

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 21, 2021



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sundays

5:30 PM Saturday (anticipated); 8:00 AM, 11 AM (High Mass) 8:30 PM

Weekdays

8:00 AM (Monday through Friday)

12:10 PM (Monday through Saturday)

Messe en français, mardi 13h10 (septembre – juin)

Holy Days of Obligation

8:00 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM

Novenas and Devotions - Immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass

Monday: Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary for peace in the world

Wednesday: Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Thursday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Friday: **Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament from**

12:35 to 2:00 PM

Sacred Heart Novena

(during Lent: Stations of the Cross replace Exposition, Novena and Benediction)

CONFESSIONS - SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday from 11:55-12:05 PM and from 5:00 PM to 5:25 PM

Sunday from 10:30 AM to 10:55 AM and 8:15-8:25 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 11:55-12:05 PM

At other times please stop by the rectory

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are administered on Sundays at 12:15 PM. An instruction class is required for the parents and godparents. Please contact Fr. Murray for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. Murray at least six months in advance of your proposed date of marriage. Pre-Cana instruction is required for the engaged couple.

VISITATION OF THE SICK - COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact Fr. Murray for visitation of the sick at home or in the hospital.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CCD

For the religious education of children in grades first through seven (including preparation for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) please contact Mrs. Elizabeth Rivera at the Parish Office.

Adults who would like to join the Catholic Church are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Chacko. Baptized Catholics who need to receive First Confession, First Communion and/or Confirmation are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Chacko.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to Holy Family! Please register in the Parish Office or on-line.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
 FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021

Sunday, February 21 st – <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	
5:30 p.m. (Saturday)	Gregory Boratgis +
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11:00 a.m.	Charles Graci +
8:30 p.m.	John Patrick Foye +
Monday, February 22 nd – <i>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Gavin Rivera (L)
12:10 p.m.	Sal Tharani + and Sharick Tharani (L)
Tuesday, February 23 rd – <i>Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Terrie Looney (L)
12:10 p.m.	Mario, Gloria and Anthony Sergi +
Wednesday, February 24 th – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant’s Intention
12:10 p.m.	Teresa Skutela (L)
Thursday, February 25 th – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant’s Intention
12:10 p.m.	Fr. Piotr Przemielewski +
Friday, February 26 th – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Priscilla Villavicencio +
12:10 p.m.	Michael Maximilian Pack (L)
Saturday, February 27 th – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
12:10 p.m.	Francisco Vissicchio +
5:30 p.m.	Mario, Gloria and Anthony Sergi +



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Gospel is from St. Luke 5:1-11. Christ's voluntary self-mortification of forty days' fast, with its accompanying temptations, was but part of the self-mortification, with its climax on the Cross, which He gladly underwent for our salvation. He did not need to fast in order to keep the inclinations of the body in subjection, He did not need to allow the insult of temptation. He could have said, "begone Satan" at the beginning as easily and as effectively as he said it at the end. But He willingly underwent this humiliation in order to set us an example and to prove to us the infinite love He bears us and the value, the priceless value, He sets on our eternal salvation. He became like us in all things (except sin) in order to make it possible for us to become like Him—the beloved of his Father—and co-heirs with Him in the kingdom of heaven.

With this example given us by Christ no Christian can or should expect to travel the road to heaven without meeting obstacles and temptations. Our weak human nature is of itself, even without any external tempter, a source of many temptations to us, especially of those three illustrated in the case of Christ. Our body desires all the pleasures and comforts that can be got out of life and resents any curtailment of these desires even on the part of our Creator and Benefactor. Our gifts of intelligence and free-will often tempt most of us to look for power, political or economic, over our fellowmen. We want to be better off than others in this world, when our purpose in life is to help ourselves and our fellowmen to the better life. Finally, so fully occupied are many in the mad rush after pleasure and power that they have no time to devote to the one thing that matters, the attainment of eternal life.

Yet, through some foolish logic of our own, we expect God to do for us what we refuse to do for ourselves. We are tempting God by presuming he will save us if we have deliberately chosen the road to perdition.

There are few, if any, amongst us who can honestly say: "I am free from such inclinations or temptations." The vast majority of us can and should beat our breasts and say with the publican: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." And merciful he will be if we turn to him with true humility. He may not remove all our temptations, all our wrong inclinations, but he will give us the grace to overcome them if we sincerely seek his aid.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
 February 21st, 2021 (Year B, Cycle I). May be found:
<http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/inspiration.asp>

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Saturdays from 11:55–12:05 p.m. and 5:00–5:25 p.m.
Sundays from 10:30–10:55 a.m. and 8:10- 8:25 p.m.
Monday through Friday from 11:55–12:05 p.m.
 “The primary sacrament of the New Evangelization is the Sacrament of Penance.”
His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Christmas - December 25th: 12 midnight, 8 am, 11 am *
Mary, Mother of God - January 1st: 5:30 pm (anticipated), 8 am, 11 am * (**If Christmas and January 1st fall on a Sunday, there is also an 8:30 PM Mass.*)
Ascension Thursday, Assumption of Mary - August 15th
 All Saints - November 1st, Immaculate Conception – December 8th, 5:30 p.m. (anticipated), 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 pm*
 (**Please note: if January 1st, August 15th or November 1st fall on a Saturday or a Monday, they are not Holy Days of Obligation, as decreed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.*)

IN YOUR PRAYERS please remember:
Melody Colligan, Carlos Cuerta, Rachel Dawson, Gene Doyle, Paul Estipona and Family, Deborah Feudo, Dorothy Gerber, Gregory Henry, Ronald Henry, Sr., Ken Majuk, Audrey Marshall, Bea Maviglia, Joanne Perry, Frank Sajeski, Sebastian Sancho, Margie Skeels, Mateo Tobia, Alfredo Thomas, Virginia Vassallo, Dr. Tony Vivera, Nivene Young and Cathy Vukovich, who are ill or disabled.



Dear Parishioners,

We received the sad news that our longtime parishioner Robert Thompson died. Robert often helped take up the collection at Mass on Sunday. May his soul rest in peace. We send our prayers and condolences to his family.

Thank you to all our parishioners who have already made a contribution to the 2021 Cardinal's Appeal. Our parish goal is \$41,500. Please mail in your reply card if you received a mailing from the Archdiocese. If you did not, please take an informational brochure and contribution envelope from the table at the back of the church. You may also go on the parish website and click on the Cardinal's Appeal link to make an online donation. Thank you for supporting the important spiritual, educational and charitable works of the Archdiocese.

We remind you that the Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday of Lent immediately after the 12:10 Mass.

God bless you.
Fr. Gerald E. Murray,
Pastor

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:

February 2021: Violence against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

TAX STATEMENTS. Parishioners seeking year-end contribution statements for tax purposes are asked to contact the rectory office.

During this Lent let us improve our spirit and recollection. Let us free our minds from all that is not Jesus. If you find it difficult to pray, ask Him again and again. "Jesus, come into my heart, pray with me, pray in me-that I may learn from Thee to pray." - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The Mass schedule is:

Monday to Friday: 8 AM and 12:10 PM

Saturday: 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 11 AM and 8:30 PM

The Confession schedule is:

Monday to Saturday: 11:55 AM to 12:05 PM

Saturday: 5:00 to 5:25 PM

Sunday: 10:30 to 10:55 AM and 8:10 to 8:25 PM

The church is open for private prayer:

Monday to Friday: 7 AM to 9 AM and 11:30 AM to 2 PM

Saturday: 11:30 AM to 1 PM and 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Sunday: 7 AM to 12:00 PM and 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM

LENTEN REGULATIONS.

1) **Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

2) **Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics from age 18 through age 59 are bound to fast. Again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

LECTORS, USHERS NEEDED: If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, please contact the rectory.

LEGION OF MARY: For more information on the Legion of Mary: please contact Rose Gaddi: 267-546-8204. Meetings are on Thursdays from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM. Suspended until further notice.

SPANISH MARIAN PRAYER GROUP. Tuesdays 6:00–8:00 PM in the rectory. For more information: Laura Hagan: 516-492-7158. Suspended until further notice.

WE KNOW with certainty that evil never has the last word, and that, in God's merciful plan, love and peace triumph over all. – Pope Francis (September 25, 2015)

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