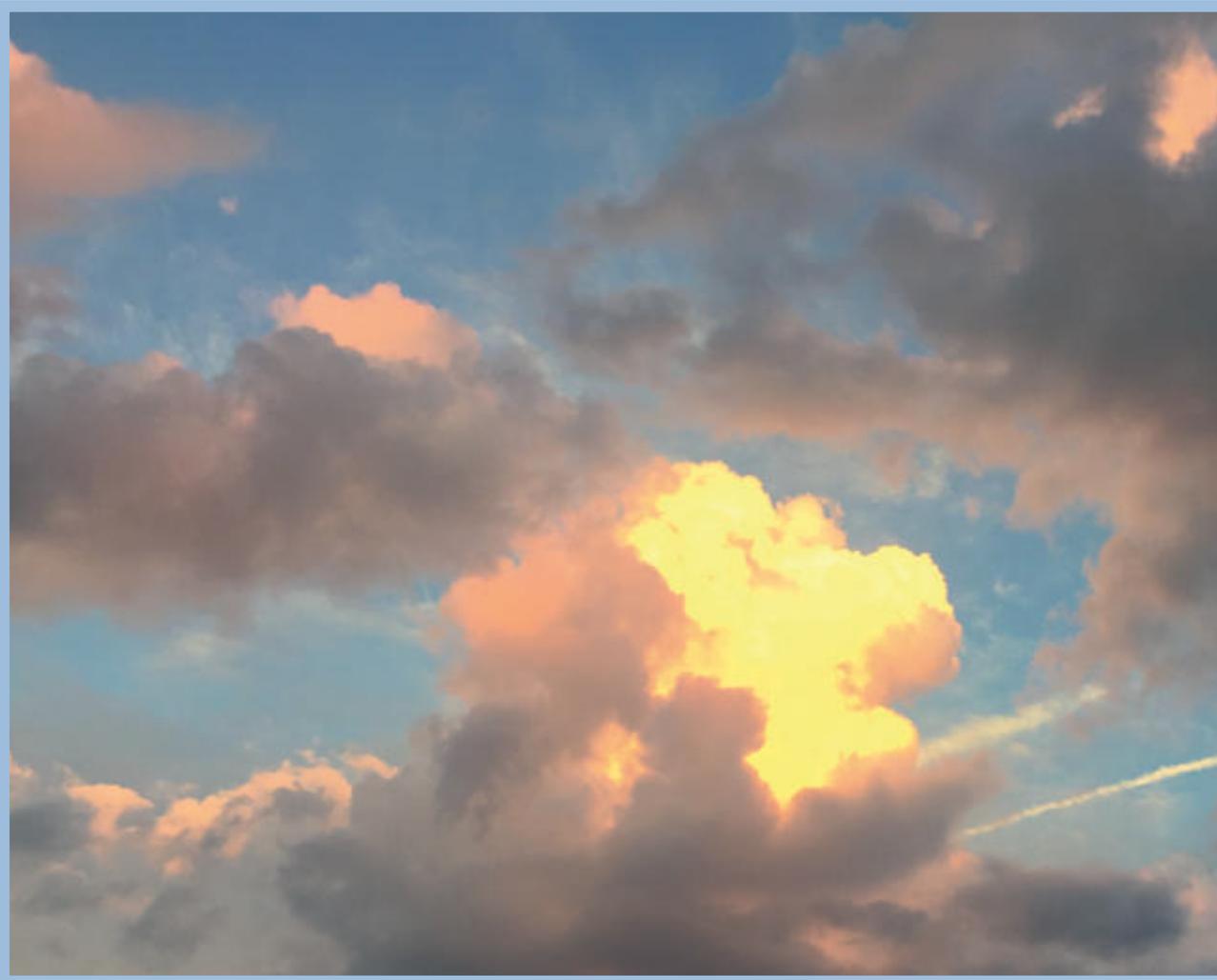


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Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;
then from the cloud came a voice,
“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”
Mark 9:7

February 28, 2021 2nd Sunday of Lent



From our Pastor

On Friday we walked the Stations of the Cross, it is a beautiful devotion for reflecting upon what Jesus suffered for love of us. This time we used a reflections written by Venerable Fulton Sheen. He has such

moving reflections that it is really too much to take it all in.

Today I want to take you through Sheen's reflections on Christ's three falls that he connects to the three temptations Christ faced in the wilderness.

In Christ's Peace, *Fr. Matthew*

The Third Station-Jesus Falls the First Time

Three times Our Savior was tempted on the mountain, and three times He fell on the way to the mountain of Calvary. Thus did He atone for our three falls to the temptations of the flesh, the world, and the devil.

After fasting forty days in the desert, Our Blessed Lord was hungry. Satan tempted Him first on the part of the flesh, by asking Him to do the natural thing when hungry, namely, to use His power and command that the stones be turned into bread. But the Master retorted that the food which satisfies the longings of our heart comes not from the flesh, but from the Spirit of God.

Many times I, too, have been tempted to give way to the demands of my lower nature when the spirit should have been served. But, unlike my Master, I fell by consenting to the promptings of the flesh instead of the urges of Grace, and by doing that which is natural when I should have done that which is supernatural. And alas! I have found it always true, that giving way to lower impulses has made me hungry, and that upon the bread of lower desires, no man can live.

Let us pray:

When my frame rocks beneath the power of Satan, and my flesh is buffeted by the tempter, seal my senses and keep me mindful that my body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and that only the clean of heart shall see You, O God! Grant then, that by the merits of this fall under the Cross, I may be saved from falls of the flesh not by bread made from stones, but by the Flesh made from the Bread of Life.

Seventh Station-Jesus Falls the Second Time

In the second temptation on the mount, the devil asked Our Blessed Lord to abandon Himself wholly to God and to take no care or thought of Himself, saying: "Cast Yourself down, for the angels will bear You up." But the Savior answered: "You shall not tempt the Lord, Your God," reminding Satan that God never saves us against our will, but only when we cooperate with His grace.

This temptation came not from the flesh, but from the world, which so many times has said to me: "Cast yourself down on the rocks of sin; abandon thyself to God; God is Merciful; He will bear you up; there is plenty of time for repentance - God will take care of you." And many times I, unlike the Master, have succumbed to such whisperings and sinned by presumption, then made a half-hearted resolution to amend, and fell again.

Let us pray:

Dear Savior, by this, Your second fall, You did atone for my excessive love of the world, and the many times I abused Your mercy and goodness as an excuse for sinning again. By lifting Yourself up again, You have merited the grace of lifting me up once more and continuing the journey with You to Calvary. Free me from the spirit of the world. Let me see that it profited me nothing to gain the whole world and lose my immortal soul. You have told me that the world will always hate me if I love You, and so when it is bitterest in its

scorns, I ask that I may be consoled by the memory that it has hated You before me.

Ninth Station-Jesus Falls the Third Time

The third temptation on the mount was the temptation, not of the flesh or the world, but of the devil himself, asking Our Blessed Lord to fall down and adore him, promising He would be given all the kingdoms of the earth. But Jesus said to him: "Begone, Satan, for it is written: 'The Lord Your God shall You adore, and Him only shall You serve.'"

There have been countless occasions in my life when I exchanged the priceless treasure of Your grace for the toy of some passing pleasure. Unlike Christ, I have believed the devil's lies, and bartered eternity for time, peace for remorse, and the freedom of the children of God for the terrible slavery of sin. And each time I have learned that whereas Satan promises the pleasure of his kingdom, he actually gives only his barren desert of unhappiness and pain.

Let us pray:

Many times, dear Jesus, I promised You, after having fallen by the flesh and the world, I would never fall again. This, Your third fall, dear Jesus, is a witness that I have fallen by the snares of the devil, but by rising again You have given me another pledge of hope. You have taught me now that there are two classes of people in the world: those who fall and stay down, and those who fall and get up again. By this third fall, You have purchased for me the grace of rising again. Never let me fall again. The devil would give the world to have my soul; You are giving Your very life for it. Therefore, dear Jesus, it must be worth saving! O Lord, help me save it.

The full text can be found at <https://catholicsaints.info/the-way-of-the-cross-by-venerable-fulton-john-sheen/>



Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, March 3 in church from 1:00PM-7:00PM

"I adore You, my Eucharistic God. You are there exposed in the ostensorium [monstrance]. The rays are the rays of Your love for me, for each individual soul. If it wasn't for Your love, I would be in hell. I return You thanksgiving through Mary, through St. Joseph, through all the Apostles, Martyrs, Virgins and Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in heaven. And lastly, I thank You through the sacred host on all the altars throughout the world."
St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955)

We invite you to stop by and spend some time with God.



Spiritual Adoption

I am one month old now. Though I am very tiny, weighing less than a paper clip and measuring about one inch, I have a heart pumping my blood. I have a backbone and my gender is determined. Please remember to pray for me and my mom and dad every day. *"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.*

I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

-Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

LENT 2021

Daily Mass	Monday-Friday, 7:00AM Tuesdays, 7:00PM
Adoration and Benediction	Wednesdays, 1:00PM-7:00PM
Stations of the Cross	Fridays-2:30PM and 7:00PM
Confessions	Wednesdays-7:30AM-8:00AM Saturdays 4:00PM-4:50PM Sundays 8:00AM-8:50AM Tuesdays at 12:00PM in Church
Prayer Service & Rosary	
Consecration to St. Joseph-	Now through March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph
Parish Mission-March 21, 22 and 23 in church-6:30PM	Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry! Fr. Matthew will speak on these timeless themes from Padre Pio
Be Reconciled Confession Day-March 24, 7:30AM-9:00AM and 12:00PM-8:00PM	



Pope Francis @Pontifex February 20

May the example of so many doctors and healthcare workers who have risked their life to the point of losing it due to the pandemic move us to feeling truly grateful for how generously, and sometimes heroically, they carry out their profession.



Excerpts from
**MESSAGE OF HIS
HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR LENT 2021**



“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18)

Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love

“In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.”

“Fasting, experienced as a form of self-denial, helps those who undertake it in simplicity of heart to rediscover God’s gift and to recognize that, created in his image and likeness, we find our fulfilment in him. In embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and accumulate the treasure of a love both received and shared. In this way, fasting helps us to love God and our neighbour, inasmuch as love, as Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches, is a movement outwards that focuses our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 93).

“To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord’s word to his Servant, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you” (Is 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.”

“Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society” (Fratelli Tutti, 187).

“Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.”

Visit www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len.html for the entire text.

Make it a point everyday to pray for someone.	Fast from negative criticism.	Provide some food for Hesus House ➔
Prayer	Fasting	Almsgiving

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Sunday Envelopes....\$7,270.00
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Help save lives by praying, fasting and community outreach for an end to abortion in our community.
For more information visit: 40daysforlife.com



Pray the Rosary
•Please pray the Rosary with us in church during our Prayer Service on Tuesdays at Noon
•Our intention this week is for a good week of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God’s voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things.
First, there is God’s call. We become attuned to the echo of God’s voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God’s presence. God’s call came through a cloud, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” This is the call and the request.
Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?

 **Can you help St. Joseph Parish provide dinner at Hesus House next Sunday, March 7?**
Go to Sign Up Genius at:
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Tuesday (\$50) Feb 23.....#1361.....	Debbie and Mike Boyle
Wednesday (\$50) Feb 24....#1052.....	Don Clemen
Thursday (\$50) Feb 25.....#349.....	Jim Mathew
Friday, (\$50) Feb 26.....#1805.....	Terry Odien
Saturday, (\$100) Feb 27.....#617.....	Patty Perrotta

MANNA NOTES-Oberweis and Colonial are no longer part of the program. We have \$40 of Oberweis cards left and we don't have any Colonial cards left.
Just a few reminders
-Inventory is restocked on the first and third Sundays of the month when we fill the white sheet orders.
-If ordering large amounts of anything please let us know so we can plan for it.
-Please include a phone number with your email order so that we can contact you via phone if we have a problem with filling your order.
-Pick up time is Thursday evenings 6-6:30 PM. Indicate in your email if you plan to pick up your order from the Parish Center Thursday afternoon or on Friday during office hours.
-Advance notice: No MANNA on April 1st, Holy Thursday
-Orders due by 9:00AM Wednesdays via email.
-Check only-No cash accepted. Pick up Thursdays 6:00PM-6:30PM in front of the Parish Center.
Questions? Contact Judy Fullmer 630-542-4645 or email her at stjoeauroramanna@gmail.com

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MASSES-See right column of this page

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Perfect Contrition-Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving Sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by votum confessionis, that is, by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (cf. CCC, no. 1452)

Perfect contrition means a sorrow for sin out of love for God. It does not mean being "perfectly sorry." Perfect contrition is sorrow for sin out of love for God and His goodness, whereas imperfect contrition (while still a gift of God) is sorrow for sin due to a fear of hell, judgment and punishment. CCC 1452-1453) Catechism of the Catholic Church

Have a cordial respect for others in heart and mind; if there is any prejudice in the mind we must uproot it, or it will tear us down." St. Katharine Drexel

All Masses are opened to 30% of church capacity
(approximately 150 people) No reservations required
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, March 1

7:00AM Live stream-Henry Garcia by the Family

TUESDAY, March 2

7:00AM Live stream-Brett Deiter by Rod Thill

7:00PM Live stream-Diane Bloom by the Harry Bloom Family

WEDNESDAY, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

7:00AM Live stream-The Cielsa Family by Bob and Anne Weber

THURSDAY, March 4, St. Casimir

7:00AM Live stream-Donato Garza by Marian Moore

FRIDAY, March 5

7:00AM Live stream-Lillian Kramer by the Kramer Family

SATURDAY, March 6

5:00PM Live stream-George and Elaine Blatner by Christine Piko

SUNDAY, March 7, 3rd Sunday of Lent

9:00AM Live stream-Dolores and Steve Miklosik by the Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE MEMORIAL

The week of February 28 the sanctuary candle is burning in memory of the Poor Souls in Purgatory requested by Val Bohr

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11, 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/
Jn 2:13-25/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

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Rosary-Contact at 630-896-0831 or visit rosaryhs.com

Act of Spiritual Communion

is a beautiful and praiseworthy tradition to recite an act of spiritual communion when one is unable, for whatever reason, to receive Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
Saint Alphonsus Ligouri.





The Transfiguration of Jesus Mark 9:2-10

“After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice,

“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

The Coming of Elijah.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.”



St Katharine Drexel-March 3

Born to a wealthy Philadelphia family in 1858, Katharine learned that great wealth comes with great responsibility to help the less fortunate; something practiced by her family.

Viewing firsthand the appalling conditions native peoples were forced to live in the American West, Katharine was firm in her decision to become a nun, telling her spiritual father, “the Feast of St. Joseph brought me the grace to give the remainder of my life to Native Americans and people of color.”

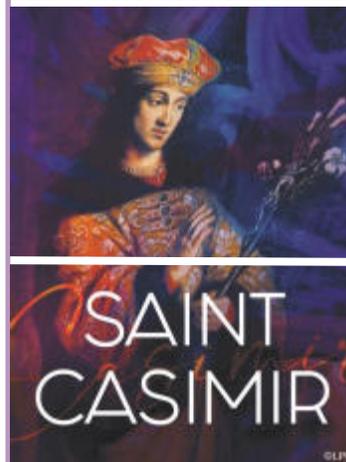
After Katharine professed her vows on February 12, 1891, she soon after founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and dedicated

her life to giving oppressed minorities in America access to education. Over the course of her life, she used her share of her family’s fortune to found 145 missions, 50 schools for African Americans, and 12 schools for Native Americans.

Today, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament remain dedicated St. Katharine’s mission to “challenge all forms of racism, as well as other deeply-rooted injustices in the world today”. She spent her life risking her own safety to do the work God had given her to do.

M.M. Katharine epicpew.com, franciscanmedia.org

**SAINT
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St. Casimir-March 4

We live in a culture that tells children, "Follow your dreams! Be who you want to be!" It might be hard to imagine the courage it took to be St. Casimir.

A prince second in line for the throne of Poland, the young man had great expectations placed upon him. Inspired by a devout tutor, St. Casimir developed a deep faith. As a teenager, he would often sleep on the ground, reject courtly finery for plain clothes, and dedicate long hours to prayer. He even made a private commitment to celibacy. Casimir's avoidance of a military engagement made his father furious. The king imprisoned his own son. The episode confirmed to St. Casimir that he served a higher King, Jesus Christ. He would spend the rest of his life in prayer, study, and service to the poor.

**When we need courage to do what is right,
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