

Sexagesima Sunday

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Saturday 10:00 AM - Noon

## Holy Mass

Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM (High Mass)

Monday 7:30 PM

Tuesday 12:15 PM

Wednesday 12:15 PM

Thursday 12:15 PM

Friday 12:15 PM, 7:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM

Holydays 12:15 PM, 7:30 PM (High Mass)

*Unless otherwise noted.*



## Confessions

45 minutes before Sunday Masses

30 minutes before daily Masses

Extended times on Sundays upon availability of the priests.



*All Masses and Sacraments according to the Usus Antiquior of the Roman Rite*

# Sexagesima Sunday

~ Masses and Intentions for the Week ~

**Sunday, February 24** **Violet**

Sexagesima Sunday, *II Class*

8:30 AM Marian Sexton +

10:30 AM Pro Populo

12:45 PM *Sung Vespers*

**Monday, February 25** **Violet**

Feria, *IV Class*

7:30 PM Mary Rathke

**Tuesday, February 26** **Violet**

Feria, *IV Class*

12:15 PM Robert and Amanda Mit

**Wednesday, February 27** **White**

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, Confessor, *III Class*

12:15 PM Fr. Alex Stewart, FSSP

St. Gabriel, born in 1838 at Assisi, like St. Francis, was miraculously guided by our Lady into the Passionist Congregation and, during his short life upon earth, became a veritable apostle of her sorrows. His spirit of penance and self-denial, his heroic humility, and his true devotion to our Lord's Passion quickly raised him to a high degree of sanctity. He died in 1862 at the age of 24, like St., Aloysius Gonzaga, and was canonized in 1920 by Pius XI.

**Thursday, February 28** **Violet**

Feria, *IV Class*

12:15 PM Brett and Laura Carr & family

**Friday, March 1 (First Friday)** **Violet**

Feria, *IV Class*

12:15 PM Roger Young +

6:00 PM *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

7:30 PM All Marriages in the Parish

**Saturday, March 2 (First Saturday)** **White**

Saturday of Our Lady, *IV Class*

7:45 AM *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

9:00 AM Carol Letterell

**Sunday, March 3** **Violet**

Quinquagesima Sunday, *II Class*

8:30 AM Harold Sexton +

10:30 AM Pro Populo

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## Music for the Sunday High Mass, March 3

Victoria, *Missa Dominicalis*  
de Lassus, *Benedictus Es, Domine*  
Palestrina, *Jubilate Deo*

*Sing joyfully to God all the earth: serve ye the Lord with gladness.*

The Season of Septuagesima is upon us. From the Latin meaning "seventy," Septuagesima begins seventy days before Easter and recalls bygone days when the Latin Church began its Lenten fasts from that point. The three Sundays of Septuagesima comprise a transitional period known as "little Lent." The vestments on Sundays are violet and the *Gloria in excelsis* is absent; the organ is subdued and the joyful *Alleluia* is entirely suppressed and will not be heard again until the Easter Vigil. It is during this time that we should discern what suitable penances we should undertake during Lent, and we can begin perhaps on a positive note by *adding* something to our daily practices, such as an additional Mass during the week if possible, or a Rosary said on the drive to work in place of listening to the radio, or ten minutes each day for thoughtful spiritual reading. Such efforts can be helpful in determining what negative penances to undertake once Ash Wednesday comes, along with the prescribed fasting and abstinence, all that, when done with the proper spirit of desiring to love our Lord better, will serve to make the *Alleluia* of Easter more glorious.

**Have a Snow "Bowl"** at Flaherty's Bowl in Arden Hills this afternoon now starting towards **1:30 PM!**

Consider bringing a chili or hearty soup to share (potluck style); there will be food available for purchase as well. Home-brewers are invited to showcase their beer. There will be free open bowling available along with a "magic" show at 3:30 PM by The Amazing Norm, which will be entertaining for everyone, young and old! Hope to see you there.

**Drama Performance!** Plan to attend *A Hymn to Christ as to a God*, a new play about the early Christian martyrs of Rome, performed by the youth of the All Saints Co-op, written by Miss Abby Niemann. The play will be performed twice by two different casts at the Orthodox church hall across the street next **Saturday, March 2 at 6:30 PM** and **Sunday, March 3 at 3:00 PM**. Come and support our parish youth, who have worked hard preparing for the performances!

**Guest Speaker.** We will be pleased to host Dr. Paul Byrne, M.D. who will present *Protecting Life: Concerns about "Brain Death," Organ Transplantation, Advanced Directives, and Palliative Care* on **Wednesday, March 13, at 7:30 PM** at St. Maron's Church on University Avenue. Father of twelve, Dr. Byrne has been a consultant and contributor with various pro-life organizations for over forty years and has been a guide to several bishops in clarifying the morality of difficult medical questions. These important issues are often misunderstood by well-meaning Catholics, so plan to attend. Refreshments will be provided by the men of St. Joseph's Guild and the Knights of Malta. There will be a low Mass at 6:30 PM beforehand here at All Saints.

**First Friday and Saturday** are this week. Among

# Church of All Saints

## Baptism

Within the first month of birth. The Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing. Please contact the office to schedule.

## Marriage

Please arrange at least six months in advance of the anticipated date. Pre-Cana instruction with a priest.

## Convert Instruction

On a rolling basis. Please contact the office to schedule an interview with a priest.

## Exposition and Benediction

Fridays from 6:00-7:15 PM  
First Saturdays from 7:45-8:45 AM.

## St. Joseph's Men's Guild

Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

## Monthly Recollection

Third Saturday of the month from 10:00-11:30 AM.

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His other promises to those who devoutly assist at Mass on First Friday in reparation to His Sacred Heart, Our Lord said that He would give special graces to priests to reach hardened souls. The First Saturdays are kept in reparation for the blasphemies and offenses against our Lady's Immaculate Conception, her perpetual virginity, her divine and spiritual Maternity, her sacred images, and neglect of parents to foster devotion to her in their children. All are *most encouraged* to attend Mass and devotions these days.

**Annual Archdiocesan Appeal.** Envelopes for the Appeal are available in the vestibule. Information on the twenty ministries this appeal supports can be found online at [www.csafspm.org](http://www.csafspm.org), which may assist in the consideration of how one may wish to support. The parish goal is \$5000.

**Enrollment in Direct Deposit** can be done by clicking on the "Online Giving" link on the parish website and creating an account to enable automatic recurring gifts; one-time gifts are also possible through this link without creating an account. Check and cash donations are still

welcome, but as the envelope system has been discontinued, for cash donations to be credited for tax purposes, please be sure to put your name and address on the envelope that is used so it can be identified and recorded. Thank you!

## Contributions *May God reward your generosity!*

February 10 \$5957.25

February 17 \$6116.73

## Wedding Banns - Final announcement

Francis Statz, S. St. Paul, MN (All Saints) and Lucy Rosen, Minneapolis, MN (All Saints)

## Calendar of Events

February 24 Afternoon at Flaherty's Bowl

March 1/2 First Friday/First Saturday

March 2/3 Drama Performances

March 6 Ash Wednesday (*fast and abstinence*)

March 13 Guest Speaker

March 16 Monthly Recollection

July 31 Snow melts

## A Final Thought...

Present-day culture, through advertising and the media, serenades us endlessly with its "gospel": avoid suffering at all costs, seek pleasure alone. It neglects to say that there is no surer way of making oneself unhappy than by doing just that. Suffering should be remedied whenever possible, but it is part of life, and attempting to get rid of it completely means suppressing life, refusing to live, and ultimately rejecting the beauty and goodness that life can bring us. *Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it*, Jesus tells us, and His Gospel is far more reliable than the Gospel of advertising. Pleasure is also good and part of life. If there were no such thing, we couldn't "give pleasure," which is the best way of showing others we love them. But pleasure is not meant to be "taken" selfishly. It is to be given and accepted. By fleeing a little suffering (the ordinary sort that would be easy to accept) people often inflict much worse suffering on themselves. Acceptance of suffering and sacrifice (when they are legitimate, of course) is not a masochistic, self-destructive attitude, but just the opposite. By accepting sufferings "offered" by life and allowed by God for our progress and purification, we spare ourselves much harder ones. We need to develop this kind of realism and, once and for all, stop dreaming of a life without suffering and conflict. That is the life of heaven, not earth. We must take up our cross and follow Christ courageously every day; the bitterness of the cross will sooner or later be transformed into sweetness.

The long-term consequences of inner attitudes are more important than they might seem. When faced with daily suffering, the "burden of the day and the heat," and tiredness, we should not spend time cursing interiorly or telling ourselves we can't wait till it's over or dreaming of a different life. We should accept things as they are. Life can be good and beautiful just as it is, including its burden of suffering. When God created man and woman, He laid an immense blessing on every human life, and that blessing has never been withdrawn despite sin and all its consequences: *For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable* (Rom. 11:29) — especially the first gift and the first call, that of life itself. Every life, even when subject to pain, is infinitely blessed and valuable.

This attitude sets us firmly within reality and conserves energy otherwise wasted on complaining, wishing things were different, dreaming of an impossible world. As Christians, we can be certain that an eternity of happiness awaits us. We have no reason complaining about the difficulties of life. Let's take to heart St. Paul's words: *This slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.* (2 Cor 4:17)

We also have to admit that difficulties, however hard they may be, bring not only disadvantages but also advantages. The first advantage is that they prevent us from assuming exclusive ownership of our lives and our time. They prevent us from shutting ourselves up inside our programs, our plans, our wisdom. They liberate us from the prison of ourselves: our narrow-mindedness and narrowness of judgment. *As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts, says the Lord.* (Is 55:8-9) The worst thing that could happen is for everything to go exactly as we wanted it, for that would be the end of any growth. To be able to enter little by little into God's wisdom, infinitely more beautiful, richer, more fruitful, and more merciful than ours, our wisdom needs a very thorough shake-up. Not to destroy it, but to raise and purify it, and free it from its limitations. It is always marked by a certain measure of selfishness and pride, and by lacks of faith and love. Our narrow vision needs opening up to God's wisdom; we require and in-depth renewal. Sin, by its nature is narrowing: holiness is openness of spirit and greatness of soul.

Fr. Jacques Phillipe, *Interior Freedom*, I,3

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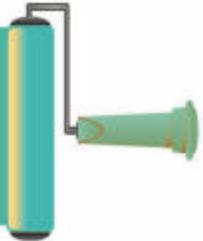
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