



# Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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## March 3, 2024 † 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Sunday, Mar. 3, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – St. Cunegunda, Emp.**

*Pro Populo*

**Mon., Mar. 4, No Mass in Springs – Feria (St. Casmir, C)**

*Private Intention (Debbie Vigil)*

**Tues., Mar. 5, No Mass in Springs –Lenten Feria (St. John Joseph of the Cross, C)**

*RIP Tom, Marilyn, and Jeff Soisson*

**Wed., Mar. 6, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – Ss. Perpetua and Felicitas, Mm**

**LENTEN TALK, STATIONS 6:30pm**

*RIP Tom, Marilyn, and Jeff Soisson*

**Thurs., Mar. 7, HOLY MASS 11:15 am – St. Thomas Aquinas, CD**

**CHILDREN'S RETREAT 8:15am**

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**Fri., Mar. 8, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – St. John of God, C**

**Stations of the Cross 2:00pm**

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**Sat., Mar. 9, No Mass in Springs – St. Frances of Rome, W (St. Dominic Savio, C)**

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**Sunday, Mar. 10, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – Laetare Sunday**

*Pro Populo*

### Serving Schedule:

**Sun., Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Anthony Kosovich, Joseph Fries

**Wed., Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>:** Alexander & Jude Vigil      **Wed. 6:30pm:** Eric, Steven, & Anthony Kosovich

**Fri., Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> 8am:** Joseph Fries, John Fries      **2pm:** Andrew Fries, Toby Vigil, Hugo Vigil

**Sun., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>:** Steven Kosovich, Anthony Vigil

**Sun., Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>:** Anthony Vigil, Joseph Fries

*Jesus, salvation's Sun Divine, within our inmost bossoms shine; with light all darkness drive away, and give  
the world a better day! - Breviery*

**Confessions:** Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass      **Tues. & Wed. – 7:30 am**      **Thurs. - 2:00pm**

**Ending Hymn:** Glory Be to Jesus      Pg.34      #21

**Catechism Classes:** No classes today

**Blessing of Religious Articles:** Third Sunday of the month immediately following Mass

**Wednesdays of Lent:** 6:30pm Lenten Talk, Stations of the Cross

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Arlin Wertish, the Slusher Family, Gabriel Trujillo, Pauline Buonocore, Maria Allie, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Joshua Potts, Cynthia Bernard, Miller Family, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, Tom Gallegos, RIP Charles Lambrecht and family, RIP Jose Raul Flores, RIP Frances Kwitek, RIP Susan Walz, RIP Malachai Miller, RIP Matias & Ben Trujillo, RIP Richard Micklich and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this prayer list.)

**CHILDREN'S RETREAT:** this Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Fliers are available in the back of Church with the details. We'll take the kids to Nancy Lewis Park for some fun after the retreat.

**SPRING CLEANING:** Please volunteer for larger cleaning projects on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

**IRISH POTLUCK** : will be held after Mass on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>! There will be live entertainment, blarney stones and Irish soda bread! Please bring an Irish dish to share!

**COLLECTIONS TOTALS for FEBRUARY:** 2-4 \$1094; 2-11 \$819; 2-18 \$1080; 2-25 \$1831.

**EASTER LILIES:** a second collection will be taken today to cover the cost of Easter Lilies and fresh flowers for Holy Thursday's Mass and Altar of Repose!

### **Excerpts from The Season of Lent by Bishop Mark Pivarunas**

*The second aspect of Lent to be considered is the evil of sin – both original sin and actual sin. Sin is defined as any thought, word, deed, desire, or omission forbidden by the law of God. When our first parents, Adam and Eve, sinned, they grievously offended Almighty God. For although their act of eating of the forbidden fruit was a finite act in itself, their offense was against an Infinite Being – God. This offense not only deprived them and their offspring of the preternatural gifts, the consequences of which were ignorance, suffering, death and a strong inclination to sin, but also and most importantly, deprived Adam and Eve and their offspring of that most precious of gifts – sanctifying grace – by which man shares in the very life of God within his soul. St. Paul says: “By one man sin entered into the world, and by sin death, and so death passed upon all men, in whom all have sinned” (Rom 5:12).*

When man commits sin, especially mortal sin, he also offends the Divine Majesty and inflicts spiritual injury to his soul (spiritual death in the case of mortal sin). It was to atone for the sins of mankind that Jesus Christ sacrificed His life on the Cross.

If we would truly appreciate the sufferings and death of Our Lord, we need to seriously meditate on the Passion. One of the means to accomplish this is to consider the sacred image of Christ Crucified as seen on the Holy Shroud of Turin. This blood-stained linen accurately identifies the wounds inflicted on Our Lord according to the Holy Gospels.

We can see for ourselves the multiple marks of the scourges across His Sacred Body, the wounds caused by the thorns circling His Head, the marks of the nails in His Hands and Feet, and finally, the large wound in His Sacred Side.

The great tragedy in our times is that the majority of mankind lives as if there were no God, no Commandments, no such thing as sin. But let us not look at the majority of mankind – let us look at ourselves. When we have the misfortune to commit sin, we cannot claim ignorance. Our Lord cannot say of us as He said of His executioners:

*“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!” (Luke 23:34).*

As we begin our solemn preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord – the greatest feast of the entire ecclesiastical year – let us join to our prayers, meditations and spiritual readings, the wholesome penance of fast and abstinence. Those who are not obliged to fast should take on some special sacrifice that will be particularly mortifying to their fallen human nature, which is so inclined to sin.

Finally, as we do penance during this season of Lent, let us remember the words of Our Lord to His followers:

*“When you fast, be not as the hypocrites, sad. For they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Amen I say to you, they have received their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head and wash thy face. That thou appear not to men to fast, but to thy Father Who is in secret: and thy Father Who seeth in secret, will repay thee” (Matt. 6:16-18).*