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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 10, 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

**St. Marianne Cope Outreach Ministry**  
[outreach@stmariannecope.com](mailto:outreach@stmariannecope.com)

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Contact the Parish Office with intentions.

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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.

**Reconciliation Monday: March 25.** All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 25, 2-4 pm and 6-9 pm.

**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.

**Bus to Pete McGovern's ordination!** We are anticipating Peter McGovern's ordination to the diaconate in St. Patrick Cathedral on Saturday, June 15 at 9 am. The parish has reserved a bus for parishioners. It will depart from the parish for the Cathedral at 6 am. The bus will leave the Cathedral for the parish at noon (arriving 2:30 pm). Cost per person is \$35.00. Make your checks payable to "St. Marianne Cope Parish" to reserve your seat!

**Welcome Fr. Andrew!** Father Andrew Nketiah has joined us for two months during his vacation. He comes from the Diocese of Sunyani in Ghana where is the pastor of Our Lady of Fatima in Sempa. In addition to his parish, he has three stations to visit. Father Andrew is one of ten children; his mother is 98 years old!

**Registration** for 2024-25 **Faith Formation classes** for children has begun. Classes begin in First Grade. Register now before classes fill up. For information, email Faith Formation Director Mary Ellen Tiernan at [metiernan@stmariannecope.com](mailto:metiernan@stmariannecope.com).

The **Prayer Shawl ministry** will meet on Monday, March 11 at 10:30 am in the St. Thomas old school building. New members welcome!

**Grief Box Donations:** \$4,522! Thank you! This will provide over 300 boxes to grieving children helped by Hospice Care.

The Knights of Columbus 7460's **Lenten Fish Dinner** is available every Friday, 5-7 pm, during Lent in the St. Thomas school gym.



**MATTHEW MICHAEL MORAN**  
was baptized on  
March 3, 2024.

# CATECHESIS ON THE HOLY MASS:

## Human Misery Meets Divine Mercy

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EAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Good morning! Over the course of the series of catecheses on the Eucharistic celebration, we have seen that the

Penitential Act helps us to strip ourselves of our presumptions and to present ourselves to God as we truly are, conscious of being sinners, in the hope of being forgiven.

It is in the *very encounter between human misery and divine mercy* that the gratitude expressed in the “Gloria” comes alive; “a very ancient and venerable hymn in which the Church, gathered together in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 53). The beginning of this hymn — “Glory to God in the Highest” — recalls the song of the Angels at Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem: a joyful heralding of the embrace between heaven and earth. This song also engages us, gathered in prayer: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will”.

After the “Gloria” or in its absence (*during Lent and Advent*), immediately following the Penitential Act, prayer takes on a particular form in the oration known as the “collect”, through which the very character of the celebration is expressed, with variations according to the days and time of the year (cf. *ibid.*, 54). With the invitation “let us pray”, the priest encourages the people to recollect themselves with him in a *brief silence*, so that they may be conscious that they are in God’s presence and so that all can formulate within their own heart the personal petitions with which they are participating in the Mass (cf. *ibid.*, 54). The priest says “let us pray” and then there is a brief silence, and each one thinks about the things they need, that they wish to ask for in the prayer.

The silence is not confined to the absence of words but rather to preparing oneself to listen to other voices: the one in our heart and, above all, the voice of the Holy Spirit. In the Liturgy, the nature of sacred silence depends on the moment in which it takes place: “within the Act of Penitence and again after the invitation to pray, all

recollect themselves; but at the conclusion of a reading or the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise and pray to God in their hearts” (*ibid.*, 45). Thus, before the opening prayer, silence helps us to recollect ourselves and to contemplate why we are there. This, then, is the importance of listening to our heart, so as to then open it to the Lord. Perhaps we have experienced days of toil, of joy, of pain, and we want to tell the Lord about it, to invoke his help, to ask that he be at our side; we may have relatives and friends who are ill or who are undergoing difficult trials; we may wish to entrust to God the future of the Church and the world. And this is the purpose of the brief silence before the priest; *collecting everyone’s petitions*, he expresses aloud to God, on behalf of all, the common prayer, which concludes the Introductory Rites by offering the “collect” of the individual petitions. I strongly recommend that priests observe this moment of silence and not rush: “Let us pray”, and let there be silence. I recommend this to priests. Without this silence, we run the risk of neglecting the recollection of the soul.

The priest recites this plea, this collect prayer, with outstretched arms. It is the prayerful manner practiced by Christians ever since the first centuries — as attested in numerous frescoes in the catacombs in Rome — to imitate Christ with his arms outstretched on the wood of the Cross. And there, Christ is both the One praying and also the Prayer! In the Crucifix, we recognize the Priest who offers God the worship He cherishes, namely, filial obedience.

Prayers in the Roman Rite are concise but rich in meaning. One can have beautiful meditations on these prayers. Very beautiful! Returning to meditate on these texts, even outside the Mass, can help us understand how to address God, what to ask and which words to use. May the Liturgy become for all of us a true school of prayer.

(From Pope Francis’ General Audience on 10 January 2018)

## MASS INTENTIONS

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph.

### Mon, Mar 11

8:30 +Marcie and Edward Clifford by Frances Clifford

### Tues, Mar 12

8:30 +Farrell Family and +Richard Cibirka by Jeanne Cibirka

### Wed, Mar 13

8:30 +Jean Accilli by Steve and Hannah Accilli

### Thurs, Mar 14

8:30 +Rev Robert Hilfiker by Kathy Kissel

### Fri, Mar 15

8:30 +Evelyn Hughes by Steve and Hannah Accilli

### Sat, Mar 16

8:30 +Horan family by Eileen Sweeney and family

4:30 +Vincent Ross by Ross family; +Dec Mbrs of the Hogan and Horan families by the families

### Sun, Mar 17: Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 +Owen Clerkin by Teresa and Frank Doogan

10:00 +Mary Rice by Rice 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Reading I — 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

A reflection on the evil of not paying attention to God's prophets compels the Israelites to endure a 70 year exile in Babylon.

### Reading II — Ephesians 2:4-10

St. Paul tells Christians that they can be identified with Christ in that they too will be enthroned with Him in heaven.

### The Gospel — John 3:14-21

The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus continues with a discussion about God sending His only Son to earth to bring light and love to the world.

**Word on Fire's Reflections for Lent** is now available on the parish website, [stmariannecope.com](http://stmariannecope.com). Visit it every day for Bishop Robert Barron's daily inspirations.

The **Amen Catholic Prayer App** is a free catholic prayer, meditation, and scripture app that can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

## HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE

### March 25 — Reconciliation Monday

Confessions will be heard at  
St Thomas of Canterbury Church  
2-4 pm and 6-9 pm

### March 28 — Holy Thursday

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm  
in the St Thomas old school building.

### March 29 — Good Friday

noon Family Stations of the Cross  
3 pm Liturgy of the Word  
7 pm Stations of the Cross

### March 30 — Holy Saturday

8 pm Easter Vigil Mass

### March 31 — Easter Sunday

8 am, 10 am, and noon Mass



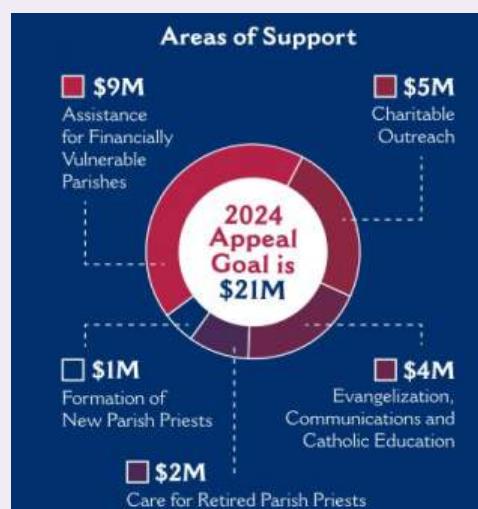
## The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

Visit [cardinalsappeal.org](http://cardinalsappeal.org) to donate.

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