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Roman Catholic Churches of St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Joseph



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

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Mass Schedule
at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

Confession
Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

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LENT

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**Lent is a time for deeper reflection, and surrender to God
through greater prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.**

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7 pm at St. Thomas Church.

Join us for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Mondays,
7-8 pm, during the Eucharistic Revival, with Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament with Exposition and Benediction.

Fasts and Abstinence during Lent: Catholics are urged to
reflect a spirit of penance in their lives especially through daily
acts of fast and abstinence. Persons aged 18 to 59 are obliged to
fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; only one full meal may
be taken on those days, two smaller meals (not equaling the full
meal) may be taken as well. Catholics aged 14 and older must
abstain from meat on those days, as well as on Fridays in Lent.

Help grieving children through Hospice Care. Our parish is
participating in a special ministry to children suffering the loss of
a family member. On February 24/25, parishioners will have the
opportunity to donate a box (each costs \$15) of items that are
used in specialized grief sessions for children aged 6-13.

We thank everyone for their contributions for a **family in need in
Ghana** who lost two children and their home in a fire — \$2,949
has been donated.

The Parish offers Mass the first Saturday of the month at 8:30 am
for the deceased who will be remembered in our **Perpetual
Mass Enrollment**. These Holy Souls will be included in the
prayers of the liturgy for a period of one year. The offering is \$30
and includes a leatherette memorial Mass folder. The next Mass
to be celebrated will be on March 2.

Knights of Columbus 7460 will have a **Lenten Fish Dinner** on
Friday, March 1, take out only, 5-7 pm. Price for a Flounder (1
piece) or Shrimp (7 pieces) or Fried Clam Dinner is \$11/each;
\$16 for a Combo of choice of 2 (1 piece fish/4 pieces shrimp/fried
clams). Dinners include coleslaw, potato salad, dinner roll, and
sauces. Also available... New England clam chowder and tomato
bisque for \$6 a bowl.

If you are in mourning for someone you have lost, you may wish
to join a faith-based **bereavement outreach**, which will meet on
six Saturday mornings, 9:30-11 am, beginning March 9. Contact
Sr. Mary Byrnes (845.527.2935, byrnes.srmay77@yahoo.com).



EMILY ROSE PITT
was baptized on
February 4, 2024.

CATECHESIS ON THE HOLY MASS:

Tell Your Own Sins!

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EAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Good morning! Resuming the catecheses on the Eucharistic celebration, let us consider today, in the context of the Introductory Rites, the Penitential Act. In its sobriety, it [is] the attitude ... [which prepares us] to worthily celebrate the holy mysteries... by acknowledging... that we are sinners. In fact the priest's invitation is addressed to the whole community in prayer, because we are all sinners. What can the Lord give to one whose heart is already filled with self-importance, with one's own success? Nothing, because a presumptuous person is incapable of receiving forgiveness, as he is satisfied by his presumed righteousness. Let us consider the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, where only the latter... returns home justified, that is, forgiven (cf. Lk 18:9-14). One who is aware of his own wretchedness and lowers his gaze with humility feels God's merciful gaze set upon him. We know through experience that only one who is able to acknowledge his mistakes and apologize receives the understanding and forgiveness of others.

Quietly listening to the voice of our conscience allows us to recognize that our thoughts are far from divine thoughts, that our words and our actions are often worldly, guided, that is, by choices contradictory to the Gospel. Therefore, at the beginning of Mass, as a community, we perform the Penitential Act through a formula of *general confession*, recited in the *first person singular*. Each one confesses to God and to his brothers and sisters to having "greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do". Yes, even in omissions..., in having neglected to do the good I could have done. We often feel that we are good because — we say — "I did no harm to anyone". In reality, it is not enough to refrain from doing harm to our neighbor; we must choose to do good... seizing opportunities to bear good witness that we are disciples of Jesus.... [Confessing] to being sinners *both to God and to our brothers and sisters*... helps us understand the dimension of sin which [separates] us from God..., and from our brothers and sisters.... Sin severs the relationship with God and it severs the relationship with brothers and sisters, relationships within the family, in society and in the community: sin always severs; it separates; it divides.

[Our] words... are accompanied by the *gesture of striking our breast*: ...I have sinned through my own fault and not that

of others. Indeed, it often happens that, out of fear or shame, we point a finger to blame others. It costs us to admit being at fault, but it does us good to confess it sincerely.... I remember an anecdote that an elderly missionary used to tell, of a woman who went to confession and started speaking about her husband's failings. Then she moved on to talk about her mother-in-law's failings and then the sins of her neighbors. At a certain point, the confessor said to her: "But, madam... Now start telling your own [sins]." Tell your own sins!

After the confession of sins, we ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Angels and Saints to pray to the Lord for us. In this too, the *communion of Saints* is valuable: that is, the intercession of these "companions and life examples" (cf. Preface of 1 November) support us on the journey toward full communion with God....

In addition to "I confess", the Penitential Act can be performed with other formulae, for example: "Have mercy upon us, O Lord, / for we have sinned against thee. / Show us thy mercy, O Lord, / and grant us thy salvation" (cf. Ps 123 [122]:3; Jer 14:20; Ps 85:8). Especially on Sundays, the blessing and sprinkling of water may be performed as a reminder of Baptism (cf. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 51), which washes away all sins. It is also possible, as part of the Penitential Act, to sing the *Kyrie eleison*: with the ancient Greek expression, we praise the Lord — *Kyrios* — and implore his mercy (*ibid.*, 52).

Sacred Scripture offers us luminous examples of "penitent" figures who, coming back into themselves after having committed sin, find the courage to take off the mask and open themselves to the grace that renews the heart. Let us think of King David and the words attributed to him in the Psalm: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my iniquity" (cf. 51 [50]:1-2). Let us consider the prodigal son who returns to the father: "God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Lk 18:13). Let us also think of Saint Peter, of Zacchaeus, of the Samaritan woman. Measuring ourselves with the fragility of the clay of which we are molded is an experience that strengthens us: as it makes us take account of our weakness, it opens our heart to invoke the divine mercy which transforms and converts. And this is what we do in the Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass.

(From Pope Francis' General Audience on 3 January 2018)

MASS INTENTIONS

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

Mon, Feb 26

8:30 +Marie O'Brien by Stephen and Amelia Fay

Tues, Feb 27: St Gregory of Narek

8:30 +Michael Byrnes by Dcn and Mrs John Pelella

Wed, Feb 28

8:30 +Muriel Froehlich by Rosemary & Tom Relyea

Thurs, Feb 29

8:30 +Alice Stachelski by Kathy Kissel

Fri, Mar 1: World Day of Prayer

8:30 CDA Liv/Dec Mbrs Court Rita #264 by CDA

Sat, Mar 2

8:30 +Perpetual Mass Enrollments by the Parish

4:30 +Olivia Bellini by Mary Ellen Modico;

+Rose Levy by Sal and Raffaella

Sun, Mar 3: Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 +Margaret and Jack Hickey by Hickey family

10:00 +Josephine and Gustave Angelo by Conti family

12:00 The People of the Parish

Two intentions will be accepted at the Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass. The Sunday Mass at noon will be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass: \$15.

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading I— Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Abraham passes God's test of him, and we witness a powerful sign of the obedience we should give God. Preparing to kill Isaac as ordered, his obedience is rewarded; the sword withdrawn, and a glorious reward is promised.

Reading II— Romans 8:31b-34

This section is a hymn to the love of God for us is made plain to see in the Father's willingness to hand over His Son to death for our redemption, now that same Son intercedes for us with the Father.

The Gospel— Mark 9:2-10

In the first part of this story Jesus is established as the beloved Son for all the world to know. In the second part, Jesus' obedient sonship is placed in the context of Jewish hopes about the kingdom and resurrection.

The Lent Reflections module from Word on Fire for Lent 2024 is now available on the parish website, stmariannecope.com. Visit it every day for Bishop Robert Barron's daily inspirations.

**March 3-5, 2024 at 7 pm
at St. Thomas Church**



I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say...

Matthew 28:19-20

A three evening exploration of the Sacrament of Baptism, and the call of Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) to share what Christ has done for us with others who need to know Him.



Fr. Erik Lenhart

Presenters:

Fr. Bob Phelps, O.F.M. Cap.

Fr. Erik Lenhart, O.F.M. Cap

Dan Walker, music minister

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