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Loving Father, you sent us the gift of your Son, One like us in all ways but sin, to show us what it means to love as you love. Listen to him, you tell us. Provide us with the grace to hear and respond to his voice, to look at the world's brokenness and not feel despair, but see your promise that all the world shall be transfigured by your love. Allow us to be transfigured to do what you will, that we might use the life we have been given to glorify you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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OUR PARISH ELECT & CANDIDATES

This pandemic has affected every aspect our church life. That includes the process the Church calls "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults." In the past at the 11AM Sunday Mass, the congregation was used to seeing our candidates and catechumens dismissed after the homily to "break open" Sunday's Word and learn about other aspects of the Catholic Church. Since last September, our catechumen and 4 candidates have been participating weekly through Sunday ZOOM meetings. As we move into the Lenten period where their study intensifies especially with the Church's rituals, they will join us again at the 11AM Mass this weekend. Their journey will come to a climax at the Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, April 3rd at which time our catechumen will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time and our candidates will be Confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time. Please keep them in your Lenten prayers:

Shannon Pesek

Elect who will be Baptized, Confirmed & Receive the Eucharist

Taylor Jones, Frank Ferrato, Luke Meminger, Dakota Mann

Candidates who will be Confirmed and Received the Eucharist

BETTER MEALS IN MADAGASCAR

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious foods? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Pick up your Rice Bowl from the library carts in the vestibule.



SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccce. If you have a donation to make, please place it in the wooden boxes in the back of church.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Breaking Open the Word of God can help us to find the strength and comfort that God alone can provide. If you are interested in being part of a virtual group to explore the readings for the upcoming Sunday that meets online at 10:30AM every Sunday, please contact me at elindia24@outlook.com or at (847) 644-7382. Let us come together as people of faith to remind ourselves of God's steadfast love and unfailing support. Hope to hear from you!



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism

This sacrament is generally celebrated after the 11AM Mass on Sunday. A parent baptism preparation session is required prior to the Baptism and takes place the last Monday evening of each month.

Penance

Saturday afternoon 3:45PM - 4:20PM
Face-to-face only for the duration.

Matrimony

Please call the Parish Ministry Center at least **one year** in advance to make arrangements.

Homebound & Hospitalized

If you wish to receive Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office and leave your contact information.

*Weekend Masses

Church doors open ½ hour before Mass or Service

Saturdays 4:30 PM

Sundays: 8:30 AM, 11 AM & 4:30 PM

11 AM Mass live-streamed via Facebook

*Sign-Up Genius is required to attend.

Weekday Masses

Tuesdays: 7:45 AM

Thursdays: 6:00 PM

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Suspended for the time being.

Holy Day Masses

Please consult the bulletin for Mass times.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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An accessible ramp is located at the main entrance as well as on the west side of the church.



This church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Either ask an usher for assistance or come to the sacristy (enter via the door on the far right side of the sanctuary.)

WELCOME

Marissa Ludy
Susie Mathias
Sarah Grace Hevrdejs
Martha Segura



DIED IN CHRIST

Jennifer Biscotti
OLMCA Parent

SATURDAY AFTERNOON
CONFESSIONS RETURN
FEBRUARY 27 ·
3:45PM - 4:20PM

No reservations required. Face-to-Face only for the duration.

GLIMPSES OF GLORY

After Jesus first predicts that he will suffer, he takes Peter, James, and John apart from everyone else. These apostles see Jesus in his glory, in gleaming clothing with Moses and Elijah, whose presence communicates that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. Then the apostles hear a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." As quickly as the vision appears, it ceases.

As conflicts arose between Jesus and the leaders of the day, the apostles may have taken comfort in knowing that Jesus is God's "beloved Son." Walking through the passion with Jesus, they could cling to the glimpse of Jesus' glory.

The words *beloved Son* also may have called to mind for them the sacrifice of Isaac. Abraham had been obedient to God and had not withheld his beloved son. Abraham knew God and, therefore, knew that God is a keeper of promises. Somehow, even when it seemed impossible, God's promise would be fulfilled. Abraham would be the father of many through Isaac. He believed in God's promise, even when it seemed that the promise could not be kept. In this moment we see another prefiguration of what is to come, the impossible hope that endures through Good Friday and is vindicated on Easter morning.

Where have you glimpsed resurrection? How can you hold to these moments in your times of trial?

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WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Looking for a little extra prayer time during the week for the season of Lent? In addition to our weekly Thursday evening 6PM Mass we will offer a half hour of Eucharistic Adoration before the Mass. You have the option of just coming for the 1/2 hour and leaving or staying for the 6PM Mass. When arriving, just let the usher know your intentions. No registration is needed for the half hour, just for the Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING COVID

As our communal gatherings are limited, our yearly weekly devotion of the Stations of the Cross is suspended this year. In its place Fr. Michael has created a video for home use. The video will be posted every Friday via our Facebook page. You don't need a Facebook account to access the video (including our weekly Sunday 11AM Mass). Just go to www.facebook.com/OLMCChicago. We will hold our annual Stations of the Cross at Noon on Good Friday. Reservations will be needed for our Holy Week services.





THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 1

Mercy

Jesus instructs his followers to do the seemingly impossible: be merciful just as God is merciful. God's mercy is endless. How can we ever manage to love as he does? Living in a world that overflows with brokenness, we have endless opportunities to bring mercy to another. In our families, we have so many chances to forgive. How can you extend mercy to someone today? *Today's readings: Deuteronomy 9:4b–10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Luke 6:36–38.*

Tuesday, March 2

The Greatest among You

From birth, human beings prefer to look at other human faces more than anything else. We come into the world ready for relationships of love. Yet as we seek out that love, we miss the mark. Rather than authentic love, which both affirms us and challenges us, we seek out approval, acclaim, and status. We look for relationships that reflect us back to ourselves in a positive light. Humility is opting out of this unwinnable game. It is knowing that we have an identity that cannot be taken away from us: beloved child of God. Once we accept that this is the love we are looking for, the love that grounds our being, we no longer worry about where we fit. We can instead imitate the one who humbled himself, who came in our likeness, who lived in love. *Today's readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16–20; Psalm 50:8–9, 16bc–17, 21 and 23; Matthew 23:1–12.*

Wednesday, March 3

St. Katharine Drexel

St. Katharine Drexel was an heiress in Philadelphia who felt incredibly moved by the plight of Native Americans and African Americans in the United States in the late nineteenth century. She recognized this pull on her heart as a call from God, and she gave up her fortune and founded a religious

order, establishing missions and schools that served these groups. She listened for God's voice and responded. How can you do the same? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Psalm 31:5–6, 14, 15–16; Matthew 20:17–28.*

Thursday, March 4

St. Casimir

St. Casimir was a Polish prince with legendary generosity to the poor. Is there a sacrifice you could make today in order to give generously to the poor in his honor? Consider what Abraham said at the end of today's Gospel reading. How has Christ's rising from the dead persuaded you to be merciful? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 16:19–31.*

Friday, March 5

Act with Justice

Over and over, the prophets and Jesus call us to give up our sinful ways and act with justice. We fail to recognize that the goods of creation are intended for all people and cling tightly to what we have when many do not have enough. Today choose to eat a simple lunch or dinner, and donate the cost savings to a charity that serves those who are food insecure. *Today's readings: Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a; Psalm 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46.*

Saturday, March 6

Merciful Love

Spend some time reflecting on the words of Jesus in the parable of the prodigal son, and allow yourself to hear it with new ears. The son behaved as though his father were dead, yet the father watched for the son, ran to him, embraced him, and threw a feast to celebrate his return. What does that tell you about the vastness of God's merciful love for you? Is there anything you could do for which God could not forgive? *Today's readings: Micah 7:14–15, 18–20; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.*



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KEEPING THE SEASONS
LENT AND EASTER 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE



Sunday, February 28 Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Corinna Gentilini
11:00 AM Daniel Aluelo/Justin Brinker (*living*)
4:30 PM Margaret & Don Mazoock

Monday, March 1

Tuesday, March 2

7:45 AM Romana Sidler

Wednesday, March 3 St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

Thursday, March 4 St. Casimir

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM *Eucharistic Adoration*
6:00 PM Bernie Colleran

Friday, March 5

Saturday, March 6

4:30 PM Karl Lochinger

Sunday, March 7 Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Ryan Lee
11:00 AM Matt, Jan & Matthew DiDomenico (*living*)
4:30 PM Corinna Gentilini/Earl Henson

CONFITEOR

Near the beginning of Mass, the community acknowledges its sinfulness and dependence on God's mercy. One option is for all to recite the Confiteor, the prayer that begins, "I confess to almighty God." As people admit their sins, they strike their breast.

The Confiteor is an old prayer, but its current placement in the Mass is an innovation. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, the priest recited the Confiteor by himself, one of several prayers at the foot of the altar that introduced the Mass. The people prayed the Confiteor later, just before receiving communion. This was because for many years, people did not receive communion frequently. When they received Communion outside of Mass—for example, when they were sick—they said the Confiteor first. As communion at Mass became more common, the Confiteor came with it. So essentially, a communion service had been inserted into the priest's Mass, as if the people's communion had nothing to do with the priest's communion or the sacrifice preceding it. The priest even distributed communion from the tabernacle rather than the newly consecrated bread and wine on the altar.

In the revisions of the Mass following the Council, the Confiteor became one of the three options for the penitential act near the beginning of Mass. The Confiteor was removed from the communion rite, where it interrupted the natural flow of events. It remained at the beginning, but as one option rather than obligatory prayer. It was offered to the entire assembly to recite rather than to the priest alone. This enabled everyone to participate in the Mass from the very start as the priestly people. One way people participate consciously is to acknowledge to one another and to God that they have sinned, to say aloud, "I confess."

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/28/21



Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 II and 13 / Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23 /Mt 23:1-12
Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 / Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 / Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 /Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
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

Liturgy & Life

- 1) When has trust in God been your response to a trial in your life?
- 2) What helps you walk by faith when God's ways are hard to understand?
- 3) At the Transfiguration, the three apostles' eyes were opened to who Jesus is. How have you responded to new perceptions of your relationship to God?

MARCH UNIVERSAL INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Lenten Regulations for This Year

1. **Abstinence** from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on *Ash Wednesday* and on all the *Fridays* of Lent.

2. **Fasting** - is to be observed on *Ash Wednesday* by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast and abstinence are observed on Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

"Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter, since the Lenten liturgy prepares for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery both catechumens, by the various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own Baptism and do penance." (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year, #27)

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer the church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of *Holy Thursday*. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe penitential days totally or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

"(On) weekdays of Lent, we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass and self-imposed observance of fasting. In the light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part of our abundance." (U.S. BISHOPS STATEMENT ON PENITENTIAL OBSERVANCES, 1966.)

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The Second Sunday of Lent

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“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

—Mk 9:7

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As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent, check in with yourself. How are you doing with your Lenten sacrifice? In what ways have you succeed and where is there room for growth?

Saint of the Week

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

“Katharine Drexel is an excellent example of that practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate which has long been the distinguishing mark of American Catholics. May her example help young people in particular to appreciate that no greater treasure can be found in this world than in following Christ with an undivided heart and in using generously the gifts we have received.”

—St. John Paul II, Homily, October 1, 2000



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