

March 2, 2025 • Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Cathedral of SAINT JOSEPH

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March 5, 2025
Ash Wednesday Mass Times -
Cathedral - 6:45 am, 12:00 pm, 6:30 pm
Monastery - 7:00 am

ASH *Wednesday*

DIOCESE OF SIOUX FALLS

Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood, *Bishop*

LITURGY GUIDE – March 2, 2025
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Joseph and thank you for joining us for the celebration of Holy Mass today! **Please, silence your cell phones and refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum** in the Cathedral. Help keep our Cathedral tidy by utilizing the waste baskets found near the main entrances. **Please, do not take pictures during the Mass celebration.** You are welcome to take pictures **after** Mass.

INTROIT - (At 9:15 AND 11:00AM the Introit is sung by the choir, followed by the opening hymn)

Factus est Dominus protector meus, et eduxit me in latitudinem: saluum me fecit, quoniam voluit me. (Verse) Diligam te Domine fortitudo mea: Dominus firmamentum meum, et refugium meum, et liberator meus.

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me. (Verse) I will love you always, O Lord my strength; the Lord is my support, my refuge and my deliverer.

OPENING HYMN
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ITALIAN HYMN
Come, Thou Almighty King

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, **(striking breast three times) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;** therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to people of good Will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your Great glo - ry, Lord God, hea-ve-nly King, O God, al - migh - ty Fa - ther Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world re - ceive our prayer, you are sea-ted at the

right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men A - men

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you, to give thanks to you.

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It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning, and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**

The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar. Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. **R**

Still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is upright. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters:

When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm,
steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please Stand*
(Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)



Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the
word of life. **R**

GOSPEL **LUKE 6:39-45**

Jesus told his disciples a parable,
“Can a blind person guide a blind person?
Will not both fall into a pit?
No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully
trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.
Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do
not perceive the wooden beam in your own?
How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove
that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not even notice the
wooden beam in your own eye?
You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye
first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your
brother’s eye.

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten
tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own
fruit.

For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they
gather grapes from brambles.

A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart
produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil
produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth
speaks.”

PROFESSION OF FAITH *Please Stand*

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 here) 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN (4 PM & 7:30 AM) **KINGSFOLD**
572 **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

OFFERTORY (9:15 AM & 11:00 AM) Orlande de Lassus
Domine convertere (1534-1594)

Domine convertere, et eripe Turn to me, O Lord, and
animam meam: salvum me deliver my soul; save me for
fac propter misericordiam the sake of your love.
tuam.

Celebrant: Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and
yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the
praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of
all his holy Church.

SANCTUS



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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rec - tion un-til you come a-gain.

AGNUS DEI

Cantor or Choir: *Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
All: have mer-cy on us. grant us peace.
To repeat *Last time*

ECCE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

HOLY COMMUNION

All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with their arms crossed over their chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (4PM)

I will sing to the Lord who has been boun-ti-ful with me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (9:15 & 11:00 AM)

Cantabo Domino, qui bona tribuit mihi: et psallam nomini Domini altissimi. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

COMMUNION MEDITATION (11:00 AM)

Ego sum panis vivus William Byrd (1539-1623)
Ego sum panis vivus, qui de caelo descendi. Si quis manducaverit ex hoc pane, vivet in aeternum. Alleluia. I am the living bread which descended from heaven. Any who eat of this bread shall live forever. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

634

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

CLOSING HYMN

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**GROSSER GOTT
 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

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Gift of Hope Concert - March 18, 2025

Concert starts at 7:00 pm in the Bishop O'Gorman Performing Arts Center (Lorang Theater) All proceeds from the Gift of

Hope Concert will ensure that anyone who is hurting due to grief, emotional wounds, anxiety or distress can receive the support they need. Concert-related expenses are financially sponsored or donated, allowing 100% of all proceeds to benefit the Gift of Hope Fund and the immediate needs of The Lourdes Center.



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The Perpetual Adoration Sisters invite you to visit the **Sordini Gift Shop** at the entrance of the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery (located on the Northwest corner of the St. Joseph Cathedral Campus). The Gift shop has many religious articles and ideas for sacrament gifts, decorating and a selection of "Sister Cookies". **Open Mon - Sat. 9:30 am - 5:30pm.** Thank you for your purchases. Your support and contributions help us to continue our Mission. Your intentions are always in our prayers. For prayer requests go to website: www.perpetualadorationsisters.org or Phone: [605-336-2374](tel:605-336-2374).



Camp Sydney-The Lourdes Center will be offering a Grief Camp for youth and their families at Broom Tree Retreat Center, beginning at **6:00 p.m. June 6, 2025 until 11:00 a.m. June 8, 2025.** This two-day camp will include fun activities, discussion and support. The Grief Camp is offered free of charge. Registration is open at www.thelourdescenter.com. Call The Lourdes Center at [605-988-3775](tel:605-988-3775) for more details.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Presentation Sisters Catholic School Scholarships - For 2025-2026 Catholic Tuition Assistance at any Catholic School in the Diocese is now open. Applications for these scholarships are available through the parish office or you can visit www.presentationisters.org to print out applications. Please contact Jane Schaffer at 605-229-8417 or email: jschaffer@presentationisters.org. Deadline for submitting an application is **March 21st**.

Bishop Hoch Scholarship Applications for Mount Marty - is now open. To obtain an application, contact your pastor, the Financial Aid Office at Mount Marty University or contact bmitzel@sfcatholic.org. Applications must be returned to the Office of Catholic Schools, 523 North Duluth Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-2714 **by March 15**.

Brothers in Christ - Saturday, **March 29, 2025** at Holy Spirit Church, Sioux Falls. 1/2 Day Men's Retreat to aid in your Lenten Journey. Event starts at 7:00am with Adoration/Registration with the Retreat starting at 8:00am. Theme "Out of the Desert" Matthew 4:1. Pre-register/get more details at: <https://brothersinchrist.regfox.com/bic-12-day-spring-2025>

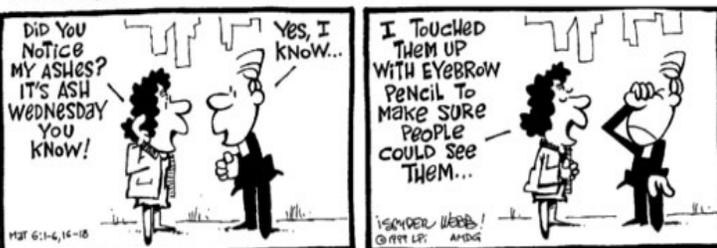
THE SHROUD OF TURIN - SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2 PM sponsored by, St. Margaret's Parish at 409 S. Elm Street, Kimball, SD. Join us for an unforgettable journey into one of the greatest mysteries of faith presented by Deacon Bill Radio from Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls. Hosted by the Kimball Catholic Daughters. Refreshments will be provided.

Save the date ~ St. Lambert's Sister Camp - will be earlier than usual this year, **June 2-6**. This year's theme is the Sacraments. More information and registration this Spring.

Social transformation through Music **Children's Concert**
harmony SOUTH DAKOTA Saturday, **March 8, 2025**, 10:30 AM Cathedral of St. Joseph School Gymnasium-601 W. 4th St. Sioux Falls, SD Children learning life skills through Music.

 Moms and expectant Moms are invited to our next "**Under Mary's Mantle**" meeting of the series on topics of mothering during the early years on Tuesday, **March 11**, at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room at Holy Spirit Church in Sioux Falls. The next meeting topic is "**Caring for Ourselves and Our Families.**" If you were unable to attend the first meeting, you may join any of the remaining ones in the series. Young children are welcome! For more information or to inquire please contact Sandy at **605-421-1104**.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Liturgical Roles



Daily Mass - Ministers as Scheduled

March 8/9

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 pm Julie Cleary, Kate Piercemogen
- 7:30 am Barbara Lockwood, Carl Eisenberg
- 9:15 am John Moneke, Don Rahn, Jeff Heron
- 11:00 am Matthew & Mary Enderson, Bob Lux
- 4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

Lectors

- 4:00 pm Shawn Cleary, Nicholas Lanners
- 7:30 am Kym Osterberg
- 9:15 am Bette Theobald, Mickie Sweeney
- 11:00 am Tess Simon, Andrew Welbig
- 4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

Altar Servers

- 4:00 pm Pontifical Servers
- 7:30 am Thomas Mogle
- 9:15 am Charles, Greg & Nathaniel Myers
- 11:00 am Andrew & Nicholas Simon, Isaac Stanek
- 4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

Mini-Bus Driver

- 4:00 pm Dennis Hance

Dow Rummel Michelle Gullickson

Good Sam Chris Lent

Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: J1 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

CONGRATULATIONS

Benjamin Ulin is Cathedral 500 Club's first winner for March 2025. He has received a check for **\$87** and a check for **\$375.00** was given to the Church. In the last 25 years we have given the Church over **\$101,400**. Anyone interested in joining will find applications at the front entrance (Duluth Ave) of the Cathedral. Cost is \$5/month. Applications must be received by **March 31** to be in the **April 2025** drawings. Call the Parish Office at **605-336-7390** for details.

Mass Intentions:

- Mon. Mar. 03•** *St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin*
12:00 pm † Donna Rodig
- Tue. Mar. 04•** *St. Casimir*
12:00 pm † Bon Bui
- Wed. Mar. 05•** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
6:45 am Celebrant Intention
12:00 pm † Gracie Sara Poon
6:30 pm Celebrant Intention
- Thu. Mar. 06•** *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*
12:00 am † Tony Spader
- Fri. Mar. 07•** *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*
12:00 pm † Vivian Page
- Sat. Mar. 08•** *St. John of God, Religious*
4:00 pm † Jason Nolte
- Sun. Mar. 09•** **First Sunday of Lent**
7:30 am † Patrick Wynthein
9:15 am † Marilyn Collins
11:00 am † Ken Rensch
4:00 pm Pro Populo

Sanctuary Candles

The five hanging Sanctuary Candles in the Sacred Heart Chapel are available for prayer intentions.

- 1.) † Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 2.) Lee Roschen
- 3.) † Deacon Henry Knapp
- 4.) Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 5.) Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Cathedral Events Calendar

- Monday, March 3 -**
6:30 pm - Young Adults
- Tuesday, March 4-**
9:00 am - Quilter's Group, School
10:00 am - Women's Group/Bible Study, School(200)
6:30 pm - Knights of Columbus, Parish Hall
- Wednesday, March 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY**
6:45 am, 12:00 pm, 6:30 pm - Masses in the Cathedral
7:00 am - Mass at the Monastery for Ash Wednesday
6:30 pm - OCIA, attending Ash Wednesday Mass
- Thursday, March 6-**
7:00 pm - Adoration & Confessions, SH Chapel
- Friday, March 7 - First Friday**
11:00 am - Adoration before Noon Mass (No Rosary)
5:30 - 6:45 pm - Lenten Soup Supper, Parish Hall
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross, Cathedral Nave
- Saturday, March 8-**
12:00 & 3:00 pm - Confessions in the Cathedral Nave
7:30 pm - Sacred Arts Series Concert, USF Chorale
- Sunday, March 9 -**
1:30 pm - OCIA, Rite of Election

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday Mass Times - March 5

Cathedral - 6:45 am, 12:00 pm, 6:30 pm
Monastery - 7:00 am

Today! First Communion Retreat with the Sisters - In the Parish Hall, 12:30 - 3:15 pm.

OCIA Rite of Election - 1:30 pm, Sunday, March 9th.
Please pray for our Candidates as they make this next step toward becoming Catholics.

6th Annual Aquinas Lecture - Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 pm in Cathedral Parish Hall. (Doors open at 6:30.)
Theme: Educating for Transcendence: Education as a Way to Human Fulfillment. Dr. Jennifer Frey, University of Tulsa presented by Mount Marty University. Reception to follow.

LENT & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A simple **Soup Supper** will be offered every Friday during Lent in the Parish Hall starting at 5:30PM. Enjoy a meal & fellowship. Free will offering. **Stations of the Cross** begin in the church at **7PM**.



Sacred Arts Series -

USF Concert Chorale

Saturday, March 8, 2025 - 7:30 pm

David DeHoogh-Kliwer, Conductor

For more information and to purchase Tickets please go to:
stjosephcathedral.net/sacred-arts-series.



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through the waters of Baptism*

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& Elelta Gergis Ibetit

Congratulations and welcome into our Family of Faith!

If you are expecting or have a child to be baptized, please call
Deacon Bill Radio **605-336-7390** for baptism planning.

Mother's Retreat - Saturday, March 29 8:00am-3:00pm

Cathedral of St. Joseph (Parish Hall)
521 N. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD

Join the 4th annual Mother's Retreat to relax, recharge, pray, and connect with other mothers striving for holiness.

Adoration † Discussion † Confessions † Guest speakers † Prayer



WEEKLY OFFERING FEBRUARY 22/23

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|  | Envelopes | \$ | 17,267.00 |
| | Online/EFT | \$ | 5,620.00 |
| | Visitors/Loose Cash | \$ | 5,005.01 |
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CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

Parish Office: [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390)

Parish Office Email: cathedral@sfcatholic.org

Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm M-Th, 9:00am-3:00pm Friday
Closed - Saturday and Sunday

Cathedral Church Hours:

Monday-Saturday - 8:00am-4:00pm

Sunday - 7:00am-Noon & 3:30pm-5:00pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm (First Saturday of the Month Mass 9:00am)

Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am,
4:00pm (St. Josephine Bakhita Community)

Weekday Masses

Cathedral - Monday - Friday, 12:00pm (Noon)

Monastery - Monday - Saturday, 7:00am

Confessions

Thursday 7:00pm w/Adoration in the Sacred Heart Chapel

Saturday 12:00pm & 3:00-3:30pm in Cathedral

(In the Sacred Heart Chapel if a Wedding is scheduled)

Adoration

Sacred Heart Chapel - Thurs. 7:00pm-8:00pm (Confessions)

Cathedral - 11:00am, First Friday of the month

Monastery - Mon-Sat 7:45am-6:00pm, Sun 10:30am-6:00pm

Tours

Self-guided - 1:00pm Monday-Friday (except Holy Days)

Guided Tours-By appointment [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390)

Parish Staff

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Wedding Coordinator, Mary Enderson

Counseling Services, The Lourdes Center - [605-988-3775](tel:605-988-3775)

Sacramental Preparation:

Baptism - The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11:AM Mass. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation meeting. To schedule a meeting for preparation contact the parish office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390).

Matrimony - Six months preparation required. Registered parishioners, please contact the parish office. All others please contact the pastor of your home church. For wedding information, go to www.stjosephcathedral.net under Sacraments.

Anointing of the Sick - Please call the parish office to request this Sacrament if you have been diagnosed with an illness, in preparation for surgery or in the case of serious illness.

Catholic Cemetery - St. Michael's Cemetery [605-338-3376](tel:605-338-3376)

CLERGY REFLECTION

“What are you giving up for Lent?” It’s a question posed every Ash Wednesday. I always say that I’m giving up “deep-sea fishing” and “scuba-diving.” Of course it’s an outrageous reply, in order to get a laugh. Yet, it’s a smokescreen to a certain extent, with the hope that it will ease the anxiety of the seriousness of the question. Smokescreen aside, I still ask myself the question, “What are you giving up this Lent, Fr. Morgan?”

Lent originated in the Church as the final preparation of catechumens for baptism. Lent still has that primary meaning: It’s a time of renewal. So perhaps our anxiety over having to live without some of the luxuries and comforts that become habit would be better served if we reword the question: “What am I “living up” instead of “giving up.” If we aspire to “live up” to certain spiritual goals and the commands to “pray always,” and “love neighbor,” giving up won’t seem so dreary and difficult, it will be done out of love and not out of obligation. A few years ago Pope Francis’ message for Lent encouraged the faithful to “live up” to our Christian discipleship rather than to obscure its value.

If we’re going to fast from anything this Lent, Pope Francis suggested, we fast from indifference towards others.” So what was Pope Francis suggesting? That we concentrate on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, the core and backbone of the Christian life. The Corporal Works of Mercy are: To feed the hungry; to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked; to shelter the homeless; to visit the sick; to visit the incarcerated; to bury the dead respectfully and religiously. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are: To instruct those ignorant of the faith; to counsel the doubtful; to admonish sinners and lead them to the truth; to bear wrongs patiently; to forgive willingly; to comfort the afflicted; to pray always, especially for the living and the dead. The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year 2025 should be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy and love.

So...what are YOU giving up for Lent? Whatever it may be, may you do it with the other in mind...and for the Lord who loved us so much that He died on the Cross for us.

Fr. James P. Morgan

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