

THE TRAVELER

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WEEKLY PRAYER

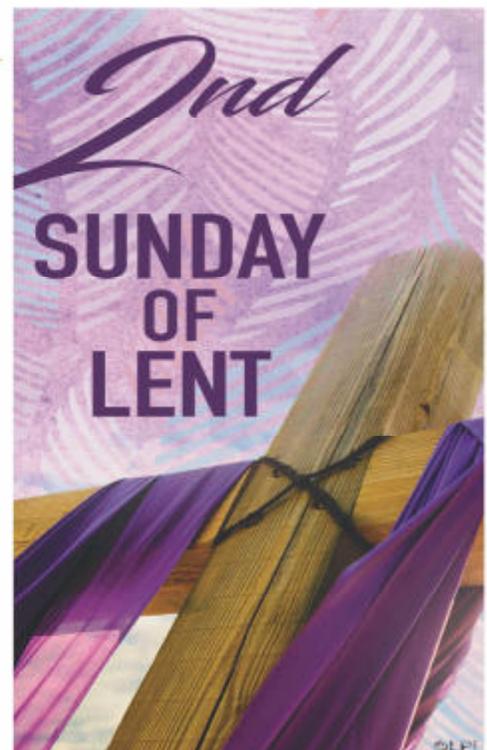
READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

- SUN 2/28** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
- MON 3/01** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
- TUE 3/02** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
- WED 3/03** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
- THR 3/04** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
- FRI 3/05** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- SAT 3/06** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- SUN 3/07** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God's voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God's call. We become attuned to the echo of God's voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God's presence. God's call came through a cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him," This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?



"God is waiting for you."

— POPE FRANCIS

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...



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| | Woodward Family |

Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise notified. Please help us keep our prayer list current by informing us if a person's name should remain on the list by calling 313-534-9000.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Alan Baumgardner, Coby Carpentier, Cole Frederick, Cooper Frederick, David Fry, Christopher Gazley, Jordan Hehner, Heather Ingalls, Christopher Larry, Christopher Laveirge, Eric Polson, Robert Previch & Michael Genza.

Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen



"Can you not spend one hour with Me?"

Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday after 8:30am Mass until Noon

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

REFRESH YOUR SOUL THIS LENT

Are you looking for a way to keep the penitential spirit of Lent, but are not sure where to start? Lent is a time for increasing our love and to thirst for Jesus. Jesus tells us to believe in him and to repent. St. Mother Teresa states "Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor. He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

The cross of ashes is a reminder of our entry into a holy season of preparation. There are so many blessings of Lent. It is a time to return to the Lord through extra prayers, fasting, and giving to those in need, making it a point to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God so loved us that he sent his son. God did not spare his son, Jesus. God said "This is my beloved son." Jesus was sent by God to teach us how to love. Jesus is with us, so let him change your hearts this Lent. "Listen to him!" How? Through prayers, fasting, loving others, scriptures, and through repenting for our weakness.

The second graders are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for them as they learn how to love as Jesus loves. So begin today your transfiguration by beautifying your inner heart and soul this Lent.



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Weekends of March 6/7 & March 13/14, 2021

Please consider donating to support mothers and their newborns.

Donated items for the Baby Shower can be brought to the Lobby of the Church

Gift Suggestions

- Lightweight Sleepers (3, 6, 9 mos.),
 - Short-sleeve onesies (3, 6, 9 mos.),
 - socks, receiving blankets, crib sheets,
 - diapers (size 1 & 2), towels, pacifiers,
 - bottles, bibs, baby lotions & shampoo,
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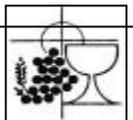


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THANK YOU for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish our contribution will help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the Collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, March 1, 2021

8:30am + Mary Corsi by Friends

Tuesday, March 2

8:30am + Beverly Chapdelaine by Friends

Saturday, March 6

4:00pm + Michael J. Attard by Maryann Aiton
Spec. Ints.: OLL parish family

Sunday, March 7

10:00am + Theresa Johnson by the Pastore Family
+ Tom & Rose Fries by Friends

STEWARDSHIP

HOW CAN I SURVIVE LENT?!

From: stmarystars.org

“Here are some suggestions for keeping us on task during this Lenten season:

Plan ahead. Give thought and prayer to what will most help you draw closer to Jesus during this special season. Write your intentions down, and review them often.

Keep it simple. Like those folks who sign up for gym memberships on January 1 & give up by January 15, sometimes we approach Lent with too many resolutions. For Christian stewards, the search for God in our lives can never be a half-hearted, tepid response. It must be all or nothing. The search is a lifelong commitment. Thomas Merton offered a basic principle of stewardship: ‘A life is either all spiritual or not spiritual at all.’ What is the stewardship question for me? Am I ready to commit to the long search for God in my life? It is important to identify what you value & pursue it.

Simplify something tangible in your daily life, like your closet or your schedule.

Place a special candle on the dining room table, & when your family says grace each evening, encourage them to share the struggles & joys of their Lenten resolutions, or perhaps an act of kindness they did that day. This is a good activity for kids. Prayer, fasting

and almsgiving are the pillars of Lent. Try to do one thing in each of these categories. Stretch yourself a bit and come up with something new & challenging.

Keep eyes on Jesus. Coming close to him through passion & resurrection is our goal.

Prepare your home with Lenten reminders. If you have no crucifix in your living areas, place one there. If you have a crucifix, affix a spot of purple to it as a reminder of Lent. Find a special picture or holy card that speaks to you and display it. If possible, take your family to Stations of the Cross. Receive Reconciliation & encourage your family. Make it a point to prepare for & participate in the beautiful Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & even the Easter Vigil. Celebrate the completion of your Lent. After Easter, reflect on your Lenten practices. Remember, God’s mercy to us is unlimited. It’s not all about what ‘we’ did, but what God does within us.”

God Bless!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS

Donation items being requested for next week are:

Cereal, canned fruit, canned tuna, peanut butter & Jelly

Thank you!

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening 4:00 pm
 Sunday 10:00am
 Mon. & Tues. 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 2:30 pm & by appt.

BAPTISMS: 2nd Sunday of the month. Family must be active registered parishioners. Class held as arranged.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made in advance (6 months min.). At least one of the couples must be an active registered member of O.L.L.

SICK & COMMUNION CALLS: We are happy to visit the sick. Notify the Rectory.

REGISTRATION: All new members are asked to register in person.

Just **the FACTS**

Many have been asking...

As we begin the season of Lent, people often ask for a reminder about ‘official’ Lenten practices. In the Catholic tradition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both *fast* and *abstinence*. All other Fridays in Lent are days of *abstinence*.

On a *fast* day, only one full meal is permitted, although some food may be taken at other meal times according to one’s personal needs. On a day of *abstinence* no meat may be eaten. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast. Those who have reached the age of 14 are required to abstain from meat on the days so designated.



Collection Report: February 14, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,095
Sunday Loose	<u>209</u>
Total	\$2,304
OLL Parish Weekly Goal	\$4,865
Mass Stipends	100
Church: Central & Eastern Europe	40
Utilities	150
Easter Flowers	<u>65</u>
Total	\$355
Grand Total	\$2,659

A Prayer for Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

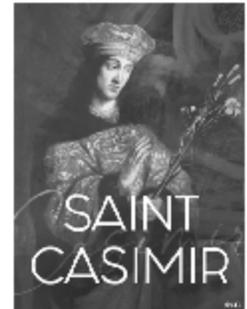
Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. *Amen.*



A Prayer for Our Country

ALL Saints



Men of the Sacred Hearts

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GOD HAS CREATED EACH OF US FOR A SPIRITUAL DESTINY

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron

INTRODUCTION

The Lenten journey on which embark today only makes sense in the light of the goal that lies at the end of that road. The call to repentance which we hear in the season of Lent must be shaped by the clear conviction about why we are called to repent—called so that we can fulfill our destiny to be the Father's own adopted sons and daughters, to be by grace what Jesus is by nature. While it's accurate to say that we're made for Heaven, that might seem bland unless we testify to the marvel of what Heaven is: sharing in the life of the Holy Trinity forever. The announcement that God offers us this happiness, which is so far beyond what we deserve, finds an echo in the hearts of our listeners. It may sound too good to be true, but the goodness of it has its own power to persuade, to persuade one to set out once more on the path of repentance. Our Lenten journey of prayer, penance, and almsgiving must be imbued by the clear truth that our sacrifices here on Earth are a means by which to store up treasures in Heaven—treasures that are incomparably greater than anything we could ever experience here on Earth. In the 13th chapter of

Matthew's Gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a "pearl of great price." When it is found, one sells "all he has" to purchase the field where it is contained. If we miss this context for all of the other truths we'll consider during Lent, we are like the older brother in the Prodigal Son; we tarry for a taskmaster rather than cooperate with a loving Father. Spend 10 minutes in quiet prayer today considering this truth of our relationship with God that St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved."

TRUTHS

Basic Truth 1: Failure is possible

In the writing of the prophet Jeremiah, we hear the harrowing words of the Lord: "And to this people you shall say: Thus says the LORD: See, I am giving you a choice between the way to life and the way to death" (Jer 21: 8). The invitation to repent from sin only makes sense if there are consequences to one's actions. We must

remember that God only shares his saving communion with those who chose it. God made us free, free to determine what sort of character we would take on ourselves by our actions. Eternal life is eternal friendship with the Lord, and he doesn't force that on anyone. In fact, for those who chose by their sins to rebel against God's will for us, being with him would be a very hell. Heaven and hell are real possibilities. God doesn't so much "send" sinners to hell, but rather respects their free choice to be his enemies. Our penances during Lent also only make sense if there are consequences to one's actions. Because there is a danger, as St. Paul says to Timothy, of "making a shipwreck of [one's] faith" by falling away, either through an overt and deliberate act or through the cooling of our love and commitment to Jesus, we fast and offer sacrifices during Lent. In the apostolic age, the world was a hostile place for men and women of faith. Our world today mirrors this in many ways, as they are myriad opportunities for us to lose our faith in Jesus Christ as our central guiding principle. Practical response: St. Ignatius of Loyola advises us when making an important decision, to contemplate the day of our death and from there to consider what we wish we would have done with this decision before us today. Using this exercise, think about what option Christ is offering you today to choose the way of life and to turn away from the way of death. To be Cont'd.

LENT

REMEMBERING HIS SACRIFICE

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Teachings on *Mercy*

Our Savior reveals what merciful means.

- Ash Wednesday Matthew 9:9-13
Merciful means sitting with "sinners."
- Thursday Matthew 18:32-35
Forgive your brother from your heart.
- Friday Luke 6:32-36
Be merciful to EVERYONE.
- Saturday Matthew 23:23-24
Make mercy a priority.

Teachings on *Suffering*

A cost-benefit analysis on suffering.

- Sunday Mark 8:31-33
See God's plan at work in suffering.
- Monday Mark 14:35-36
Trust in God's will.
- Tuesday John 9:1-5
God is glorified in suffering.
- Wednesday John 16:17-22
Your grief will give way to joy.
- Thursday John 16:29-33
Take heart because I have overcome.
- Friday Matthew 5:10-12
Your reward in heaven will be great.
- Saturday Luke 24:25-27
The reason for suffering will be clear.

Teachings on *Loving Others*

The Lord explains the depths of love.

- Sunday John 15:9-15
Love means laying down your life.
- Monday Mark 12:28-34
Love your neighbor.
- Tuesday Matthew 5:43-48
Love your enemies.
- Wednesday Matthew 5:21-24
Be reconciled to one another.

- Thursday Matthew 5:38-40
Show love even when met with hate.
- Friday Luke 15:11-20
Love unconditionally.
- Saturday John 13:33-35
Love connotes discipleship.

Teachings on *Prayer*

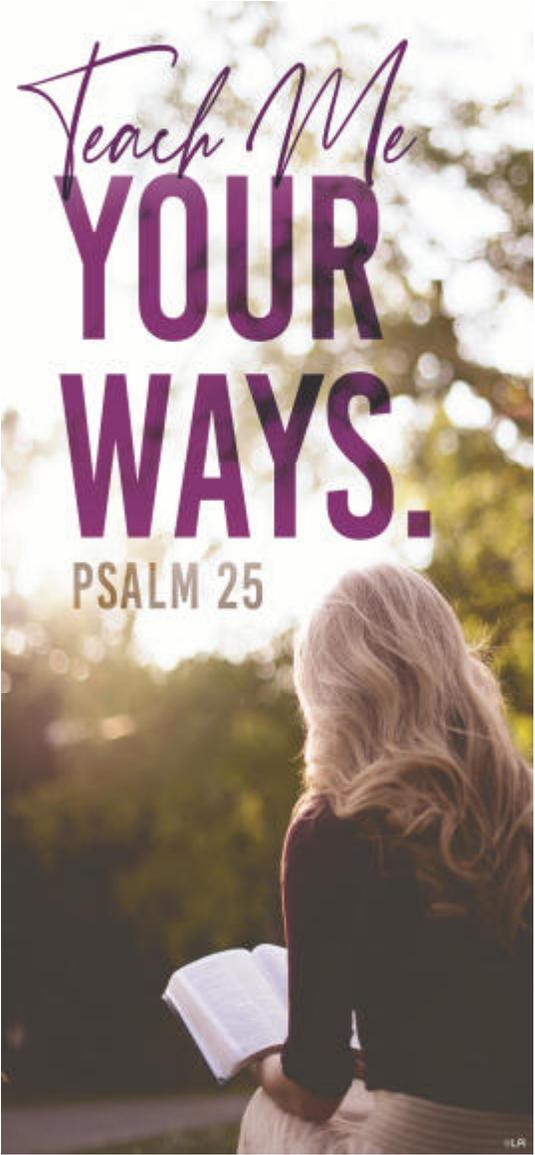
Jesus tells how best to talk to God.

- Sunday Matthew 6:5-13
Pray in secret and as I taught you.
- Monday Luke 18:1-8
Be persistent in prayer.
- Tuesday Luke 22:39-46
Pray you won't fall into temptation.
- Wednesday John 17:1-5
Pray Christ might be glorified.
- Thursday John 17:6-18
Pray for those near and dear to you.
- Friday John 17:19-26
Pray for all believers.
- Saturday Luke 11:9-13
Ask and it will be given to you.

Teachings on *Sacrifice*

Christ says what we must give up.

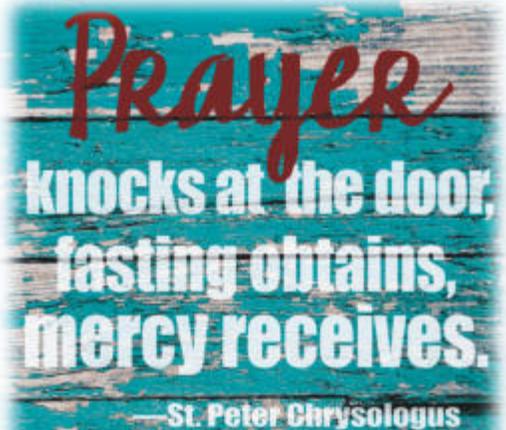
- Sunday Mark 12:41-44
Offer everything to God.
- Monday Luke 14:25-27
Discipleship trumps family.
- Tuesday Matthew 19:16-26
Put away your possessions to follow.
- Wednesday Luke 6:38
Give generously.
- Thursday Matthew 6:16-20
Fast without fanfare.
- Friday Mark 10:28-30
The sacrifice will be worth it.
- Saturday Matthew 24:9-14
Stand firm to the end in your sacrifice.



Teach Me

YOUR WAYS.

PSALM 25



Prayer

knocks at the door,
fasting obtains,
mercy receives.

— St. Peter Chrysologus

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