



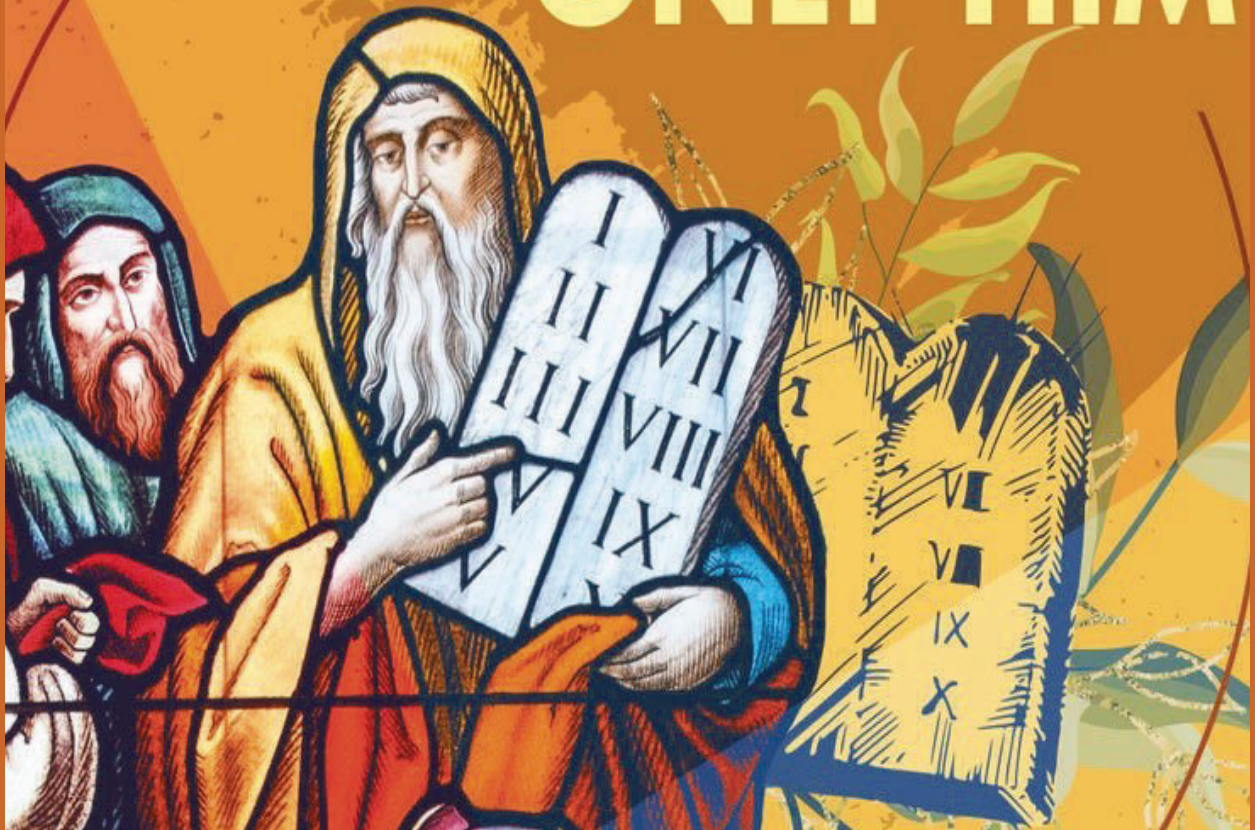
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FEBRUARY 26, 2023

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# PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 4:30 PM

The People of St. Priscilla

† Edwin Grodus by wife, Joan

† Michael Pastucha by Family

† Leonard Pastucha by Family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 9:00 AM

† Pope Benedict XVI by Friends

† Larry Miller by Parish

† Ray Long by Friends

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 11:00 AM

Sylvia DeBrincat

† Concetta Russo by Family

† Fortunato Benedettini by Graziano Canini

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1:00 PM

The People of St. Priscilla

Daniel Himm by Family

† Marie Patricia Lee by Kathleen Lee

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 8:00 AM

Donna Correl by Rick Boyer

† Agnes & Leo Brumfield by son, Ron

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 8:00 AM

† Fortunato Benedettini by Graziano Canini

† Richard Kelley by Bob & Marge Kelley

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 7:00 PM

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Mann - 50th Wedding Anniversary  
by Robert Wenderski

† Pietro Mauti by Family

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 8:00 AM

Mary Kathryn Pellican by Friend

† Karen Rambow by Friend

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 4:30 PM

† Benito Liu by Jo & Jon Gateley

† Larry Miller by Sylvia DeBrincat

† Villagas Family by Isabel & Antonio Gabbana

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 9:00 AM

The People of St. Priscilla

Priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit by Ron Brumfield

† Members of the Fernley Family by Ralph & Diane

† Members of the Pertunen Family by Ralph & Diane

† Franco Ledda by Antonina Ledda & Family

† Giovanna Seu by Antonina Ledda & Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 11:00AM

† Peter Vu by Vu Family

† Pearl Lark by Connie Lark

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1:00PM

Dawn Koptyra

† Joseph Adam Notaro by Robert & Theresa Wyss



God the Father, Hear Our Prayers. Hear Us God The Son. Holy Spirit, Hear Our Prayers. Mercy On Your People Lord. AMEN

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Joann Seaman

Sylvia DeBrincat

Ed Sacha

Gregory Dwyer

Mary Giganti

Rob Shepley

Steve Lee

Paul Vu

Rosemary Krawcck

Margaret Gehringer

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Magdalena Hang Vu

Bill Schneider

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Roger Godbey

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Ryan Patrick

Mays Family

Nathan Stafford

Gideon Graham

Mary Lou Buechel

Jennifer Mattson

Ricky Canini

Pam Pickens

Chris Gehringer

Glen Brown

Steve Moskal

Joe Marino

Sharon Hamilton

Daniel Himm

Karen Kelley-O'Brien

Dorothy Pongracz

Jim Pongracz

MaryAnn Statetzny

William Statetzny

Pete Arciero

Antonio Gabbana

Kenneth Ricer

Connie Lark

REMINDER: Names remain on Prayer List for the Sick for 90 days unless the office is notified of continued need or prolonged illness. Please do not ask to add a name to this list without prior permission from the family.



## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Natalie Yurgil

Benjamin Schmidt

Brian Golonka

Kyle Nelson

Steven Siemieniak

Joseph James Prokes

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## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



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*"When Christ gave St. Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven in Matthew 16, naming him as the foundation of the Church, he also promised that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Human sin won't win."* — Abigail Rine Favale

Alyssa Choraszewski, Director of Religious Education [dre@saintpriscilla.org](mailto:dre@saintpriscilla.org)

The recession of 2007-2009 is now called "The Great Recession." As a college student that was planning a wedding, finding a job during such a "great" time period was quite a challenge. Additionally, this was before adult children were able to be covered under parent insurance until 26 years of age. Fortunately, I was able to find a job as a bank teller. Not only could I work hours that coordinated with my school schedule, I was also offered health insurance. After our wedding, my husband and I became pregnant with our daughter Ryan. After working at the bank for a couple years, I decided to take a job at Quicken Loans but during training I realized that the job at Quicken wasn't going to be a good fit for our family. The bank happily took me back. The best part? Because I really wasn't "away" from the bank for long, my FMLA coverage didn't lapse which meant that I could still have adequate maternity leave when Ryan was born. To me, that sounded awesome. But to the bank? That sounded awful. As a result, I was put under a microscope. After just a couple months, the bank fired me because I "didn't put a hold on a check" that was written on a fake business account (how was I supposed to know?). \*Side note—this termination did not follow any of the bank's previous guidelines, but anyhow...\* This made me face the end of my pregnancy and upcoming birth by paying extremely high COBRA payments.

A few weeks ago I shared a quote from a book titled *Into the Deep: An Unlikely Catholic Conversion* by Abigail Rine Favale. I actually haven't read it yet but it is high on my to-do list after reading through some excerpts from it. This quote also caught my eye: "Feminism's masculine bias is most evident in its championing of abortion. Rather than seeking to change social structures to accommodate the realities of female biology, the feminist movement, since its second wave, has continually and firmly fought instead for women to alter their biology, even through violence, so that it functions more like a man's. Tellingly, the legal right for a woman to kill a child in her womb was won before the legal right for a woman not to be fired for being pregnant. This transmits the message that women must become like men to be free." When I read that quote, I thought of two

things. My first thought was about how I couldn't prove I was let go because I was pregnant and the bank didn't want to pay me maternity leave. My second thought was "yes, the world tells women that our issue is that we are women...if we can be equal to man in every way even down to our biology then we have won."

Today's readings are all about sin and how sin entered the world with Eve being swayed by the devil in the garden. The easiest way for the devil to try to win? Invade the family unit. And how does he do this? He attacks the woman. The devil doesn't approach Adam. He approaches Eve. The reason the devil is so afraid of Mary? He knew he could never reach her and that is why the devil approaches Jesus. But women like me are not perfect like Mary. We can be swayed by the lies of the devil. He can whisper in our ears things like, "having a baby right now will only make me less successful." What does "less successful" even mean? Who or what are we comparing that success to? The devil also whispers in the woman's ear that she doesn't need a man to raise a child. In fact, she can just walk down to a donor bank and have a child without even having a relationship. The devil whispers to a woman that if she has a son and he grows up being too masculine it is because our culture "praises toxic-masculinity." And finally, the devil whispers to the woman that she is not enough until she is equal in every way to the man because God created man first so God must have loved man more.

It might be easy to chuckle at these lies that the devil whispers, but the majority of women fall victim. If Eve fell so easily, don't you think that the devil would continue this same tactic for as long as possible? I mean the first time he tried this tactic out it allowed sin to enter the world for every man and woman thereafter. Seems like a pretty effective strategy. I'm not saying the devil is going to win (because we know he won't) but he seems to have the upper hand here on earth strategy. The lies to women have continued for so long that now biological men want to become women. These men go beyond makeup and clothes. They use hormone drugs, have surgery, and even shop for feminine products. Moms

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## A LENTEN CHALLENGE

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse. But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

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## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

ST GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT/DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-1

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-1

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3 ST KATHARINE DREXEL, VIRGIN

Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-4, 507a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-2

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4 ST CASIMIR

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 2 Tm 1:8b-10  
Mt 17:1-9

## CONT'D from PG 3

are now called "birthing person." And what do women do in response? Women are furious! They claim, "men are making a mockery of womanhood!"

<Insert me rubbing my temples to keep it all straight>  
So it was okay for a woman to strip away her womanhood to be equal to a man but it is not okay for men to do the same? Society has belittled men so much that they now want to be women and that's not okay? Hmm... All this finger pointing between man and woman on who is at fault sure reminds me of something. Oh, that's right...it's the few lines after our first reading (Gen 3:12-13): "The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.'" The moral is—where you find sin, you find the devil.



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## THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE by Mary Rice

As we draw closer to the season of Lent, we find that the readings focus on the holiness of God and love for one another.

Love your neighbor as yourself turns out to be a challenge for each one of us, but we can't pick and choose when he makes his standards known. Grudge-holding is common in many national groups, but God's word is painfully clear: Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people.

The Psalm (103) tells us to imitate the mercy of God who crowns us with kindness and compassion. Over and over, we are urged be slow to anger and abound in kindness. Is this an impossible task? He speaks of the compassion of a father for his children. Parents can feel stretched to a breaking point, but God understands that but still calls on us to be a model of his forgiveness. Parenthood is not easy.

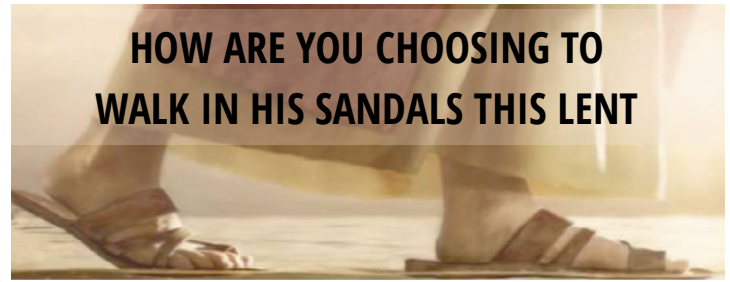
Paul's words to a difficult group (the Corinthians) holds up God's beautiful ideal for each one of us: You are the temple of God, and the spirit of God dwells in you. Just think about how that image can influence our self-worth and personality.

And now the Gospel brings it together by a totally devastating demand:

*LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.* Our instincts cry out: No, no! Believe it or not, Jesus gives the key to this teaching: Pray for those who persecute you. It won't be easy! You may feel your teeth gritting when you ask God to bless your nasty neighbor but if you persist, you will truly be amazed to find that your bitterness abates. Little by little it gets easier.

Jesus gives his listeners a challenge: If you love those who love you and greet your brothers, SO WHAT! Pagans do the same thing.

*The Word of Almighty God prepares us  
for the holy season of Lent.  
If we enter into this time-this gift  
--with good hearts, the coming Easter  
will find us ready to  
greet our Risen Lord  
with greater enthusiasm  
than we have ever known.*



## HOW ARE YOU CHOOSING TO WALK IN HIS SANDALS THIS LENT



**SOUP SUPPERS** **6-6:45 PM**  
**IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER**  
Feb 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31  
See below for other events this Lenten Season.



**RECONCILIATION** **IN THE CHURCH**  
**6:00 PM FRIDAY's of LENT**  
Feb 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31  
**3:30 PM SATURDAY's of LENT**  
Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, & Apr 1



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** **7:00 PM**  
**IN THE CHURCH**  
Following Reconciliation and Soup Supper



**FRIDAY CATHOLIC CAFÉ** **7:30 PM**  
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# AROUND THE PARISH

## SAVE YOUR VISION MONTH

by: Mary Pugliese, RN

### Clear vision is just the beginning

Nearly all Americans believe their eye health is just as important as the health of their heart, but nearly half of those, ages 23-38, don't think they need an eye exam if their vision is clear, according to American Optometric Association's Eye-Q® Survey 2020. It's time to turn belief into action: making a comprehensive eye exam a critical part of your overall health maintenance, equal to your annual physical with your primary care physician. This exam is the only way to visualize the blood vessels behind the eye for issues without an x-ray, CT scan or invasive surgery. A comprehensive eye exam is not a vision screening. The tiny letters you looked at in school or to renew your driver's license? That's a vision screening.

**A vision screening isn't enough:** If you're wondering what the difference is between a vision screening test and a comprehensive eye exam, a vision screening only indicates a potential need for further evaluation. Even the most sophisticated vision screening tools, administered by the most highly trained screeners, miss one-third of children with eye or vision disorders, according to the AOA's Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guideline.

**Why is an eye exam important?** According to Eye-Q, one in five Americans say an eye health professional detected or diagnosed a non-eye related health issue. In that same survey, one-fourth of those Americans note that an eye health professional detected "floaters" in their eyes, which may signal a risk or onset of diabetes. And Doctor of Optometry can detect more than 270 serious health conditions.

**Early detection is key:** Since many vision issues show no obvious signs or symptoms, the only way to truly get the "all-clear!" is by seeing a Doctor of Optometry for a check-up. Your Doctor of Optometry will also go over your overall health and family history, eye or vision symptoms, medications, and potential work-related or environmental issues that may affect your vision. You will also partake in preliminary tests such as depth perception, color vision, eye muscle movements, peripheral or side vision, and how your pupils respond to light.

**There's no app for that:** You may have seen apps advertised that can 'replace going to the eye doctor.' However, online vision tests attempt to replace one element of an eye examination, the refraction, to yield a prescription for glasses or contacts. It is not unlike taking a blood pressure reading at a kiosk and expecting a prescription – the reading does not provide sufficient information to determine a patient's needed course of therapy. The refraction performed by online vision tests is only one of many tests performed during an eye examination, and taken by itself, does not provide sufficient information regarding the treatment of a patient, including the prescription of glasses or contact lenses.

**Are online vision tests accurate?** Online vision tests may give inaccurate or misleading information and can give patients a false sense of security. In fact, patients may delay essential, sight-saving treatment. Comprehensive eye exams with your Doctor of Optometry are one of the most important, preventive ways to preserve vision, and the only way to accurately assess eye health, diagnose an eye disorder or disease, and determine the need for corrective lenses. (AOA)

## St. VINCENT de PAUL

### PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK

**Canned peaches, Canned carrots  
Campbell's Beef Chunky Soup  
Garbanzo Beans  
Laundry Detergent**

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DATE	LECTOR	EMHC
MAR 4 4:30 PM	MARILYN GALLAGHER	PLEASE CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER
MAR 5 9:00 AM	DAVE TOTH	
MAR 5 11:00 AM	BRADLEY STALDER	
<b>USHER SCHEDULE MARCH 2023</b>		
Saturday Team <b>A</b>		Sunday Team <b>B</b>
<b>MARY'S HELPERS MARCH 2023</b>		
7th C Karasinski		21st M Kelley & D Cote



### EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

The opportunity to honor the names of your loved ones

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**ENVELOPES DUE BACK MARCH 26th**

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## GOSPEL MEDITATIONS

— Father John Muir ©LPi

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: "He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word "fast" means to "hold firmly." We still use it that way when we say, "I held fast to my original decision." We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. "Man does not live by bread alone," he says, "But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.



## First Sunday of Lent February 26, 2023

The Mass Propers for the First Sunday of Lent, fasting is referenced in the Epistle while the Gospel reading recounts our Lord's forty days of fasting in the desert. And the Collect, while not mentioning fasting, does

mention abstinence, as our ancestors regularly kept abstinence even the Sundays of Lent up until the 1800s:

*O God, Who dost purify Thy Church by the yearly observance of Lent: grant to Thy household, that what we strive to obtain from Thee by abstinence, we may achieve by good works.*

Happily, we have seen an increase in the number of Traditional Latin Masses offered over the past decade, few Catholics have promoted a return to the fasting that our ancestors knew and practiced religiously. In fact, even the rules in place as of 1962 are substantially harder than what the average Catholic observes today.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday** 9:00AM & 11:00 AM

1:00 PM Traditional Latin Mass (TLM)

**Monday, Tuesday, Friday** 8:00 AM

**Thursday** 7:00 PM

**Saturday** 4:30 PM

**Holy Days** 8:00 AM

7:00 PM **CHANGED TO:** Traditional Latin Mass

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday** 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

**Friday** 8:30 AM - Noon

### EXPOSITION OF THE

### BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday** - Immediately following 8:00 AM Holy Mass (See Page 2)

Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

### RECONCILIATION

**Saturday** 3:30 PM

### SICK CALLS, WEDDINGS &

**BAPTISMS** Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.