

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 14, 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)

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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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Online Giving is available with WeShare. You can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. To enroll visit churchholyfamily.churchgiving.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
MARCH 14TH, 2021



Sunday, March 14 th – <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	
5:30 p.m. (Saturday)	Mario, Gloria and Anthony Sergi +
8:00 a.m.	Felicito and Jaime Hukom (L)
11:00 a.m.	Tim and Laura Monahan (L)
8:30 p.m.	Panagiota Vavasis +
Monday, March 15 th – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Emerenciano Veliz +
12:10 p.m.	Paul R. Cahir +
Tuesday, March 16 th – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
12:10 p.m.	Helen Venner (L)
Wednesday, March 17 th – <i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Florence T. Little +
12:10 p.m.	Mary and Patrick McNulty +
Thursday, March 18 th – <i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Deceased member of The Doran and Dillon Families
12:10 p.m.	Fr. Piotr Przemielewski +
Friday, March 19 th – <i>Saint Joseph, Spouse of BVM</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Gorman and Rogers Families
12:10 p.m.	Julia Cleary (L)
Saturday, March 13 th – <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
12:10 p.m.	Anastasia Doran + (39 years)
5:30 p.m.	Gregory Boratgis +

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Gospel is from St. John 3:14-21. Mercy and forgiveness are confirmed for us in the first reading (Eph 2: 4-5), recalling that "God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love for us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ".

This reality of salvation is amplified in the most beautiful statement in the Gospel passage (Jn 3:16): "God so loved the world that he gave his Only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

And, that "giving" of the Father had a dramatic development: to the point of the sacrifice of the Son on the Cross.

If Jesus' entire mission is an eloquent sign of God's love, his death, in which God's redeeming tenderness is fully expressed, is quite uniquely so. Always our meditation must be centred on the Cross. In it we contemplate the glory of the Lord that shines out in the martyred body of Jesus.

God's greatness, his being love, becomes visible in this total gift of himself. It is the glory of the Crucified One that every Christian is called to understand, live and bear witness to with his life.

The Cross - the giving of himself on the part of the Son of God - is the definitive "sign" par excellence given to us so that we might understand the truth about man and the truth about God: we have all been created and redeemed by a God who sacrificed his only Son out of love.

This is why the Crucifixion is the culmination of that turning of God against himself in which he gives himself in order to raise man up and save him. This is love in its most radical form".

How should we respond to this radical love of the Lord?

The Gospel presents Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin of Jerusalem who sought out Jesus by night. He was a well-to-do man, attracted by the Lord's words and example, but one who hesitated to take the leap of faith because he was fearful of others. He felt the fascination of this Rabbi, so different from the others, but could not manage to rid himself of the conditioning of his environment that was hostile to Jesus and stood irresolute on the threshold of faith.

How many people also in our time are in search of God, in search of Jesus and of his Church, in search of divine mercy, and are waiting for a "sign" that will touch their minds and their hearts!

Today, as then, the Evangelist reminds us that the only "sign" is Jesus raised on the Cross: Jesus who died and rose is the absolutely sufficient sign. Through him we can understand the truth about life and obtain salvation.

This is the principal proclamation of the Church, which remains unchanged down the ages.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

March 14th, 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.)

The Christian faith, therefore, is not an ideology but a personal encounter with the Crucified and Risen Christ. From this experience, both individual and communitarian, flows a new way of thinking and acting: an existence marked by love is born, as the saints testify.

Continue, dear friends, on the path on which you have set out, striving to make your parishes a true family in which fidelity to the Word of God and the Church's Tradition may become, day after day, more and more your rule of life.

Excerpted from *Homily of His Holiness Benedict XVI, 03-26-06*

Dear Parishioners,

Today we have the annual second collection for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which is the agency of the United States Catholic Bishops for overseas relief and emergency aid. CRS does wonderful work assisting those in need around the world. I had the privilege a few years ago of visiting some CRS supported agricultural and health services projects in Africa. Please be generous in today's second collection.

This Friday, March 19th, is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr. Joe Chacko will celebrate both his birthday and the anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood on March 19th. Congratulations Fr. Joe, and may God bless you!

On March 19th Timothy Cardinal Dolan will consecrate the Archdiocese of New York to St. Joseph. The Act of Consecration will be prayed by His Eminence following the 7 AM Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. We will read the same prayers here at Holy Family following the 8 AM and 12:10 PM Masses on March 19th.

Wednesday March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of New York. Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our parishioners!

The Cardinal's Appeal 2021 continues here at Holy Family. We have so far raised \$64,500 in gifts and pledges. Thanks to all who have given to this year's appeal. We ask all our parishioners to participate in this annual campaign that supports the good works of the Archdiocese and of our parish. If you did not receive a letter about the Cardinal's Appeal in the mail, please take home the informational brochure and donation envelope found on the tables at the back of the church. Next Sunday we will make an in-pew appeal at all the Masses. We request that you make your donation to the appeal before the end of March. Donations, however, can be made any time during the calendar year.

God Bless you!

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

*My aim is to bring people closer to God (DSBFG pg 31)
Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

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.

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, Sebastian Sancho, 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.

How do we receive the Word of God? As one receives Jesus Christ. The Church tells us Jesus is present in the Scripture, in His Word. Always carry a small Gospel and read a passage during the day. Not so much to learn something, but mostly to find Jesus. Every time I read the Gospel, I find Jesus.

--- Pope Francis 01.09.14

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