

# ST. DAMIAN PARISH

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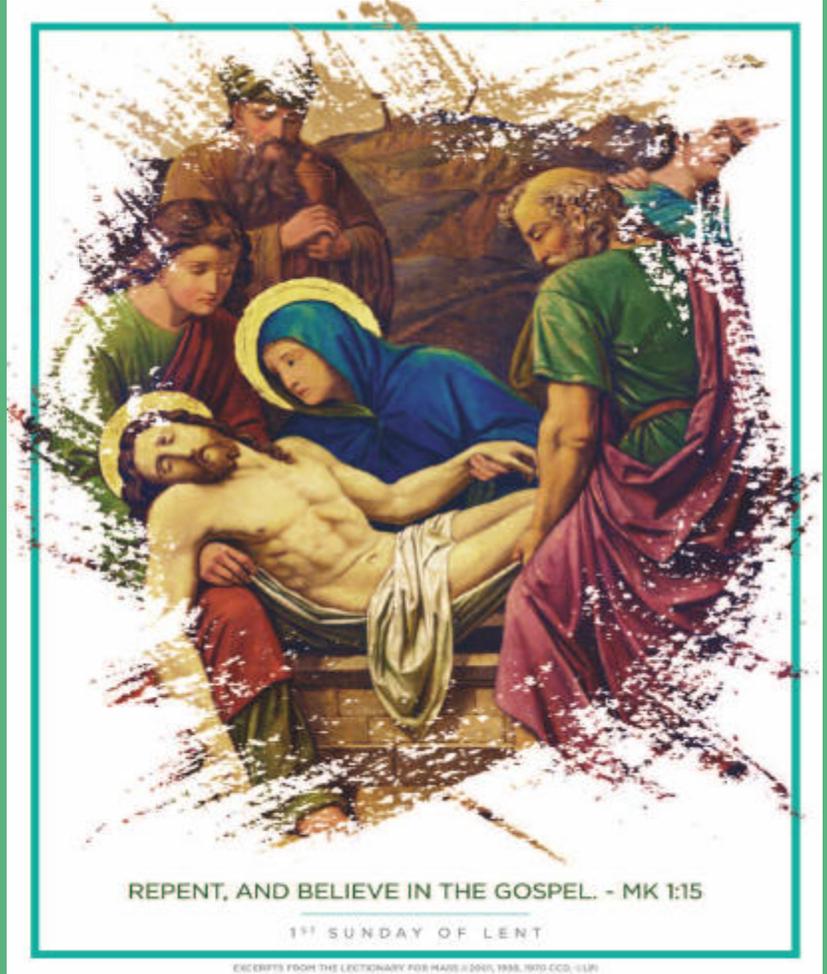
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## Public Mass Schedule:

### Daily

9:00 AM: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

No registration required. School Mass only on Tuesday.

### Weekend

Sat: 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM | Sun: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Registration is required for weekend Masses. Parishioners will receive an email link to Sign Up the Wednesday prior to Mass. The Pastoral Center will assist those without internet access.

### Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Wednesdays: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, and 5:30-7:00 PM.

## Live Streaming on St. Damian Facebook page:

### All Masses are Live Streamed

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet - Mon.-Fri. at 3:00 PM  
Videos offered on Sat./Sun.

Music & Reflection - Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

## Pastor's Corner by Fr. Michael Olson

The great season of Holy Lent arrived once again! It always seems to start earlier and earlier each year. For many Catholics, Lent is usually not the most anticipated season. Lent is a penitential season. Every year we, like Christ, are asked to enter the desert. "At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan." (Mark 1:12-13). The Holy Spirit drives us out into a place that is uncomfortable and challenging. If any of you have ever been in a desert before, you know how hot, dry, deserted, and dangerous this terrain can be. A desert is a very uncomfortable place where there is very little water, shelter, or food. Those who enter the desert must be well prepared for their journey through this desolate place. For us, Lent is also a place or a season that is designed to make us uncomfortable. On Ash Wednesday at the start of Lent, ashes are placed on us and we are reminded of our own mortality. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." We are specifically told that at some point we are going to die. These words are not meant to upset us, rather they are used to shake us from the normalcy and complacency of our life. This is a season that requires us to reflect on what God has done for us and and pray over what we are doing in our life.

This season is designed in such a way that to bring us to the realization that we are in need of Savior and that we cannot save ourselves. When we begin to understand just how much God is in love with us, what he has done for us and what he is continuing to do for us, we should be overjoyed and filled with immense love. We also recognize that we are sinners, that we are not perfect, that sometimes we say and do things that are harmful to others and hurt our relationship with God. That is why we are called to reflect on our own life and recognize those times we have failed and repent and turn towards God our Savior for assistance. Lent gives us three pillars or actions that we can do, which will help us deny our own selfishness and orient us towards living for God. These three pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**Prayer** - This is the most important pillar of Lent. This is absolutely something that we must do every day. Prayer is a dialogue with God, it is how we talk to and communicate with our Savior. I encourage everyone to take time out of the day to pray and talk to God. Participate in "The Search." This is a great seven week program that will help everyone delve deeper into the questions that we all have and wrestle with throughout our lives. Attend daily Mass, pray the stations of the Cross, etc... There are so many wonderful opportunities for prayer in the season of Lent, these are just a few suggestions. There is also a Lent 2021 resource page on our parish website that contains many more suggestions.

**Fasting** - This is an important pillar that reminds us that we are in a season of penance. We are all called to fast from food in some way on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We are also called to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. The act of giving up something or fasting from something during Lent is designed in part to make us uncomfortable. We are again being driven out like Jesus into the desert to put aside the things of this world, grow in virtue, and remind ourselves in a small way of the sufferings that Christ has endured for us.

**Almsgiving** - As Christians, we are always called to give to those who are less fortunate than us. Lent provides us with a time where we should focus and increase our outreach to those in need. Donating our time, talent, and treasures to our food pantry, Pro Labore Dei, St. Vincent de Paul Society, etc.... Covid has in some ways disrupted many of the opportunities we used to have to give to the poor, but the need is still there for so many people. Giving coats, blankets, gloves, hats, and warm clothing to those in need is truly essential, especially with the challenging winter that we have had this year.

There are many opportunities this Lent for us to grow in holiness! In our bulletin this week there should be a list of ideas for you and your family to exercise those three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Do not let this season of Lent pass you by, seize every opportunity to grow in your relationship with God. The more we enter into this season of Lent the more we will truly rejoice in the Resurrection at Easter.



Dear St. Damian Parishioners and Friends,

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who have expressed their sympathy over the loss of my father. My dad was a kind and gentle-hearted man who took good care of his family. He role-modeled integrity, honesty, hard work and generosity. Most of all, he was a faith-filled Catholic who knew Jesus Christ. While he will be missed by all of us who were privileged to be his family and friends, we know that he is experiencing eternity with his beloved Jesus whom he worshiped every day of his life.

Oh behalf of myself and my family, thank you for your prayers and well-wishes during this time of loss.

Most Sincerely,  
Fr. Joe Noonan

## Pray for the Sick

Linda Carey	Donna Brindley	David Olson
Mary Anne LaHayne	Dale Elenteny	Alyce Brawthen
Linda Ruisz	Emily Haynes	Laura Mazurowski
Linda Lisikiewicz	Mary Jean Walsh	Michael Burgos
Brian Wheeler	John Virva	Sylvia Prokop
Judy Morgan	Isabel Perez	Sandra Prokop
Earl Morgan	Maureen Kosman	Mary Pat Egan
Celine Lisikiewicz	Pam Savanovic	Elizabeth Massaro
Warner Spencer	Greg Plesha	Timothy Wasko
Tenley Spencer	Chuck Hofbauer	Michele Lockwood
Rick Davis	Jim Kapocious	David Cobb
Ken Spajer	Henry Posciak	Eileen Coit
William Sutton	Madeline Kimmey	Dan Joyce
Deborah Klun	Annie White Priddy	Lou Coppens, Jr.
Carol Gust	Jim LaMantia Jr.	Irene Gale
Terri Deligio	Cathy LaMantia	Alice Gomolka
James Quinn	Dan Mueller	Geralyn Gordon
Lucy Gannon	Kenneth Moser	Nathan Trunk
Patrick Gordon	Margarita Flores	Peter Dilger
Bernadette Klein	Kathy Rice	Yolanda Flores
Richard Klein, Jr.	Anne Keblusek	Guinivere Fobert
Walter Dockus	Michael Morgan	Minerva Fobert
Kevin O'Brien	Harry Moroney	
Barbara Feltz	Debbie Fogarty	

The Isaiah Ministry provides handmade prayer shawls to those who are ill, undergoing tests or treatments or grieving the loss of a loved one. If you would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact Mary at (708)535-2672.

Those in need of prayer will be posted in the bulletin *Pray for the Sick* for three months. If you or a loved one are removed from the list but are still in need of prayer, or if prayers have been answered and you are no longer in need of prayer, please contact us so we can keep our list current. You can update information by calling the Pastoral Office at 687-1370 or email Connie at [bulletin@stdamianchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@stdamianchurch.org). Thank you, and may the Lord graciously hear our prayers!

## Baptisms

February 13, 2021

**Ronan Paul Christakos**  
Child of Michael & Meghan

**Alice Juliete Culbertson**  
Child of Henry & Maura

February 14, 2021

**Harper Grace Hozzian**  
Child of Michael & Samantha

## In Loving Memory

**Barbara J. D'Aversa**

**Diane M. Korus**

## Parish Support

January 31, 2021

Collected	\$12,500
Budgeted	\$18,000
Difference	(\$5,500)
Year-to-Date Collected	\$478,072
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$558,000
Year-to-Date Difference	(\$79,928)
Christmas	\$500
Ash Weds	\$20
Sharing Parish	\$131
Capital Donation	\$10
Solemnity of Mary	\$135
Food Pantry	\$225
Initial Offering	\$45
Fuel	\$305
Church Latin America	\$305

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**SUPPORT OUR MISSION  
AND MINISTRY**

Faith Direct eGiving

**Text to Give 708-578-2214**

## Where did the Gloria go?

Have you ever noticed changes in the prayers used in the Mass during Advent and Lent? Every year it happens - but you may not be able to recall exactly what changed!

During Lent and Advent the Gloria is omitted. Why? The Gloria is based on the song of the Angels at the birth of Christ. We celebrate our Savior! But Lent is a time of repentance. Rather than rejoicing, we focus on recognizing our own sinfulness. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving we obtain the grace to turn from sin towards a new, stronger relationship with God.

At Easter we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior and our own rebirth in spirit - and the Gloria returns to our liturgy.

The same is true of the Alleluia before the Gospel. *Alleluia* means "praise the Lord." The Alleluia is also a song of great joy, a song of praise from the angels. During Lent we are focusing on the spiritual journey of God's people before the saving actions of Jesus Christ. We recognize our need for a Savior. We practice repentance so we can sing out in joy with the Angels again on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil "Alleluia!"

## The Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father.  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation,  
he came down from heaven, (bow)  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.



Pray the Stations  
of the Cross  
Fridays of Lent  
at 7:00PM

In the Church and livestream.

No reservations needed.

Masks required.

Attendees will remain in pews,  
only celebrant will move.

Download and print the prayer book  
from our website.



## Looking for Lenten inspiration?

Visit [stdamianchurch.org/lent-2021](http://stdamianchurch.org/lent-2021) for a compilation of helpful resources to enrich your Lent. You will find suggestions for websites, Bible studies, radio and television, phone apps and more.

Don't forget to visit Formed.org and create your free account today! Great Catholic material suitable for all ages can be found there. Every facet of the faith, even the "hot topics" like sexuality, are presented faithfully through the lens of our Catholic faith. Deepen your own understanding of the faith. Strengthen your ability to converse with others with confidence.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."



### Responsorial Psalm Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
 teach me your paths,  
 Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
 for you are God my savior.  
 Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
 and your love are from of old.  
 In your kindness remember me,  
 because of your goodness, O LORD.  
 Good and upright is the LORD,  
 thus he shows sinners the way.  
 He guides the humble to justice,  
 and he teaches the humble his way.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

### Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22

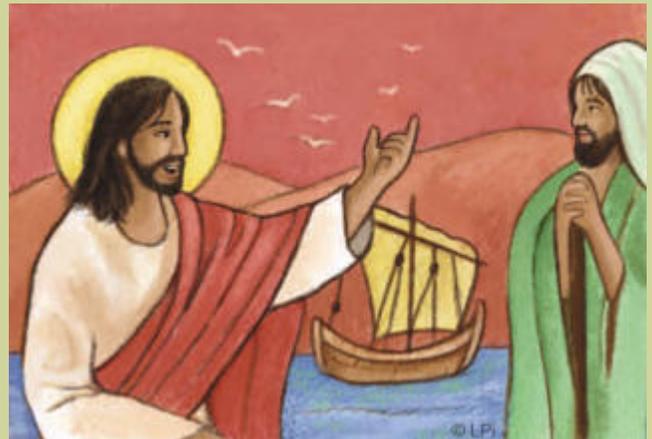
Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

### Verse Before the Gospel Mt 4:4b

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,  
 King of endless glory!**

One does not live on bread alone,  
 but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,  
 King of endless glory!**



### Gospel Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."



# LENT 2021

## Family Ideas

Keep this list on your Refrigerator

### 1. Prayer

- As a family watch "The Search", a multi-part video based spiritual experience from the producers of Formed.org. (St. Damian has a subscription and all parishioners can sign in on Formed.org).
- Take turns saying Grace before dinner.
- Make a prayer box supplies with paper and pens – write notes to Jesus throughout the day.
- As a family pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday.
- Put out holy water and bless yourself in the morning and in the evening.
- Pray an Our Father for priests.
- Pray a Hail Mary for your mom.
- Pray a Glory Be for your dad.
- Pray for those who are sick.
- Read a Bible story.
- Make a list of things you are thankful for and thank Jesus for everything on the list.
- Learn a new prayer.

### 2. Fasting

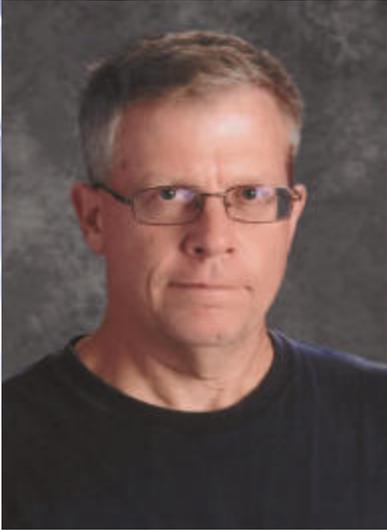
- Turn off the TV one night a week and play board games.
- Give up electronics for 40 hours.
- Give up something or adopt a positive practice.
- Fast from complaining.
- Fast from snacking between meals.
- Give up sweets for a day.
- Once a week eat a simple meal for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### 3. Almsgiving

- Create a change jar and donate the change to the Food Pantry.
- Do an act of kindness each day.
- Let others have their turn first.
- Do something to help around the house.
- Create your own Rice Bowl and donate to Catholic Relief Services.
- Choose one toy to donate to someone in need.
- Choose one clothing item to donate to someone in need.
- Write a kind note to someone.



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JOE BEEMSTERBOER!



Snow snow snow ... will it ever stop snowing! Give us a break Mother Nature!

The snow plows are criss-crossing the streets. Neighbors are awakened – not by the tweets of birds – but the sound of snow blowers and shovels trying to clear the streets, driveways and sidewalks in the never-ending snow. The only people liking this white stuff are the children and snow removal companies ... and maybe not even the kids because it's too cold to play in the snow!

For weeks, Joe Beemsterboer has been snow plowing and shoveling the Church and Pastoral Center parking lots, ALL the sidewalks, the Rectory driveway and patio, and the Grotto area. It takes around 5-6 hours to do the entire campus, or longer if the snow is heavy. And, due to the capriciousness of snowfalls, when he thinks he's cleared the snow, here it comes again! There have been times when he only gets a few hours sleep. This, plus all of his other duties, which are never-ending.

So, Thank You, THANK YOU, **THANK YOU JOE!** You have allowed us to park and walk on safe ground – every day – with no slipping and sliding. We are grateful to you. You are a No-Snow kinda guy!



*The Archdiocesan  
Commission  
on Mental Illness  
Invites you to*

**"Moving Forward in Hope,"  
an evening of prayer, connection and hope  
Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7:00-8:00PM**

The Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness is pleased to offer **Moving Forward in Hope**, a monthly series of evening prayer, connection, and hope.

Our goal is to create a safe place for those living with or those caring for someone with mental health concerns to come together to pray and share with one another.

We know connection is paramount to mental health and well-being. These virtual meetings will cover relevant topics and be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

To register for the Zoom :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpceqsrDkiEtYjV21y7KmmouQBeyxp28r2>

Contact Deacon Tom Lambert at [tlambert@ourlmc.org](mailto:tlambert@ourlmc.org).



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available Wednesdays of Lent from 6:00-7:00PM in the Church.

**Wednesdays in the Church**  
9:30am-Noon  
5:30-7pm



**No reservations needed. Masks required.**

## Pope Francis' 2021 Lenten Message:



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

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 illuminated by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

### **1. Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters.**

In this Lenten season, accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ means, first of all, opening our hearts to God's word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation. This truth is not an abstract concept reserved for a chosen intelligent few. Instead, it is a message that all of us can receive and understand thanks to the wisdom of a heart open to the grandeur of God, who loves us even before we are aware of it. Christ himself is this truth. By taking on our humanity, even to its very limits, he has made himself the way - demanding, yet open to all - that leads to the fullness of life.

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).

Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to "make his dwelling" among us (cf. Jn 14:23). Fasting involves being freed from all that weighs us down - like consumerism or an excess of information, whether true or false - in order to open the doors of our hearts to the One who comes to us, poor in all things, yet "full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14): the Son of God our Saviour.

### **2. Hope as "living water" enabling us to continue our journey.**

The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asks for a drink, does not understand what he means when he says that he can offer her "living water" (Jn 4:10). Naturally, she thinks that he is referring to material water, but Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit whom he will give in abundance through the paschal mystery, bestowing a hope that does not disappoint. Jesus had already spoken of this hope when, in telling of his passion and death, he said that he would "be raised on the third day" (Mt 20:19). Jesus was speaking of the future opened up by the Father's mercy. Hoping with him and because of him means believing that history does not end with our mistakes, our violence and injustice, or the sin that crucifies Love. It means receiving from his open heart the Father's forgiveness.

In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 32-33; 43-44). Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God's forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.

In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with "speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden,

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anger or show scorn" (Fratelli Tutti, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be "willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference" (ibid., 224).

Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Mt 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love.

To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is "making all things new" (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being "prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]" (1 Pet 3:15).

### **3. Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.**

Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.

"Social love" makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. With its impulse to universality, love is capable of building a new world. No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone" (Fratelli Tutti, 183).

Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such was the case with the jar of meal and jug of oil of the widow of Zarephath, who offered a cake of bread to the prophet Elijah (cf. 1 Kings 17:7-16); it was also the case with the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (cf. Mk 6:30-44). Such is the case too with our almsgiving, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity.

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.*

## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, February 22**

9:00 Deceased Clients of SVDP, 2020 -  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Conference

### **Tuesday, February 23**

9:00 Judi Kovalcik

### **Wednesday, February 24**

9:00 June R. Carducci,  
Jeanne Taverne - Living

### **Thursday, February 25**

9:00 William Goedert, Marge Doyle,  
Kathy Doyle, Kathy Klacko

### **Friday, February 26**

9:00 Irvin Markus, Anna Relosa

### **Saturday, February 27**

9:00 Juan Ponce de Leon

### **Vigil Mass**

4:30 & 6:00 Gordon & Lucille Werner,  
Evelyn McGrath, Paulette R. Richwalski,  
Jose Pe, Ray & Christie Owens - Living

### **Sunday, February 28**

7:30 Joseph G. Noonan  
9:30 Dane Schick, Joe Kusain, Alice Subia,  
Christopher D. Orth  
11:30 Gene Demsko, Anna Palmer,  
James Damiani

**Parish Registration**

We welcome new parishioners! For your convenience, a registration form is located on our website [www.stdamianchurch.org](http://www.stdamianchurch.org).

**Religious Instruction for Children and Adults**

Call Cheryl Plesha at 708.687.7778 for information about becoming Catholic or continuing education. Visit our parish website under Faith Formation.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Pastoral Center 708.687.1370 to request a priest to anoint persons who are ill.

**Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM, currently in the Chapel. Enter the Narthex and follow directions from our volunteers.

**Baptism**

Celebrated each Sunday at 1:00 PM. Call the Pastoral Center to arrange participation in the Baptismal Preparation Program. Arrangements should be made three months prior to the birth of your child.

**Weddings**

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**Readings for the week of February 21, 2021**

**Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/  
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,  
7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/  
Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/

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