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March 7, 2021  
Third Sunday of Lent

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SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. March 8	7:30am	†Vito Dydas
Tue. March 9	7:30am	†Samuel Faggen
Wed. March 10	7:30am	†George Baker
Thu. March 11	7:30am	†Mary Pat Mahoney
Fri. March 12	7:30am	†Helen Spiewak
Sat. March 13	8:00am	†Deceased members of the Gallik Family †Sophie Nowacki
	5:00pm	†Geraldine Copely †Frank Smoczynski
Sun. March 14	7:30am	†Debra Kowalski †Deceased members of the Walsh & Barrett Family
	11:15am	†Arthur & Doris Buchholtz

## Generations of Giving

### Contributions for the Week of February 28, 2021

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$9,222.66
Online Giving.....	\$6,477.51

## St. Mary School Fundraiser

On Friday, April 16, St. Mary Home & School Association will be our annual Titan Tribute. This year the event will be completely virtual. The goal is to raise funds for our school curriculum & enrichment and to develop the resources that teachers need to educate the students.

Community support is crucial to the success of our event. We would like to invite you to donate an item for our raffle or auctions, or to consider make a monetary donation. Anything you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like more information or donate an item, please contact the fundraising committee chairperson, Barbara Kaminski at 773-230-8807 or email [barbaramc123@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaramc123@yahoo.com).

## Weekday Mass (Live streamed)

Monday - Saturday morning 7:30am,  
En Espanol: 9:00am

## Sunday Masses

† 5:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation  
† 7:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation  
(Espanol)

† 7:30 am  
† 11:15 am  
† 1:00 pm (Espanol)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

† Tuesday: 6:00 pm  
† Saturday: 4:00 pm

Other Times By Appointment: Please call the Rectory.

## Holy Day Masses

Times will be posted in the bulletin

## Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday from 5:45—7:00pm

## Sacrament of the Sick

If you or a loved one are going to have major surgery or are seriously ill and would like to receive the grace and healing of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

## Parish Registration

New parishioners are most welcome. Please call the Parish Office during regular office hours.

## Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for information and registration.

## Wedding Dates

Must be reserved at least six months ahead.

## RCIA (Adult Initiation)

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the RE Office at 847-888-2718.

## Bulletin Notices

Must be submitted by Monday noon, one week prior to event.

## Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is currently open by appointment only

## Casa Roja (114 Gifford St.)

1:00pm - 5:00pm (Lunes - Viernes)

“Faith is to believe  
what you do not  
see. The reward of  
faith is to see what  
you believe.”

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

# MASS SCHEDULE



## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm in the church. Please enter through the parking lot doors. Reservations are not necessary.

- Daily Mass, Monday - Friday, is livestreamed & in person at 7:30am & **Saturday morning at 8:00am**. Weekend Mass will be celebrated on Saturday evening at 5:00pm, Sunday morning at 7:30am & 11:15am.
- Due to the limited capacity for our weekend Masses, we are asking you to sign up online for a Mass time. To register visit our website: [stmaryelgin.org](http://stmaryelgin.org), scroll down to the "signup.com button." Click and register! Please sign up before Noon on Saturday. If you are not able to register online, please call the Parish Office. For the Daily Masses we will be taking information at the door.

## Masses Are Live Streamed Daily!

St. Mary Mass will continue to be livestreamed. There are a couple of ways to watch;



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## St. Vincent DePaul - Special Talents

For the past 4 weeks, we have told you a bit about each of our volunteer areas - Home Visitors, Phone Volunteers, Food Pantry, and Occasional Helpers. But perhaps you have an expertise that we are not currently utilizing.

Are you a CPA who would offer to audit our books annually? Are you in Marketing with the knowledge of how we can get the word out to both parishioners and those in our community? Maybe you are an IT expert who would show us the benefits of a website. Are you a leader who can help guide us? Perhaps you are someone who likes keeping financial books or recording minutes at meetings. If you have ideas or suggestions that can help the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Mary Church, please let us know.

Contact Marge LaBrot at 630-414-1115

or [margelabrot@gmail.com](mailto:margelabrot@gmail.com). Or join us at a Zoom meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30pm. We would love to meet you.

## Readings for the Week

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

In six days the LORD made the heavens  
and the earth,  
the sea and all that is in them;  
but on the seventh day he rested. (Ex 20:11)



## PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.  
(Ps 19)



## SECOND READING

For the foolishness of God is wiser  
than human wisdom,  
and the weakness of God is stronger than  
human strength. (1 Cor 1:25)



## GOSPEL

"Destroy this temple and in three days  
I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple. The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

## From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parish Families,

As we are now at the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent and with some signs of spring in the air, let us talk a little bit about Easter and what will happen here at St. Mary this year.

For Palm Sunday, the Bishop is allowing palms to be distributed this year – hurray! However, they will be distributed as people leave the Church. We have ordered some and they will be available.

For Holy Thursday, there will be no washing of feet. If we wish to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament afterwards, the guidelines are quite complicated and will require volunteers to usher and clean on a rather constant basis. Easter is a time we generally have a harder time getting volunteers due to some schools having later Spring Breaks and family travel. My inclination is to not have adoration this year, as Binsfeld Hall is currently being used for a classroom for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Congestion in our Atrium areas is another consideration due to one Mass ending and another Mass that will be preparing to start, with cleaning and such in between.

On Good Friday, we are not to have individual adoration of the Cross. Only the priest celebrant will adore the Cross. The Bishop wants everyone else to adore from the pew by kneeling, genuflecting or bowing in silence. There will be no procession forward to venerate. If you wish you may want to bring your own crucifix to kiss and reverence as a family.

Our plan this year is to have the Easter Vigil at **6pm** in English, which is earlier than we would like, due to needing a second Easter Vigil in Spanish, which will be at **8:30pm**. We are having two Easter Vigils for two reasons. One, so we can have more capacity and, Second, so we can have a shorter liturgy. Covid-19 considerations both for social distancing and for length of exposure call for simplifying the Easter Vigil this year. Having two separate Easter Vigils will allow those receiving Easter Sacraments to have some family and friends present and also to allow some members of the larger Parish to be in attendance.

The Easter Vigil will be simpler. Normally, this Mass is over 2 hours long; this is far too long during a pandemic. Generally, we are trying to keep Sunday Mass under an hour. We still cannot do the Vigil under an hour, but we will strive to reduce the time as much as decorum and beauty allow. We have 2 to Baptize and around 13 to Confirm. Perhaps by the end of April things will improve regarding Covid-19, but we want to plan for safety at this point.

By the way, we will have our Easter Food Blessing this year on Holy Saturday at 10am.

Easter Sunday will have Masses offered in English at **7am, 9am** and **11:15am**. Spanish will have Mass at **1pm** and **3pm**. We will open up the reservation system that you are used to 10 days before. By keeping reservations proximate to Easter, we hope people will actually know their Easter plans when they make their reservations. We had quite a few no-shows for Christmas, which was disappointing. People did not cancel their reservations when their plans changed. The Bishop has directed we still not have holy water in our hand fonts, but we will be able to do a sprinkling rite to renew our Baptismal commitments.

This is the deal as we see it right now. As I scheduled a 9am Mass for Easter, it made me wonder when I should bring that back every Sunday. Some considerations for you to think about with me – if we start a 9am Mass again, will we simply be having the same group of people now spread over 3 Sunday Masses instead of two? Would we have enough volunteers to sustain a third Sunday Mass? Would we have enough cantors/singers, lectors and Extraordinary Minister for Holy Communion if we offered a third Sunday Mass? When would we hold Baptisms? Further, we need time to sanitize the church and restrooms between Masses. All of this might mean permanently moving the 7:30am Mass up to 7am sharp. Could we get cantors/singers to sing even earlier? Would Father Kuhn even wake up in time? Some things to think and pray about with me.

May God bless you all, Fr. Chris Kuhn

## Virtual Baby Bottles For TLC

This year due to the Pandemic, TLC Pregnancy is offering a virtual “Baby Bottle Campaign.”

To participate go to <https://tlcpregnancyservices.com>, click on the Baby Bottle Campaign, click “Give” scroll down to find St Mary church, click “Give and Fill” and add your donation amount, you can do this anytime during the year.

If you prefer to mail a check, send it to TLC Pregnancy Services 825 Dundee Ave Elgin, IL 60120, put St Mary-Baby Bottle in memo section.

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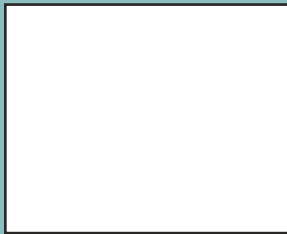
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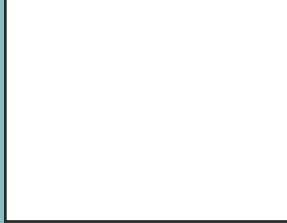
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