



**FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am  
Weekday Masses at St. Matthew:  
Tuesday and Friday: 7:45 am  
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

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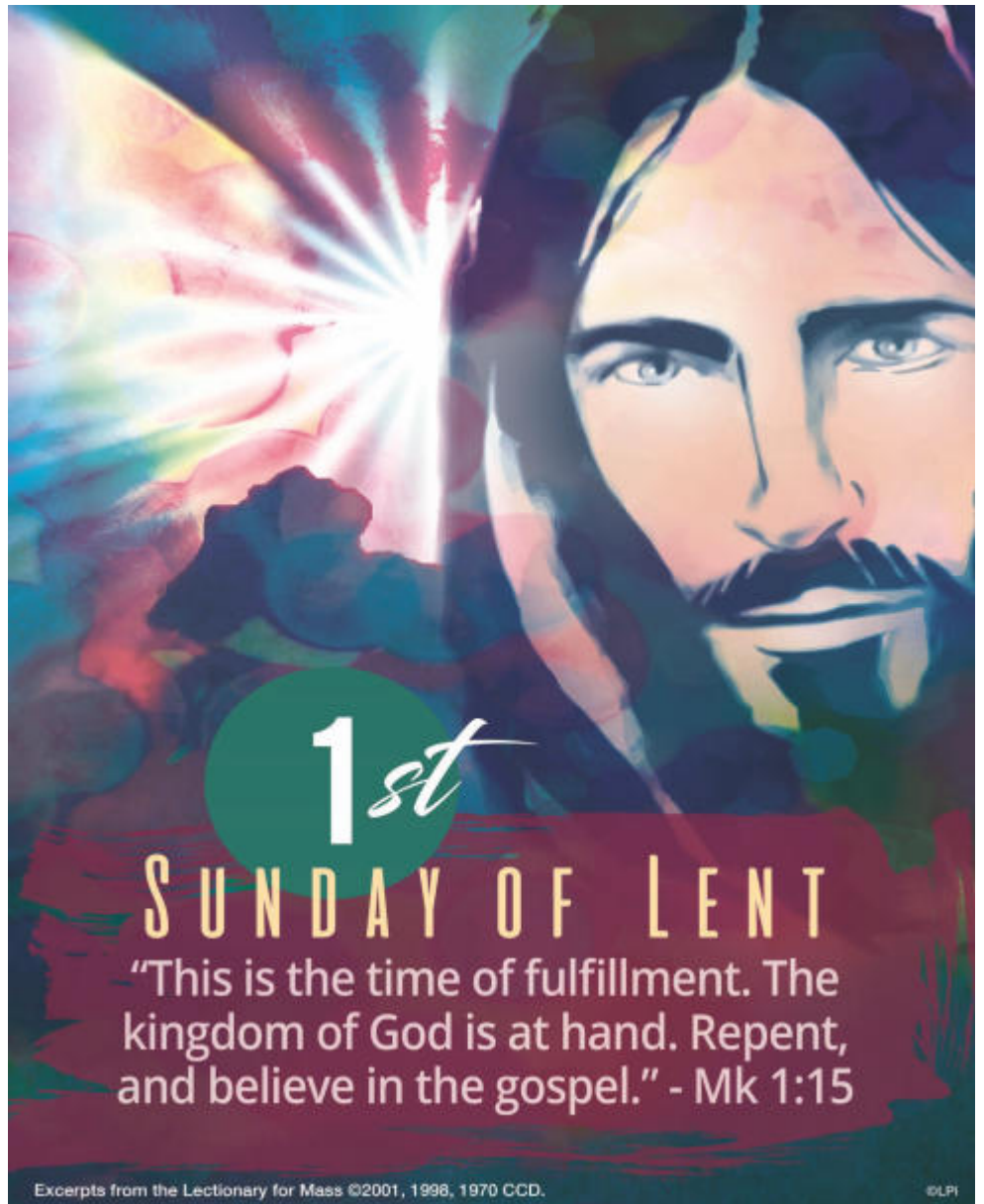
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**BAPTISMS:** A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

**RECONCILIATION:** Anytime by appointment

**MARRIAGES:** Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

# MASS Intentions

## This Week

Saturday	2/20/2021	5:30pm	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake & St. Matthew Parishes
Sunday	2/21/2021	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake & St. Matthew Parishes

## Next Week

Saturday	2/27/2021	5:30pm	Angie Vallin
Sunday	2/28/2021	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake & St. Matthew Parishes

## ATTENTION LECTORS AND USHERS!



A schedule to sign up for February and March is available in the Vestibule, or you may call or email Jen in the Parish Office to be put on the schedule. Please let us know if you have any questions.

## COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Are you unable to attend Mass right now due to the pandemic, but still hunger for the Eucharist? Specially trained volunteers do not come into your home, only to your door, wearing masks and gloves. The sacrament is safely dispensed along with a short prayer card. Contact Heather Warner in the parish office if you would like to receive Communion.



## MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE



Mass intentions for next year can be scheduled for \$10 each by contacting the Parish Office. Dates are first come, first served and are only considered scheduled when payment is received. There is a limit to the number of weekend Masses that can be scheduled per person per year. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

## FOOD PANTRY

The North Side Food Pantry that we support is in need of supplies. They are humbly asking us to "come thru again" with these specific items:



- Boxes of cereal
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Soup (no cream of)
- Hand soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)
- Spaghetti O's
- Pork & beans
- Toilet paper
- Laundry soap

Food may be dropped off in the blue barrel at the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

## EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS



Easter flowers will again decorate the Worship Space this Easter season. You can choose from three levels:

- Lily Level: \$25
- Hyacinth Level: \$15
- Tulip Level: \$10

Envelopes are in the vestibule. More than one flower can be purchased.

**Memorial envelopes are due by March 28th.**

## LENTEN COMPANION SERIES

Lent is an important season in the Church's liturgical year — it is the time when we take stock of where we are in our faith so as to prepare for the death and resurrection of our Savior. Often, we lose sight of the point of this season because we get caught up in ourselves: how hard it is to fast, how we fail at fasting, and just waiting for the season to be over at Easter. Because of this we often arrive at Easter with our lives no more changed than they were on Ash Wednesday.



A way that our parish is seeking to prepare for Jesus and experience true transformation in our lives in this powerful season is by engaging with a new program called The Ascension Lenten Companion. This devotional resource follows the Gospels for each Sunday of Lent 2021 so we can better prepare for Mass and grow closer to Jesus each day. It features daily meditations, space for journaling, original sacred artwork and weekly videos that keep us on track.

The cost of the devotional is \$12 and can be ordered by contacting Heather Warner in the Parish Office and will be available for pick up in the Parish Office.

Accompanying videos to this devotional will be posted to the Parish website and Facebook page.

This is an opportunity for our whole community to enter into the season of Lent intentionally (in this time of social distancing) and receive the grace God is waiting to give us in this holy season.



# WORSHIP & FAITH FORMATION

## FROM FR. PAT

Thanks to everyone for your condolences and prayers at the passing of my father on January 27. Your kind words and cards have been a consolation to me and my family. Let us remember all our beloved dead and pray that God will bring comfort to all who grieve.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Sunday Mornings - 9:30am**  
**February 21 - March 28**

Experience the way of the cross as you never have before. Rather than meditating *about* Christ's journey to the cross, pray right along *with* him. Jesus, as an observant Jewish man, would have prayed the Psalms throughout the day, and drawn strength and peace from them.

*The Way of the Cross: Praying the Psalms with Jesus* invites us to step closer to Christ and pray beside him, drawing strength from Scripture during those last moments before the crucifixion.

Each station features:

- A short reading from Scripture
- A brief meditation
- A Psalm to pray **with** Jesus

Participants are welcome to their own copy of the prayer guide. Free will donations are appreciated.



**THE GIFT OF SUNDAY  
LANTERN MISSION**  
**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**  
**7:00-8:30 pm**  
**St. Veronica Parish,**  
**353 E Norwich St**  
**Mission Presenter:**  
**Fr. Michael Maher, S.J.**

St. Veronica Parish will be hosting one of 18 Lenten Missions taking place throughout the archdiocese on the evening of March 3, 2021. This Mission is based on *The Gift of Sunday*, a theological reflection issued by Archbishop Jerome Listekci. The evening will be held in the context of a prayer service and will highlight the importance of Sunday Mass in living out our faith on a daily basis. **Due to limited seating, people are asked to register in advance for the Lenten Missions at [www.archmil.org/Lenten-Missions](http://www.archmil.org/Lenten-Missions).** Contact Rosalita Villa at [villar@archmil.org](mailto:villar@archmil.org) or 414-758-2217.

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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?

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## A POWERFUL STUDY OF THE BLESSED MOTHER



Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

*Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* continues at St. Mary by the Lake every Wednesday at 1:00pm until March 31st. For more information or to register for this FREE study, call Heather Warner at 262-639-3616 or email [hwarner@stmarybythelake.org](mailto:hwarner@stmarybythelake.org).

## HOLY HOURS DURING LENT

Holy hours are the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. At St. Mary by the Lake, for the entirety of Lent, the Church will be open from 9:00am until 6:30pm on Thursdays, for individuals to come and spend some quiet time in prayer. Participants are invited to bring some sacred reading or devotional prayer to follow in this time of sacred silence. Evening Vespers will be observed at 6:00pm to close the Holy Hours each week.

Please consider setting aside some extra time for the Lord this Lent. Masks and social distancing protocols are required.

## DONATE ONLINE THIS EASTER SEASON



Our parish has been using an Online Giving system that is strengthening stewardship as

well as making it easier for members to support our parish. There are many benefits for the parish and for parishioners who choose to give online. Some of the benefits for the parishioner include: no need to write checks; you can give even if you are unable to attend services; and your contribution amount can easily be adjusted at any time.

This Easter season, please prayerfully consider making a one-time or recurring offering online to our parish. Your contribution will support the operation of the church and all of our different ministries. Sign up today by visiting <https://stmarybythelake.weshareonline.org/> Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

*"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."* --Luke 6:38



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