

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 7, 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)*

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**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.

**ONLINE GIVING TO THE PARISH**

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF  
MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2021



Sunday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	
5:30 p.m. (Saturday)	<b>Mario, Gloria and Anthony Sergi +</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Priscilla Villavicencio +</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Tom Dillon + 35 years</b>
8:30 p.m.	<b>Nancy and Luke A. Foye, Sr. +</b>
Monday, March 8 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Priscilla Villavicencio +</b>
12:10 p.m.	<b>Benedetto Lovoi +</b>
Tuesday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Eugene Kellet +</b>
12:10 p.m.	<b>Mario, Gloria and Anthony Sergi +</b>
Wednesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Celebrant's Intention</b>
12:10 p.m.	<b>Fr. Piotr Przemielewski +</b>
Thursday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Ann and Anthony Leopaldi +</b>
12:10 p.m.	<b>Sal Tharani +</b>
Friday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Celebrant's Intention</b>
12:10 p.m.	<b>Vitalina Deshko (L)</b>
Saturday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
12:10 p.m.	<b>Maria Eugenia Narciso y Robles +</b>
5:30 p.m.	<b>Mario, Gloria and Anthony Sergi +</b>

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF**

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>: 12 midnight, 8 am, 11 am \*

Mary, Mother of God - January 1<sup>st</sup>: 5:30 pm (anticipated), 8 am, 11 am \* (*\*If Christmas and January 1<sup>st</sup> fall on a Sunday, there is also an 8:30 PM Mass.*)

Ascension Thursday, Assumption of Mary - August 15<sup>th</sup>

All Saints - November 1<sup>st</sup>, Immaculate Conception – December 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. (anticipated), 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 pm\*

*(\*Please note: if January 1<sup>st</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup> or November 1<sup>st</sup> fall on a Saturday or a Monday, they are not Holy Days of Obligation, as decreed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.)*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

The **Gospel** is from St. John 2:13-25. Jesus gave the "leaders of the people" in Jerusalem many opportunities to hear his message and claims. He worked astounding miracles in or near the city such as the man crippled for thirty-eight years (Jn. 5); the man born blind (Jn. 9), the raising of Lazarus; (Jn. 11). St. John makes it clear that the leaders in Jerusalem were given every opportunity to know Jesus and to believe in him, but they did not.

On this occasion he made it clear that he was someone special, close to God, whose house they were desecrating, and whom he even called his Father. In hidden language he told them they would put him to death and he would rise again. Some remembered this after they had put him to death, for they asked Pilate to place a guard on his tomb lest his disciples should remove the body and pretend he had risen for: "we recall," they said, "that this impostor said while he was still living, 'after three days I shall rise again'" (Mt. 27 : 63). But even the miracle of his resurrection did not affect many of them. They had made up their minds and "there are none so blind as those who will not see."

The reasons for their blindness are the same as those that keep millions today from accepting and living the faith. These, like the priests and Pharisees are so immersed in the affairs of this world that they do not give a thought to their future. Their eyes are fixed on the earthly objectives they set and they see nothing else. The leaders wanted more than political freedom from Rome and hoped their Messiah would give them a great world empire with unlimited wealth and power. Today many see worldly aims as important so they exclude the thought of anything higher despite many historical facts of Christianity since the birth of Christ. Who was he, why was he born? In every town of our once Christian western world there is a church with steeples pointing to the sky. Why? What does this mean? Near every town there are cemeteries. Are those buried there only sleeping or waiting to be called, if not already, or are they dead forever just like an ox buried in the next field.

The agnostics and free-thinkers today ought to think about the facts—that Christ, Son of God, took our human nature and lived on this earth, so that he would raise us up to Sonship with God. He suffered crucifixion, because of sin when he came. But his death made atonement to His Heavenly Father for all the sins of the world. His resurrection from the dead was the prelude and the guarantee that we shall all rise to a life of glory in heaven, if we follow him faithfully during our years on earth.

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

**Dear Parishioners,**

I am very happy to announce that our parish has reached and surpassed our goal for the 2021 Cardinal's Appeal. We have raised \$58,000 in gifts and pledges from 17 donors. Our goal is \$42,500. Our parish will receive a rebate of 60% of all money raised above the goal. All donations from here on out will benefit both our parish and our archdiocese. I want to thank all those who have already given to the Cardinal's Appeal this year. We encourage all of our parishioners to participate in this annual Archdiocesan fundraising campaign. Informational brochures and donation envelopes may be found on the tables at the back of the church. We ask you to send in your donation by the end of March. You may also donate online by going to our parish website ([www.churchhollyfamily.org](http://www.churchhollyfamily.org)) and clicking on the Cardinal's Appeal link.

Work continues on the elevator project. It should be completed by the end of March. If you would like to make a donation to help finance this much needed improvement to our parish, please speak with Fr. Murray. A generous benefactor has pledged to match all donations up to \$100,000.

Pope Francis is on an Apostolic Visit to Iraq this weekend. Let us pray for the success of this pilgrimage to this war-torn nation where our fellow Christians and people of other religions suffered so greatly under persecution by the Islamic State. May Christ's gift of peace come to the people of that land.

Next Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, Daylight Savings Time begins. Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead next Sunday.

**God bless you.**

**Fr. Gerald E. Murray,  
Pastor**

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:****March 2021: Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

*Prayer to be fruitful must come from the heart and must be able to touch the heart of God. See how Jesus taught His disciples to pray. Call God your Father, praise and glorify His name. Do His will, ask for daily bread, spiritual and temporal, ask for forgiveness of your own sins and that we may forgive others—and also for the grace to be delivered from evil which is in us and around us (LS, 17-18)*

*- Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

**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., Jacqueline Lugo, Ken Majuk, Audrey Marshall, Bea Maviglia, Joanne Perry, Frank Sajeski, Margie Skeels, Mateo Tobia, Alfredo Thomas, Virginia Vassallo, Dr. Tony Vivera, Nivene Young and Cathy Vukovich, who are ill or disabled.

**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.

*Dear friends,*

*One of the most effective ways to help is that of prayer. Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters. It opens our hearts and reminds us of a beautiful truth we sometime forget....*

*– Pope Francis (September 24, 2015)*

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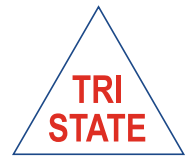
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