

Our Lady of Victory Parish

Centerville, Massachusetts

*First Sunday
of Lent
February 22, 2026*

Celebration of the Eucharist

Our Lady of Victory
230 S Main St,
Centerville, MA
Saturday, 4:30pm
Sunday, 7am, 9am,
11am and 5:30pm

Daily Mass
Monday–Saturday,
9am
*All Masses at Our
Lady of Victory are
Livestreamed on
olvparish.org*

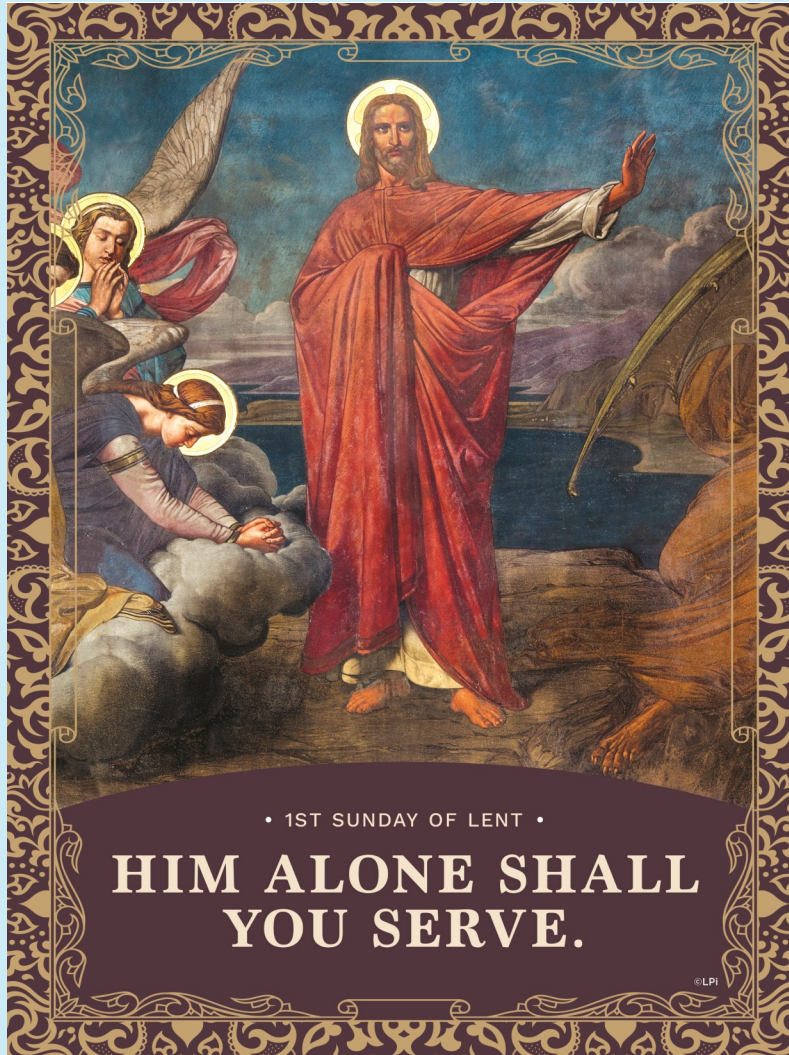
**Our Lady of Hope
Mission**
1581 Rt. 6A,
West Barnstable, MA
Sunday: 10am

First Saturday
Anointing of the Sick
after 9am Mass

**Holy Hour for
Vocations/Adoration**
Wed., after 9am Mass

**Holy Day Celebration
of Eucharist**
As noted in bulletin

Daily Rosary
Monday–Saturday,
8:30am. Join us!



Rev. Christopher Hughes,
Parochial Administrator

Rev. Balaswamy Thippabathini,
Parochial Vicar

Mass Assistants

Rev. George Bellenoit
Rev. Richard Casey
Rev. Richard DeVeer
Rev. James Finley
Rev. Michael McManus
Rev. Robert Soucy

*Thank you to those priests who,
although not assigned here, share
their ministry with us, by helping
us regularly and seasonally.*

Deacons

Rev. Deacon Keith R. Caldwell
Rev. Deacon Theodore E. Lukac
Rev. Deacon Richard J. Murphy, Sr.
Rev. Deacon David W. Roderick

Reconciliation During Lent
Mondays, 6pm–7pm
Saturdays after the 9am Mass
and 3pm to 4:15pm

OLV Office Hours

Monday–Thursday,
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Weddings Arrangements must be made at least eight months in advance

New Parishioners Please register in the Parish Office

Saint Vincent de Paul Society For Assistance, 508-771-5104

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

February 21 and February 22

Sat 4pm Dorothy A. Costa
Sun 9am John, Joseph and Frank DaLomba
11am John D. Sullivan

February 23-27

Mon 8am Rev. William Blottman
Tues 8am For the Parish
Wed 8am Thomas Brackett
Thurs 8am Ted O'Rourke
Fri 8am Rev. Bruce Neylon

February 28 and March 1

Sat 4pm Sally Hogan
Sun 9am Ralph Grande
11am Kevin Bronski

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

February 21 and February 22

Sat 4:30pm John Grady
Sun 7am People of the Parish
9am Susan Anderson
11am Robert Archer
5:30pm Special Intention

February 23-28

Mon 9am Mary Desrocher
Tues 9am Rev. John Dean
Wed 9am Susan Anderson
Thurs 9am Harold "Mickie" Graham
Fri 9am Gretchen Deichert
Sat 9am Community Mass
Russell Mattson and Rosemary T. Leary

February 28 and March 1

Sat 4:30pm Brigid Bannan Oritiz and Sally Hogan
Sun 7am Barbara Murphy
9am People of the Parish
11am Barbara Conway
5:30pm Theresa Feighny

OUR LADY OF HOPE

February 22

Sun., 10am Jake Priode

March 1

Sun., 10am Joseph Costello

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

We are blessed at Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of Victory and at Our Lady of Hope to have thoughtful, generous parishioners who support the good works of our faith community with their time, talent and treasure. Thank you for your spiritual and financial commitment to our Parishes.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 22: No second collection.

At OLV/OLH it is Harvest Sunday and at OLA it is Sharing Sunday. Funds collected in the gold envelopes at OLV and the white envelopes at OLA is forwarded to the Parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society to aid our brothers and sisters in the community.

March 1: The second collection will be used for Easter **flowers and decorations.** These flowers help enhance our worship as we celebrate the risen Lord.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Lenten Music

**On the Sundays of Lent, we will sing
the following at Mass:**

Penitential Rite

*Kyrie Eleison
Christe Eleison
Kyrie Eleison*

Responsorial Psalm

*Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble,
be with me Lord, I pray.*

Gospel Acclamation

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and
a light unto my path.*

Communion Meditation – Trisagion

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy,
have mercy on us.*

Rev. Balaswamy Thippabathini

The Curate's Corner

Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle—Feast

Seeing that February 22nd is the First Sunday of Lent this year, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter is omitted from the Church's Calendar this year. However, perhaps we could look into what this Feast is all about as we pray for the Successor of Saint Peter, Pope Leo XIV.

Reflection: February 22, we celebrate the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, the apostle of Jesus. This feast celebrates not only that chair as a precious relic from the time of Saint Peter, it also celebrates all that this chair represents. This feast was formally celebrated in Rome as early as the fourth century, but honor for the supremacy of Saint Peter and his successors was celebrated from the moment Jesus entrusted Peter with his unique mission.

In the Gospel of Matthew 16:13–20, we have the discourse between Jesus and His disciples, which is the basis of today's feast and our belief in the unique and universal authority of Saint Peter and his successors. Jesus asked the disciples, "who do you say that I am?" Simon responded, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." With that profession of faith, Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, saying to him, "And I tell you, you are Peter (*Petros*), and on this rock (*petra*) I will build my church." "Peter" in Greek is *Petros*. The Greek word *petra* means a solid rock formation that is fixed, immovable, and enduring. Therefore, Jesus chose to make Peter a solid, fixed, and immovable foundation of rock on which the Church would be built and endure until the end of time. Jesus went on to tell Peter that He would give him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven and that whatever he bound and loosed on earth would be bound and loosed in Heaven.

It's interesting to note that immediately after this discourse between Jesus and Peter, Jesus rebukes Peter for giving into fear after Jesus spoke about His impending death. While in the Garden of Gethsemane, on the eve of Jesus' saving Passion, Peter chooses to sleep rather than stay awake and pray with Jesus. Then, after Jesus is arrested, Peter denies three times that he even knows Jesus. God chose a man of weakness and fear to become the rock foundation for the Church. This shows that God's power is not limited by the instruments to whom He entrusts His power.

After Jesus' ascension into Heaven, Peter and the others are filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. After this

gift, Peter is more prepared for his mission. He is the first one to go forth courageously to preach the Word of God to the people in Jerusalem. He resolved conflicts within the Church when they arose. He became the first bishop of the newly evangelized city of Antioch and then chose to go to Rome, becoming the first bishop of Rome, where he would die a martyr. However, the death of Saint Peter was not the death of his authority and singular mission. Saint Linus followed him as the second bishop of Rome, and then Saint Cletus, Saint Clement, and so forth until today.



Of the pope's authority, Vatican Councils I and II affirmed that when the pope speaks *Ex Cathedra*, meaning, "From the Chair," he speaks with the authority of Saint Peter who was entrusted with full, supreme, and universal authority to teach and govern. His teaching extends to all matters of faith and morals, and his governance encompasses the entire world. (*Lumen Gentium*, #22).

As we ponder the authority and infallibility of the one who sits in the Chair of Saint Peter, try to see this sacred power, given to one weak and sinful man after another, as an act of the love of Christ for His Church. It is the power of Christ and His divine love that makes it possible for these men to shepherd the Church, providing stability, longevity, certitude, and hope. When popes are also saints, we are doubly blessed. When they are not, our Lord still works through them, providing the Church with the ongoing rock foundation it needs to endure all things until the end of time. Let us pray for the pope today. Pledge our obedience to him when he speaks *Ex Cathedra*, and know that our unity with him ensures our unity with Christ, Who governs through him.

Prayer: Saint Peter, you were a weak and sinful man, but God entrusted you with great responsibility, despite your unworthiness. Please pray for us, that despite our unworthiness, we may be open to all that God entrusts to us and that we may use those gifts for His glory and the salvation of souls. Saint Peter and all your successors in Heaven, pray for us. Amen.

**Weekly 24-Hour Adoration during Lent 2026
at OLA**

Could you not watch one hour with me? Mt 26:40

This Lent, we invite you to step away from the noise of the world and enter the profound silence of His presence. **Our Lady of the Assumption** is blessed to offer **Weekly 24-Hour Adoration** to help our community deepen our Lenten journey through prayer, sacrifice, and contemplation.

Schedule

When: Every Friday during Lent

Time: Beginning after the 8:00 AM Mass on Friday and continuing through 8:00 AM Saturday morning.

Dates: *February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 **at OLA**

Confessions will be available Saturday morning from 7AM-7:45 AM

Why Attend Adoration This Lent?

Lent is a season of "returning to the Lord with all your heart." Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration provides a unique opportunity to:

Reflect: Quiet your mind to hear the "still, small voice" of God.

Repent: Bring your burdens and failings to the foot of the Cross.

Renew: Find the spiritual strength needed to carry out your Lenten resolutions.

Messages for Your Prayer

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul ever more glorious and beautiful in Heaven and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth." — Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering." — Pope Benedict XVI

Commitment

To ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone, we are seeking adorers to commit to specific one-hour time slots, particularly during the overnight hours.

Sign-up sheets are available near the front door at OLA if you would like to commit to an hour.

Walk-ins are always welcome at any time during the 24-hour period.

Reverse Collection– Next Weekend!

Many years ago a tradition was begun by Bob and Pat Donahue and their team, called the Reverse Collection. Next weekend—February 28 and March 1—during the time of the second collection, you have the opportunity to take out a slip with a request for a much needed item (sheets, towels, socks, etc.) to benefit a local social service organization. We are happy to announce that as part of our parish-wide Lenten Almsgiving, we will once again be holding the Reverse Collection. Slips will be available this weekend at all churches, at all Masses.

Donations may be returned to Mass the following weekend, March 7 and 8. If you are able to help that weekend, contact Kelley at kjs@olvparish.org and see notice below. *Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.* Mt 25:40

Faith in Action!

Help is needed the weekend of March 7 and 8 bringing donated items to the OLV Parish Office. Sign up sheets will be near the main doors at OLV, OLA, and OLV the weekend of February 21/22. Thank you for sharing your time and treasure with our brothers and sisters in need.

**Knights of Columbus:
Easter Food Drive**

This is week #1 of the Knights of Columbus Easter Food Drive. If you would like to participate, please put aside the following items: **Box of cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soup.** Watch each week during Lent for a list of items to put aside. On Holy Saturday April 4 between 9AM and noon, bring these items and all that you wish to donate, to the back parking lot of Our Lady of Victory Church where the Knights will be there to accept your donations. Then we will deliver all items to the St. Francis Food Pantry.



Annual Appeal

As we begin our Lenten journey, today's Gospel shows Jesus in the desert, resisting temptation and choosing trust in the Father. Lent invites us to do the same—to turn away from self-reliance and open our hearts more fully to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our Annual Parish Appeal is one concrete way we live out this call. By sharing our gifts, we support the mission of the Church and ensure that the Gospel continues to be proclaimed, the poor are served, and our parish remains a place of faith, hope, and mercy. Thank you to all who have already contributed. If you have not yet contributed, I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can participate in this appeal as part of your Lenten sacrifice. Thank you for your generosity and for walking together as disciples of Christ

—Fr. Chris

As of December 31:

OLV: 262 families have pledged \$90,083

OLA: 126 families have pledged \$107,510



First Reconciliation/First Communion Class will meet for 9:00AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church on Sunday, March 8. After Mass, we will have our class in the Parish Center, concluding at 10:30AM. Please be sure to save the date for the First Reconciliation Prayer Service on Saturday, March 14 at 11:00AM in Our Lady of Victory Church.

Confirmation II Class will meet in Our Lady of Victory's Parish Center at 4:00PM on Sunday, March 8. We will have class, then attend 5:30PM Mass together. Sponsor forms are coming in; be sure to submit yours!

Our next GIFT Gathering will be Sunday, March 15, the 4th Sunday in Lent - Laetare (Rejoice!) Sunday! On Laetare Sunday the Church encourages us to look forward to the resurrection with hope and joy even in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Our topic for this GIFT Gathering will be "Broken & Healed." All are welcome to join us at 10:30AM, or 5:00PM on Sunday, March 15 for GIFT.

Bible Study

Meets each Tuesday in M1 of the OLV Parish Center, 9:30am-11am and at 6pm-7:30pm.

In alignment with Lent and Easter, we will be studying and discussing the Gospel of Mark on March 10th, 17th, and 24th. We welcome all people at all stages of learning.

Our Lady's Guild would like to invite all women of our parish to come to one of our meetings to see what we are all about. Our meetings take place at 1pm at OLV Parish Center located at 230 S. Main St. Centerville the second Thursday each month from September thru May. Being a friend.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Each Wednesday, from 9:30am to 10:30am we will have a Holy Hour for Vocations at OLV. Please consider joining us as we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Fall River.



Feeding The Hungry

For 22 years, Our Lady of Victory has had eight (8) teams that provide home-cooked dinners for 60 people at St. Joseph shelter in Hyannis every Wednesday all year long.

Each team member commits to preparing a part of the meal (ex. entrée, vegetable, or dessert) in their own kitchen, at least six times a year. Some of our teams have lost members over the years and could use your help. If you would like to join us, call Rosemary at 508-280-0199.

During Lent, there are spiritual growth resources made available during the holy season to which the faithful are encouraged to participate. The Lenten Devotion flyer has a complete list of offerings and was sent home and is posted in church. If you need a copy sent, email ministries@olvparish.org or pick one up at the doors of the church.

"The Light is on for YOU!" Begins February 21:

Take advantage of the opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Saturdays

7am-7:45am at OLA
9:30-10am at OLV
2:30pm-3:45pm at OLA
3pm-4:15pm at OLV

Mondays

12:30pm-1:30pm at OLA
6-7pm at OLV

Wednesdays

After the 8 AM Mass at OLA

March 21 and 22

After All Masses at OLV, OLH, OLA

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – New!

OLA: Every Friday, Feb. 20-March 28, after the 8AM Mass for 24 hours, concluding Saturday morning, 8AM. See further info on preceding page.

Lectio Divina

A way to pray with the Bible. **Mondays:** Feb. 23-March 23: After the 8AM Mass in OLA Office

Stations of the Cross:

OLA: Every Friday during Lent and Good Friday, at 12Noon and after, come and enjoy a Lenten soup lunch in the Annex.
OLV: 6PM Every Friday during Lent and Good Friday. Soup served on March 27.



Women's Cenacle

Women's Prayer & Spirituality. February 26 and March 26: 9:45am and March 12: 6PM. And ongoing: Second Thursday of the month at 6pm and Fourth Thursday of the month at 9:45am. All women are cordially invited to participate in a new ministry dedicated to prayer and spirituality. The content is the same for both sessions. Please bring your Rosary beads. Room M1, OLV Parish Center, Centerville.



"A Lenten Journey with the Music of Jesus Christ Super Star" with Deacon Keith

Journey with Deacon Keith this Lent as he leads a two-session reflection on using the music of *Jesus Christ Super Star* to deepen our Lenten preparation for the Lord's passion. Please join us Wednesday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 25 from 6:00-7:30pm at Our Lady of Victory. RSVP to ministries@olvparish.org with the number of people attending by March 13 for March 18 and March 20 for March 25. Come to both!



TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH!

*Invest just five minutes
a day, and your faith
will deepen and grow—
a day at a time.*

Sunday, Feb 22, 2026

Pray for your fellow travellers

Now is the time to become aware of your parish's catechumens or candidates. Assure them that you are walking with them all through the season. At the Easter Vigil the assembly will witness their Baptism into the Lord. Make room in your daily prayer for these people who are taking significant steps to orient themselves toward the cross and Resurrection of Jesus. Ask them to pray for you. Let the joy of being a companion brighten your own journey as well as theirs. They are soon to be your sisters and brothers in Christ.

Recognize today that you have a role to play to provide encouragement and example to the elect on their path toward the Paschal Mystery.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT "Through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all."

Monday, Feb 23, 2026

Bring Christ into focus

In our Creed, we profess faith in "all that is seen and unseen." The unseen is not only the parts of the created universe we've yet to discover but the Spirit's workings we've yet to comprehend. Jesus tells us he can be found in the least of our brothers and sisters, yet most of us squint and strain and still find our vision blurred. Next time you pass one who is hungry and thirsty, try to see your father, mother, child, spouse, or friend in the face looking up at you. Could you pass that person by? No? Now see in that face the one who saved you for all eternity. Can you refuse to lend him a hand? Seeing is believing.

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?"

Readings for the week of February 22, 2026

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Tuesday, Feb 24, 2026

Heaven is at hand

Think about the Lord's Prayer and the words "who art in heaven." Those words are not referring to heaven as a distant place. It is the place we can enter here and now. The "Our Father" reveals not so much where God is but who God is and how God acts. God is holy. God is in charge. God hears and responds to the needs of those who call for help. God offers forgiveness and shows us how to forgive. God does not abandon us to temptation but rather delivers us from the prison of evil. God is the one on whom we rely, because Jesus taught us to trust no other. The Lord's Prayer invites us to get our daily dose of the divine. "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."

Wednesday, Feb 25, 2026

Relapse and restart

Just one week ago, each of us vowed to avoid temptations and distractions and turn our attention toward God. How's it going? Remember change is a process—as one psychology professor put it: "It's a marathon, not a 100-yard dash." No doubt you still have many moments each day when you forget who loves you and who deserves your love. Don't worry. The key is to not give up when you slip up. Remember the words of Saint Josemaría Escrivá: "A saint is a sinner who keeps trying." Let your relapses strengthen your resolve to be all the more aware of your need for God. Indeed, you are powerless without the power of God. "No sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah."

Thursday, Feb 26, 2026

What should we ask for?

Even those who rarely think of God know how to pray in case of emergency. We are readily moved to pray when someone we love is sick or in need, or when we ourselves are lost or scared. But is there a prayer for other times, when the immediate concern is not so pressing? The church recommends this formula: Pray first for the universal church and its leaders. Second, pray for the world and global concerns. Next, intercede for the sick, remember the dead, and pray for your faith community. And finally, pray for yourself and what you need to become whole, healthy, and holy. "Ask and it will be given to you."

YOUR DAILY prayer

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these
40 Days of Lent.

Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen,
and inspire us anew.

Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice,
and give us the strength to follow. Amen. ©LPi

Friday, Feb 27, 2026

Leave your gift and go be reconciled

While Lent is about being turned around and setting things right with God, it is not only a matter of regular churchgoing. In fact, Jesus says that offering a gift, a ritual sacrifice to God, definitely takes second place to being in right relationship with one another. Because, as Pope Francis says, "Outside of forgiveness there is no hope; outside of forgiveness there is no peace." Today's a day of abstinence. Hunger pangs may be useful as physical reminders that we have fence-mending to do. Become reconciled with family members, friends, coworkers, not only asking forgiveness (which is hard enough), but also offering forgiveness—whether it's requested or not. That will be a worthy Lenten turnaround. **DAY OF ABSTINENCE** "Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court."

Saturday, Feb 28, 2026

The secret lives of our enemies

Love your enemy. It's a simple statement. Clear. Concise. Direct. But oh, how it makes us squirm. Yet this commandment is the heart of Jesus' message: love has no cut-off points. There is no end to loving. No time when we get to say, "Now you've done it. No more love for you." Without God, unending love is impossible. It is only in God—living inside the mind and heart of God—that loving our enemies becomes possible and, indeed, the most natural way to live. Consider this insight from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow as you turn to face your enemies today: "If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility." "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."

VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! *Understanding*

"I believe, in order to understand," said St. Augustine.
"And I understand, the better to believe."

The virtue of understanding, which is a gift conferred by the Holy Spirit, shows us that there is no such thing as "blind faith." Faith, by its very nature, seeks to better understand the object of that faith.

It is important to know that understanding is a process—the Holy Spirit is always willing to give a gift over and over again! "The same Holy Spirit constantly perfects faith by his gifts, so that Revelation may be more and more profoundly understood," we read in *Dei verbum*, the dogmatic constitution on divine revelation.

Understanding is the "food" of faith. We must constantly ask the Holy Spirit for greater and more profound understanding, for though understanding proceeds from faith, it in turn nourishes that faith. "A more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set afire by love," says the Catechism (158).

Why Do Catholics Observe Lent?

Lent is a sacred season of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that prepares us for the joy of Easter. It recalls Jesus' forty days in the desert and calls us to deeper conversion of heart.

During Lent, you'll notice some changes in our worship:

- **No Alleluia** – a joyful word we set aside as we reflect and prepare for Easter
- **Confiteor** — we will pray the Confiteor during the Penitential Rite and sing the Kyrie, to highlight the penitential nature of the season.
- **No Gloria** – reserved for the celebration of the Resurrection
- **Readings** focus on repentance, renewal, and baptism
- A special season for those preparing for the **Easter Sacraments**
- **Stations of the Cross** each Friday, remembering Christ's Passion
- **No meat on Fridays** of Lent as a simple act of sacrifice

Lent invites each of us to slow down, turn back to God, and prepare our hearts for new life in Christ.



**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK
REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE**

1st Reading Question

Genesis reveals that from the beginning the serpent (the devil) desires to lure and trap us into disobeying God. Can you think of some lies the serpent is telling people today?

2nd Reading Question

Paul argues that Jesus' obedience to God brought us the gift of freedom and life. How do you see yourself obeying God?

Gospel Question

The season of Lent begins each year with the story of the devil tempting Jesus in the desert. As we begin the 40 days of Lent, what temptations are you willing to confront?

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Our Men and Women in the Service

Our parishes pray for those currently serving, at home and abroad, in the military.

Ensign Mason Larkin, USN
Sgt. Ryan P. Fahey, USA
Ensign Devon Harris, USN
E5 Raymond Fitzgerald DC, USCG

E6 Ryan Neugebauer AST, USCG

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Major Matthew R. Lutch, USMC

Warrant Officer Matthew Plicque, USA

2nd Lt Peter Murphy, Airborne

Capt. Billy Murphy, USN

Cpl. Patrick J. Kelley

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LCpl Robert Connolly IV

Capt. Jared A. Ripperger

Capt. Michael Mayo Taylor, USA

Brig. General Benjamin T. Watson, USMC

Maj. John B. VanderVoort

PFC Tim Strong, USN

CDR Conor O'Neil

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Capt. Matthew Antil Goodwin, USMC

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SO1 Michael Reeves USN

CO Rusty Williamson, USN

Staff Sgt. Alexander Kelsall, USA

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Maj. Robert Havens, USAF

SFC Billy Farwell

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Maj. Christopher Ahlemeyer, USA

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Ensign Ramone G.T

Forrester, USN

Lt. Col. Andrew Ryan Wing, USMC

Lt. Cmdr. Kalen Kropa, USN

Lt. Cmdr. Katherine Noddin

Poulin, USN

Maj. Joel Nobel, USAF

Lt. Cmdr. Catherine Long, USN

Matthew Tutunjian, CG

QM2 Daniel-Lee Searfoss, USN

Pvt. 1st Class Michael Bilodeau, USM

Lt. Marius Bernotas, USN

Lt. Andrius Bernotas, USN

Capt. Sean Villano, USAF

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2nd Lt. Liam G. Furey, USA

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Major Matthew Cavanaugh, USA

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Maj. Justin M. D'Olimpio USAF

Cpl. Brian J. Sullivan, USMC

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To add a loved one or to let us know when they are no longer serving:
kim@olvparish.org

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parishes



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Ellen Hanson

David Held

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Residents of local nursing homes and the homebound
All Members of the Cancer Support Group

All Members of the Memory Support Group

If you or your immediate family member need to be added to the list or removed, please contact, kim@olvparish.org.

Additions to our sick list will be printed for three months.

PRAYER SHAWL REQUEST

If you wish to request a prayer shawl, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket. You may also contact Theresa McDowell, terrymcdowell@gmail.com



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Phone number needed for delivery of Prayer Shawl.

Support Group Meetings—One Day at a Time

AA Meetings—**Our Lady of the Assumption**

Church Basement: Sun. and Wed.,

7pm; Sun., 5:30pm/Beginner Mtg;

Fri., 6:30pm

AA Meetings—**Our Lady of Victory-Lower Church**

Monday – Saturday, 7:30am

AA Meetings—**Our Lady of Hope**

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 7pm

NA Meeting—**Our Lady of Victory**

Friday, 7:30pm

Overeaters Anonymous—**Christ the King Parish,**

Mashpee; Wednesday, 6:30pm

COMMUNITY NOTES



Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

One-Day Spiritual Retreat: Saturday, March 21,
9:30am-6:30pm

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. A ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Please join us. All are welcome. Registration required. St. Pius X Parish Life Center South Yarmouth. For more information, Call Christine at 508-776-6309 Or see www.emfgp.org

A Journey through Ireland

This pilgrimage will take us through many interesting and beautiful areas of Ireland. From October 4 to 15, 2026, we will explore areas of Belfast, Derry, Galway, Donegal, Dublin and Knock. Highlights will include Titanic Experience – Ballintubber Abbey – Knock Shrine. Fr. Tom Washburn will be the Spiritual Director and Beth Mahoney, Past President of the National Council of Catholic Women, will be the Group Leader. For additional information please call or email Beth at 508-432-4000 or htbethm@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

With 206 Tours and Jenn Canzano
Celebrate the 45th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions with a 12-day pilgrimage, September 20-October 1, 2026, accompanied by Fr. Ed Riley as Spiritual Director. An optional 4-night extension is available, and flexible arrangements can be made if needed. All-inclusive cost: \$2,979. FMI:
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DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER LENTEN REGULATIONS

I. Law of Fast

- A. All adults (18 and older) are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60th year.
- B. On days of fast, those bound by the law are limited to a single full meal. This meal is meatless. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs; however, together these two meals should not equal another full meal.
- C. There are two prescribed days of fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

II. Law of Abstinence

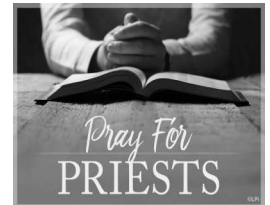
- A. Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence.
- B. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law abstain from meat.
- C. On all Fridays of Lent, abstinence is prescribed. This, of course, includes Good Friday. Abstinence is also prescribed on Ash Wednesday.

III. Lenten Discipline

The Code of Canon Law very aptly summarizes the ecclesiastical discipline in Canon 1249: "All members of the Christian faithful in their own way are bound to do penance in virtue of divine law; in order that all may be joined in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed in which the Christian faithful in a special way pray, exercise works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence..."

Pray For A Priest

Lord God, let us pray that our gratitude for those in ordained life may inspire us to serve with open hearts.



February 22: Pope Leo XIV
February 23: Rev. John Garabedien
February 24: Rev. Maurice Gauvin
February 25: Rev. Matthew Gill
February 26: Rev. Flavio Gillio, MS
February 27: Rev. Timothy Goldrick
February 28: Rev. John Gomes

*Eternal Father, we lift up to you these
and all the priests of the world.
Sanctify them. Heal and guide them.
Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your son,
Jesus, the Eternal High Priest.
May their lives be pleasing to you. Amen*

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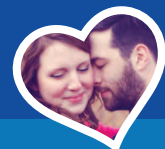
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