provide stability and safety to our community. We owe it to them to get vaccinated.

To register for vaccination or to get more information about the vaccine, visit your local health department's vaccination website:



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City of Chicago: [Chicago.gov/COVIDvax.com](https://chicago.gov/COVIDvax.com)

Lake County: <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4521/COVID-19-Vaccine>

Cook County: <https://cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/covid-19/covid-vaccine/>

Or for more information, visit the CDC's website: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>

Lectio Divina

First Thursday of the month
beginning in
February 2021

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Zoom

To learn more or to register, contact Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB,
773.764.2413 x248 or pcrowley@osbchicago.org



Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

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Unscramble: Jesus Casts out a Demon

Sort out the letters to fill in the blanks.

Use the letters in the boxes to fill in the last row of boxes.

And immediately there was in their synagogue a
 ___ □ ___ (NMA) with an unclean spirit; and he cried
 out, "What have you to do with us,
 ___ ___ ___ □ ___ (ESSJU) of Nazareth? Have you come
 to ___ ___ ___ □ ___ ___ ___ (YDSETRO) us? I know who
 you are, the □ ___ ___ ___ (OYLH) One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and
 ___ □ ___ ___ (MEOC) out of him!"
 And the unclean ___ ___ ___ □ ___ ___ (TRSIPI),
 convulsing him and crying with a loud
 ___ ___ □ ___ ___ (IOCEV), came out of him.

And □ ___ ___ ___ (YEHT) were all amazed, so that
 they questioned among themselves,
 ___ ___ □ ___ ___ ___ (YSNIAG), "What is this? A new
 teaching!"

With □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ he commands
 even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

