

March 17, 2024 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Church of the Annunziata

Lent and Easter Schedule

Confessions

Saturday's from 3:30 – 4:45 pm

Sunday's of Lent following the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses

Good Friday following 7:00 pm service

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 2:30 pm

Good Friday at 12:00 Noon.

Triduum Services

Holy Thursday, March 28: (Chrism Mass 10:00 am at Cathedral Basilica)

Mass of Last Supper, March 28: 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service, March 29: 7:00 pm (Confessions following)

Holy Saturday Vigil, March 30: 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31 Masses: 9:00 & 11:00 am

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

All Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (Mar. 29) are days of abstinence (refraining from meat) for all Catholics from age 14 onwards. On these two days, fast, as well as abstinence, is also obligatory for those from the ages of 18-59. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

The Bishops of Missouri remind the faithful to remain alert and to continue to do what they can to safeguard the fundamental principles of the right to life. This means being active and informed citizens, guided by well-formed consciences.

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From Our Pastor . . .



Dear Parishioners:

As we draw near to our Holy Week I wanted to share some reflections on the Triduum services of Holy Week and extend an invitation to let these services be a time of prayer and reflection for all.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three-day period is referred to as the *Easter Triduum*, also known as the *Sacred Triduum*, or *Paschal Triduum*.

The word "triduum" comes from the Latin word *triduum*, which comes from *tris* ("three") + *dies* ("day"). Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins.

It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch), which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed—that same night the destroying angel "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those covered by the Blood were saved. This was the Old Testament prefigurement of Jesus' work at the Last Supper—where he inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb—and Calvary, where the sacrifice was offered to save us from our slavery to sin. With the Holy Eucharist, we consume the victim that died for our sins.

The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death, and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ. It is one marvelous event stretched out over three days.

In washing His disciples' feet on **Holy Thursday**, Jesus commissioned them in a new priesthood; in Holy Communion, He initiated their ritual sacrifice. His last words fell from the Cross on **Good Friday**, and with them, His last breath. The bare altar, stripped of its garments on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, stands for the naked Christ. The tabernacle, empty of His Real Presence in the Eucharist, signifies the missing Christ.

The celebration of the Easter Vigil tells the whole story of our salvation — from creation to resurrection and beyond. The Easter Vigil includes the lighting of the Easter Fire and Paschal Candle (the large candle that will be used throughout the year), the singing of the *Exsultet* (the Easter Proclamation), the expanded Liturgy of the Word that traces time through Salvation History (the story of our Salvation), the Liturgy of Initiation (where new people come into the Church), and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

All these rituals come together for one purpose: to remember and recall the saving deeds of our God on our behalf. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians that "if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). There would simply be no Christianity if Christ were not raised from the dead.

This realization makes the celebration of **Easter Sunday**, and every Sunday, so much the more joyful. The Alleluia that the Western Church buries on Ash Wednesday is once again intoned before the Gospel, and Easter joy abounds, all the sweeter for following the Lenten time of penance.

Lenten Blessings!
Msgr John Shamleffer

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Lt. Col. Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army
Major Courtney Collins, U.S. Army
LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy
Captain Molly Collins, U.S. Army
2nd Lt Norman B. (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S. Army
Major Patrick M. Cronin, U.S. Army
William Donovan, U.S. Air Force
CPL Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps
William Drakes, U.S. Air Force
John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy
Timothy Fox, Jr. S.O. 2, U.S. Navy
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Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy

Clare Lane, U.S. Air Force
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Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps
GySgt. Ryan Rittenhouse, U.S. Marine Corps
Master Sgt. Patricia Roddy, U.S. Marine Corps
Maj. Rommel L. Romero, U.S. Air Force
Chelsea Schaffer, U.S. Army
Frankie Schaffer, U.S. Army
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SSgt. Anthony J. Smith, U.S. Army
PFC. Nicholas Spangler, U.S. Army
SPC H. Meade Summers IV, U. S. Army
Major August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps
Major Candace R. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers
Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps



2024 Deacon Archdiocesan Diaper Drive

Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life office, have been collecting diapers for newborns, infants and toddlers as part of the annual diocesan-wide Pro-Life service project. Last year this effort yielded over 180,000 diapers. These are provided to local charities that aid individuals and families in an initiative that fights poverty and restores dignity.

If you have not yet contributed, it is not too late! Please consider adding the purchase of newborn, infant and toddler diapers to your shopping list. There is a particular need for larger diaper sizes 4, 5, 6. Your donations can be dropped in the designated collection area at the East Entrance of the Church. **The containers will be there through March 25th.** All donations will be coordinated and distributed by the Annunziata Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your help with this important project.

For those who have contributed, on behalf of the deacons of the Archdiocese, THANK YOU for your kindness and generosity.

Deacon Tom



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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment, usually on Sunday at noon.
Please call the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the Rectory for information.

Our warm

WELCOME *to all!*

*If you wish to join our Parish
Family, please contact the
Parish Office.*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a); Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

From Death to New Life



Betty Amato	March 17, 2018
Mary E. Carmen	March 17, 1986
John J. Griffin, Jr.	March 17, 2001
John Gregory Bartels, Sr.	March 18, 2001
George P. Whitelaw, Jr.	March 19, 1999
Ann N. Bowen	March 19, 2020
Bill Leber	March 20, 2014
Edward V. Longinotti	March 20, 1984
Ruth Peterman	March 20, 2014
Robert J. Yewell	March 20, 1986
Mary Eicher Cole	March 21, 2009
Richard Walsh Thornhill	March 23, 2012

Pray the Rosary

Monday thru Saturday
Immediately after the
7:00 a.m. Mass



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16

7:00 a.m. Swetonick Family
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Nancy M. Pool
11:00 a.m. Barbara Mahoney

Monday, March 18

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Gary M. Dunn
& Family

Tuesday, March 19

7:00 a.m. Charles Disbrow

Wednesday, March 20

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. John E. Simon, Sr.
& Family, Living & Deceased

Thursday, March 21

7:00 a.m. Eileen Beck

Friday, March 22

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Morrison

Saturday, March 23

7:00 a.m. Deacon Michael E. Sudan
5:00 p.m. Caroline Koettker

Sunday, March 24

9:00 a.m. Rosie McDowell
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish



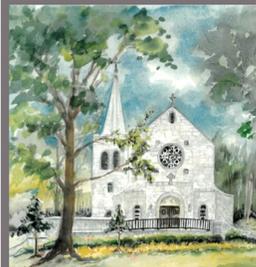
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