



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 8, 2020

MASSES ON THE LORD'S DAY

5:00 pm Sat (vigil) 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am (Mon-Fri) 8:00 am (Mon-Sat) 12:05 pm (Mon-Fri)

OPEN WEEKDAYS

6:30 am - 5:00 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Evening Prayer 4:30 pm (Sat)

OPEN SATURDAY/ SUNDAY

7:00 am - 6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

7:30–8:00 am (Monday through Friday)

3:30–4:50 pm (Sat) 9:00–9:50 am (Sun) 11:00–11:50 am (Sun)

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Following 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mass (Tues)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

3:30 pm-4:30 pm (Sat) 8:30 am-11:45 am (Every First Friday)

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson and the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis welcome you and hope that your time in our Mother Church may be an opportunity to share our faith and joy in Jesus Christ.

Please enjoy the beauty of this building dedicated to the glory of God and built for the inspiration of all who enter.

Public tours are available with volunteer guides Monday through Friday. Tours are also available Sundays after 1:00 pm, unless pre-empted by an afternoon event.

All visitors who are not of the Catholic faith are welcome to join us in prayer but not to receive Holy Communion. Reception of Holy Communion is a sign of unity of faith and full membership in the Catholic community. Together let us pray for the eventual unity of all believers.

If you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church or to become a member of the Cathedral Basilica Parish, please complete a registration card, available at the entrances the church.

All contributions to the Cathedral Basilica ministries and maintenance are sincerely appreciated. Gift Shop and Museum open 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS 314.533.7662

GIFT SHOP 314.373.8243

Mass Intentions

Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request. Every effort is made to accommodate times or dates as requested but when not possible, the intention will be kept as soon as there is an available opportunity. Requests for Mass intentions should be directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., March 8-2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. - Peter Dwyer

10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family

12:00 p.m. - Louis "Sonny" Seger

5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mon., March 9– St. Frances of Rome

7:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family

8:00 a.m. - Fannie Thorpe

12:05 p.m. - John McArthur, Sr.

Tues., March 10- Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Geoff Halliday

8:00 a.m. - Lauren Evans

12:05 p.m. - Linus Pottebaum

Wed., March 11- Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Aivyn Walker

8:00 a.m. - Sal Alatorre

12:05 p.m. - Lemoine and Grizelda Skinner

Thurs., March 12- Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Priest's Intention

8:00 a.m. - In Memory of Lloyd Taaffe III

12:05 p.m. - Helen Klunk

Fri., March 13- Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Priest's Intention

8:00 a.m. - Priest's Intention

12:05 p.m. - Priest's Intention

Sat., March 14– Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Jerome "JC" Fox

5:00 p.m. - James Mukkadan

Sun., March 15-3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. - Robert Cova

10:00 a.m. - Linus Pottebaum

12:00 p.m. - For the Parish Family

5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss



March 8, 2020

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners.

Last Sunday, we welcomed those throughout the Archdiocese who are to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter. I am so proud to relate to you that the Cathedral Basilica has 26 men and women who will be with us for the Easter Vigil. By comparison, the Cathedral Basilica has one of the largest groups in the Archdiocese. The preparation for these men and women now intensifies, and I ask that you remember them in your prayers.

This past week we completed the installation of four new Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) in the Cathedral Basilica. Defibrillators are devices that restore a normal heartbeat by sending an electric pulse or shock to the heart. They are normally used to restore the heart's beating if it suddenly stops. You will find these at the stairwells to the men and women's restrooms, and at the two entrances to the main sacristy. I would highly encourage you to familiarize yourself with the location of the AED's in the event of an emergency.

In addition, we are also in the process of training our staff in CPR. So far, we have 6 staff members certified by the American Red Cross. We will be holding another session to certify as many staff members as we can.

As many of your know, we suspended the reception of the Precious Blood at Mass when the outbreak of the Coronavirus occurred. In addition to this step, we are also taking extra precautions by purifying all vessels with soap and hot water before and after all Masses. All Holy Water fonts are cleaned and sanitized each week. There are other precautions we may need to take in the future, and these may impact the worship of our parishioners and visitors.

If things progress as expected, we will feel the Coronavirus in the St. Louis area. As a parish, we must look out for each other and, most especially, our elderly parishioners and those who live alone. If you know someone living alone, please reach out to them and check in on them. At present, I know that there is a lot of anxiety out there, and knowing that someone is there and someone cares can undoubtedly help to calm.

Let us not forget to pray for those affected by the outbreak. I also want to assure you that the priests of the Cathedral Parish will continue to provide all the sacraments and offer Mass for all the faithful.

Monsignor Henry Breier

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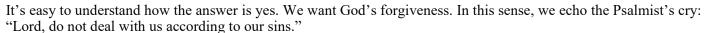
ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

BEFORE THE CROSS | God doesn't overlook our sins, because He wants to heal us

He is always ready to forgive our sins by going to the heart of them and doing something about them

Does God overlook our sins?

That's a complex theological question. Let's start closer to home: Do we want God to overlook our sins?



In order to understand how the answer is no, imagine going to a doctor. Do we want her to overlook our sickness? Imagine consulting with a coach. Do we want him to overlook our weaknesses as an athlete? Imagine asking a teacher for help. Do we want her to overlook the shortcomings of the paper we're writing?

No, in every case we want them to look squarely at our problems. Only by not overlooking them, in that sense, can they help us.

Fortunately, the readings this week tell us God fulfills both parts of our hope: God both does and does not overlook our sins.

In what sense does God not overlook our sins? We hear it in Psalm 50 as God addresses Israel: "When you do these things, shall I be deaf to it? ... I will correct you by drawing them up before your eyes." God doesn't ignore Israel's sins. In fact, this is why God sent prophets to Israel. He is ready and willing to pardon their sins. But He's not going to do it by pretending the sins don't exist.

Jesus provides another example in His approach to the Pharisees in Matthew 23. He says: "They preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen" and so on. Jesus does not ignore the Pharisees' faults. Rather, He trains His attention on them and names them for what they are.

In fact, this is true all through the Gospels. It's how Jesus approaches the man born blind, and the woman at the well who has had five husbands, and the prideful request of James and John to sit at His right and left, and the bickering of the disciples over who is the greatest. Whether the problem is physical, moral, or spiritual, Jesus doesn't ignore it. He goes after it — sometimes gently, sometimes sharply. He doesn't overlook problems precisely because He wants to heal them.

This is the very reason Jesus took on flesh and died on the Cross. He didn't overlook our sins. Rather, He looked squarely at them so He could go to the heart of them and do something about them.

Of course, God does overlook our sins in the sense of being willing to forgive them. We hear that when the Psalmist says: "The Lord is kind and merciful ... He pardons all your iniquities, He heals all your ills ... Not according to our sins does He deal with us." (Psalm 103) We hear it when the prophet Micah describes God as the one who removes guilt and pardons sins, who delights in clemency, who will have compassion on us, and who will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins (Micah 7). We see it in the ministry of Jesus.

What we hope for and who God is come together beautifully in the prophet Isaiah when he says: "Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord: though you sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool" (Isaiah 1). God doesn't overlook our sins. Instead, God is able to transform them — to transform us — into something glorious. That's our deepest hope.

If you're struggling to get your Lent started, open yourself up to the God who both does and doesn't overlook our sins.

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for March 9-15 and may be read in the print edition or at https://bit.ly/35ejOXr.





March 8, 2020

Archdiocesan Lenten Regulations

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." (Jn 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Universal Lenten directions are printed here in order that we may be reminded of what is expected of all Catholics for all the days of Lent.

- 1. **Abstinence from meat** (totally meatless days) is observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older (no upper age limit) on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.
- 2. **Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between 18 and 59. Those who are bound by this eat only one full meal; two smaller meals are taken to maintain strength according to each one's needs.
- 3. **Fasting** on other weekdays of Lent is not obligatory but recommended most strongly; if fasting is not observed, some other form of **self-denial is obligatory**, not from Church direction but from Christ's command.
- 4. **Prayer** is especially necessary to maintain the perspective of penance and to keep the motivation spiritual. Some substantial time should be given to prayer each day.
- 5. Almsgiving or charity is necessary to maintain and intensify the movement of the soul away from self-centeredness. A substantial donation of monetary funds and/or time and/or personal effort should be given to those in need.

Lenten Resources

Following are also a list of some resources available for Lent this year:

- Augustine Institute Formed: https://formed.org/
- Best Lent Ever daily reflections: https:// dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever
- Bishop Barron Word on Fire Lenten Reflections: https://www.lentreflections.com/
- USCCB: http://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/ liturgical-year/lent/index.cfm
- Archbishop's Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday, April 4 (details forthcoming).

Lenten Message from Pope Francis

The 2020 Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent is available for your prayerful consideration and response. Please visit the parish website at http://cathedralstl.org/special-events. During Lent, we pray with renewed fervor for ourselves, our families, and the Church; we hope this message provides inspiration in your spiritual preparation. Through the grace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, may we all be agents of the Father's mercy!

Stations of the Cross

A privileged devotion most frequently prayed in a public service during Lent is the **Stations of the Cross.** For centuries pilgrimage to the holy places in Jerusalem and a walking the path of Christ's carrying the cross to Calvary has been an esteemed devotion and penitential practice. In similar fashion the faithful have prayed at home at fourteen "stations of the Cross" erected on the walls of their parish churches. Join us for this powerful devotional prayer **every Friday evening of Lent at 7:00 p.m.**

Operation Rice Bowl

The effort known as **Operation Rice Bowl** has become a regular feature of Lent in Catholic homes throughout the United States. Families reduce substantially one meal eaten together to a very simple fare like soup and bread, then donate the money saved to the "rice bowl". At the end of Lent, all the "rice bowl" funds are collected through the parish and forwarded to the poor through **Catholic Relief Services.** "Rice bowls", instructions, and Lenten Calendars are available on the tables at each entrance.

Lent and Confession

All Catholics associate Lent with the Sacrament of Penance, Reconciliation, and Confession. Sometimes we put off going to Confession until the last minute depriving ourselves of a much richer Lent; indeed, a much richer life. Everyone is urged to make their Lenten confession early, during the first weeks of Lent. In that way, the richness of God's mercy may develop the full root and stem in Lent to blossom into a hardy and brilliant Easter joy.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering.

William H. Bachmann
Alex Burns
Sydney Cole
Sandy Dubuque
Alvin Griffin
Terri Reason
Teresita Sanchez
Sr. Patricia Sevik
Rita Sheftall
Rose Teran

Paula Littleton Willa Washington
Lenore Molloy Richelle Weisbrod
Janice Noack Mary Anne Work
Dorothy Quinn Betty Ytzaina

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the "culture of life". We find ourselves not only "faced with" but necessarily "in the midst of" this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life".

The Gospel of Life 28, Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

The House for Life

For the 40 Days for Life Campaign, the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity invite you to celebrate Mass at their convent, Our Lady of Guadalupe, at 7:00 am every Monday in March. Mass will be followed by Exposition until 11:00 am. Our Lady of Guadalupe is located directly across the street from Planned Parenthood. Please join them for Mass if you are able. You never know how much influence your prayers could have, so PRAY!

Pro-Life Mass

Remember to join us at the Cathedral Basilica on the third Saturday of each month for a pro-life Mass at 8:00 a.m., followed with a rosary procession to Planned Parenthood at Boyle and Forest Park. The next Mass is scheduled for **Saturday**, **March 21**.

Daily Readings for the Week...

The readings are included each week so that the parishioners who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Readings for the Week March 8, 2020 through March 15, 2020

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22

2 Tm 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-18 Ps 105:16-21

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19-26, 39, 40-42

AHC Lecture Series Begins

The Association of Hebrew Catholics is hosting a new lecture series by Dr. Larry Feingold entitled: **Touched by Christ: The Sacramental Economy.** Lectures will generally take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the Cathedral Rectory. The first lecture, "Why Do We Need Sacraments" is **this Sunday, March 8, at 3 pm.** If you are unable to attend one or more lectures, you may participate in live interactive video communications using your computer, tablet, or smart phone. Go to **www.hebrewcatholic.net** to register and for more info. You may also contact us at **ahc@hebrewcatholic.org** or 314-535-4242.

St. Patrick Casserole Program

Casseroles and other offerings collected by volunteers of the St. Patrick Casserole Program provides one week of dinners for the Women's Shelter, and one night of dinners for the Men's Alumni Club. The next collection will be **Thursday, March 12, at Boland Hall, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** For more information, please call Skip or Nicky Batchelor at 916-834-4843 or the rectory office at 314-373-8202.

STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

Coffee and Donuts

The Cathedral Parish Coffee and Donuts gathering is held each Sunday in Boland Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship today!



Above: Photos from February's Men of the Cathedral gathering. Watch for info on their next meeting scheduled for March 31!

Offertory					
Sunday Collection	03/01/2020				
Offertory	\$10,090.00				
Loose	2,464.00				
Ash Wednesday	3,199.00				
Catholic Education	351.00				
Black and Indian Missions	606.00				
Central and Eastern European Missions	267.00				
Other Misc. Collections	129.00				



Our Parish Sacramental Life is showing again!

Above: The Faleti family following the baptism of their daughter last weekend.

Below: The Newgent family at last weekend's Rite of Election Service, held for those preparing to be received into the Catholic church at Easter.



Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." (Gn 12:1)

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

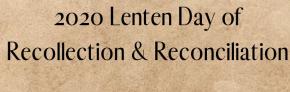
Easter Memorial Flowers and Lilies

The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn our church are a special part of the celebration of Easter at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. We invite parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by by filling out the form below. Donations toward the cost of Easter flowers in the Church may be made in memory or honor of family members and friends. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honor friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per remembrance. The names of all those being remembered will be printed in the parish bulletin on Easter Sunday and the week following Easter.

Please indicate in whose memory, or in whose honor, you wish the flowers to be dedicated. Completed forms and payment may be placed in an envelope and dropped into the weekend offertory baskets, OR mailed to: Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, c/o Memorial Lilies, 4431 Lindell Blvd, Saint Louis, MO, 63108.

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Order Deadline: Friday, April 3



with Archbishop Robert J. Carlson

Saturday, April 4, 2020

10:00 am -5:00 pm Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Day includes:

- · Two unique conferences presented by the Archbishop
- · Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- · Multiple opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- . Stations of the Cross and the Rosary
- · Celebration of the Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent at 5 pm

This special gathering, which also includes a hearty lunch for all, is FREE, however registration for lunch is kindly requested.

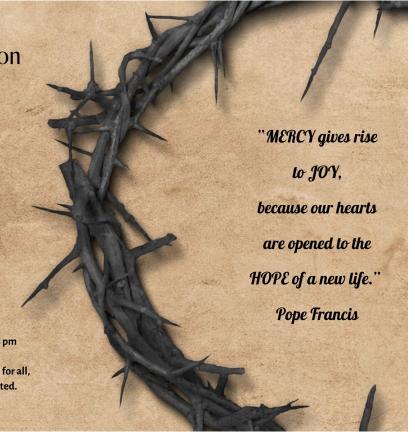
To register or for more information, please contact Mary Ann Fox at 314-373-8208

Redemptive Suffering

When St. Paul writes to Timothy that he should bear his share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God, he teaches us that Christian believers will face adversity and trials throughout their life. The Gospel is great news, but it certainly challenges us to achieve spiritual perfection and growth in becoming like Jesus Christ. Christ was transfigured in the presence of three apostles to show them that He came to transform suffering during earthly life, not to eliminate it altogether. During the season of Lent, how may Christ be calling us to sacrifice for His sake and bear our burdens and sufferings as He did? For more, visit archstl.org/live-the-faith.

Cathedral Tours

Tours of our beautiful church are offered following the noon Mass on Sunday, and at various times during the week (pending other events). To book your group tour, please call 314-373-8242.



Anima Christi Young Adults

All young adults interested in growing the fellowship of our young adult community are invited to the next young adult gathering scheduled for **Thursday**, **March 12**. We begin with dinner at 6 pm in Boland Hall, followed by Holy Hour and confessions in the church at 7 pm (enter through the west door by the playground), and concluding back in Boland Hall with dessert and fellowship at 8 pm. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another. For more information, please e-mail **AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com**.

Annual Acies for Legion of Mary

All active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary are invited to attend the annual Acies, a time to reaffirm your commitment to the Legion. This year's Acies will be held on **Sunday, March 22**, at 1:00 pm at St. Matthias the Apostle Church, 796 Buckley Road (63125).



	Liturgical Ministers March 14-15, 2020								
	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers				
5:00 p.m. (Sat)		Elizabeth Abraham Kevin Reese		Doug Weber Joseph Brewer Matthew Brewer	Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Robert Sutter Luke Koebbe				
8:00 am	No Cup Ministers This Weekend	Pat Harper Brian Ragen	Brian Ragen Willie Stevens	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly Pat McAllister	Dave Meyer Michael Held Tom Doyle Frank Snyder				
10:00 am	No Cup Ministers This Weekend	Mike Roth Sr. Mary Kathleen	Pat Harper	Brak Welby Thomas Jackson Simon Blanner John-Paul Blanner	Victor Stuart Barb Murray Ana Anita Atok Liz Ballman Susan Metheny				
12 Noon	No Cup Ministers This Weekend	Mary Ann Cheng Barb Murray		Henry Foppe George Foppe August Foppe	Kenneth Brandl Rebecca Brandl LaWanda Reason Jerry Danekas				
5:00 pm	Skip Batchelor Nicki Batchelor	John Stith Phoebe Del Castillo		Greg Hitchler Nicholas Kenneback	Willie Kelsey Charlie Hapke Pat McCann				

Parish Information

Registration in Parish

To join our parish, please fill out a registration card (found at entrances to church) or contact the parish rectory at 314-373-8202.

ON LINE GIVING is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, or lap top, or tablet. Simply access the Cathedral web site (www.cathedralstl.org), click on the bright red DONATE button, and follow the easy instructions to set up your secure account and authorize your contributions to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the date you specify.

Baptism of Infants

Parents requesting Baptism should be registered members of the parish. To schedule baptisms or register for baptismal preparation classes for parents or godparents, contact Laura Voegelie at 314-373-8202.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

For persons interested in becoming Catholic, contact the parish rectory at 314-373-8202.

Anointing of the Sick

Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with serious illness may request this sacrament by calling the rectory at 314-373-8202.

Vocations to Christian Marriage

Couples planning to marry at the Cathedral Basilica may contact Mary Ann Fox at 314-373-8208.

Vocations to Holy Orders and Consecrated Life

Those who feel called to this life are invited to call the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 314 -792-6460.

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