

Christ Our Light Parish

Saint Benedict Catholic Church, Corner of North 7th Street & Gomber Avenue, Cambridge OH
Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory, 136 East High Avenue, Lore City OH

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in St. Benedict Church

BAPTISMS: Families desiring baptism for their child must be registered in the parish. Parents must attend a preparation class.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles must be submitted in writing by noon on Wednesdays and are subject to approval by the pastor. Space is limited, so we reserve the right to edit.



FACEBOOK PAGE: Live-Streamed Mass every day.

“Christ Our Light Parish, Guernsey County, OH.”

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please call immediately if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS,

AND THE HOMEBOUND: If you or a loved one wishes to receive the Eucharist or have regular pastoral visits, please call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION:

St. Benedict Church - Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory - Sundays at 11:45 a.m.

And by Appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Parish School of Religion (PSR)

classes for children in grades K through 8 are held Sunday mornings from September to May.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

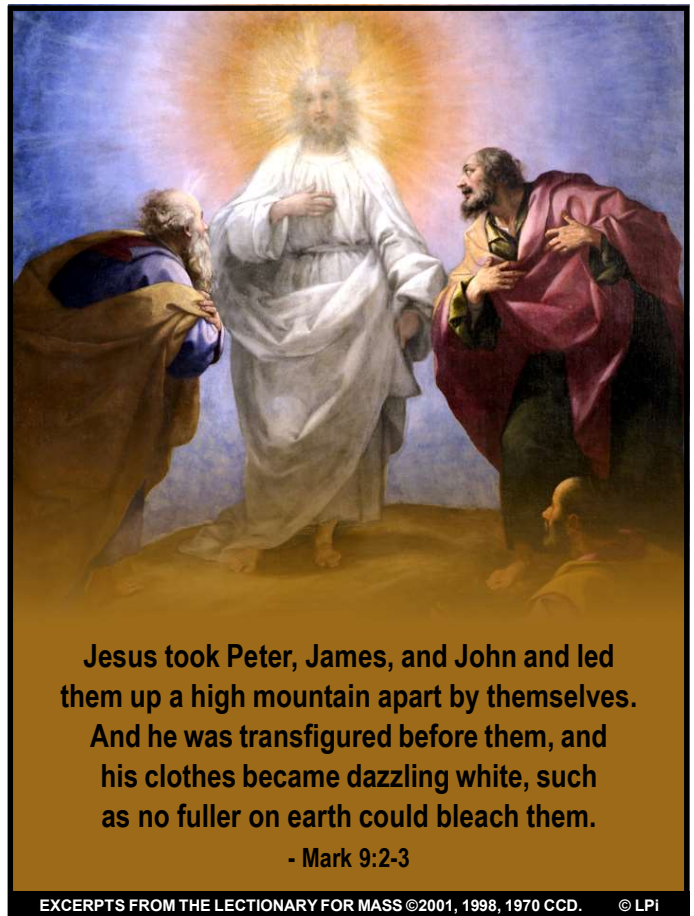
Adult preparation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call Fr. Hrezo or Pat Farley for information.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS: Anyone wishing to schedule Masses on special days, especially weekends, should do so at least 6 months in advance.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Registration forms can be found at the church, oratory and parish office.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT **Sunday, February 28, 2021**



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

- Mark 9:2-3

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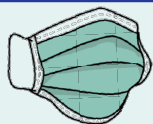
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Web Site...www.colsvdp.org **Phone** ... 740-432-7609 x 207



JUST A REMINDER: We request that everyone wear a face mask at Mass and when in the church buildings. Let's protect each other!

Mass Intentions for the Week of February 28, 2021

Saturday, February 27	5:00pm	SB	† Jim George by Troy and Jayne Greene
Sunday, February 28 (Second Sunday of Lent)			
	8:00am	SB	† Matthew Kuchinka by Fr. Hrezo
	10:30am	SB	† Paul Urdak by Margaret Urdak
	12:15pm	SSPP	People of Christ Our Light Parish
Monday, March 1	8:35am	SB	† Tom Chappelle (Birthday) by Connie and Family
Tuesday, March 2	8:35am	SB	† Sister Mary Ann Nugent by the Biedenbach Family
Wednesday, March 3	8:35am	SB	† Jerome Borer (Birthday) by Family
Thursday, March 4	8:35am	SB	† Joe Krall by Tom and Robin Archer
	9:45am	SB	† Rev. Paul Walker by Friends (School Mass, not open to the public at this time)
Friday, March 5	8:35am	SB	† Thomas Vajda Jr. by Jackie Holan
Saturday, March 6	8:35am	SB	† Brenda Scott by the Applegate Family
	5:00pm	SB	People of Christ Our Light Parish
Sunday, March 7 (Third Sunday of Lent)			
	8:00am	SB	† Mike Long by Dan and Lynn Padden
	10:30am	SB	† Mary Gombeda Kyser (Anniversary, March 6) by Catherine Gombeda
	12:15pm	SSPP	† Dave Scholik by Daniel Pekari

Ministers of the Altar for Saturday & Sunday, March 6-7, 2021

	Saturday (SB) 5:00 p.m.	Sunday (SB) 8:00 a.m.	Sunday (SB) 10:30 a.m.	Sunday (SSPP) 12:15 p.m.
Lectors	Jacob Padden	Sharon Miller	Gene Mailot	David Krak
Ushers	Donald Poole	Victor Orange	Alan Bay	Ed McConkey
Cantors	Folk Group	Ron Roby	Choir	

Offertory for February 20-21, 2021

Adults	\$6,638.00
Children	12.00
Miscellaneous	40.00
Church in Eastern Europe	342.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$9,000.00

Blood Pressure Screenings

This Sunday, February 28, 2021

1:15 p.m.

Sts. Peter & Paul Rectory

Face masks are required and proper precautions and cleaning of equipment between persons will be followed.



Schedule for This Week

Sunday, February 28

After Masses Scrip Sales (SB Marian Room)
 After Masses St. Benedict School Raffle Tickets
 (SB Marian Room/SSPP Oratory)
 9:15am Parish School of Religion (SB Church)
 10:30am RCIA Rite of Sending Forth
 11:30am Confession (SSPP Oratory)
 1:15pm Blood Pressure Screenings
 (SSPP Rectory)
 2:00pm RCIA Rite of Election (Marietta)

Monday, March 1

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
 9:30am Saint Joseph Faith Formation
 (SB Conference Room)
 6:00pm Saint Joseph Faith Formation
 (SB Social Hall)

Tuesday, March 2

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)

Wednesday, March 3

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
 9:00am-4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (SB Chapel)
 4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Continues
 (SB Church)
 4:30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction
 (SB Church)
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross (SSPP Oratory)

Thursday, March 4

9:00am Rosary (SB Marian Room)
 6:30pm RCIA (SB Social Hall)

Friday, March 5

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross (SB Church)

Saturday, March 6

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
 3:30pm Confession (SB Church)
 4:30pm Pro-Life Rosary (SB Church)
 5:00pm Monthly Collection for Those in Need
 (SB Church)

Sunday, March 7

All Masses Pro-Life Rosary
 All Masses Monthly Collection for Those in Need
 After Masses Scrip Sales (SB Marian Room)
 9:15am Parish School of Religion (SB Church)
 11:30am Confession (SSPP Oratory)

Lenten Vocation Crucifix

All are invited to take part in the Vocation Crucifix Program this Lent. Each Sunday in Lent a family, couple or individual will be called forward at the end of Mass to receive the Vocation Crucifix. In taking the Crucifix they commit themselves to pray during the week for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Sign-up sheets are available in the Marian Room at St. Benedict Church and at the back of Sts. Peter & Paul Oratory. If you need more information, please call Jacob Padden at 740-421-1393.



Lenten Stations of the Cross

- 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday (Sts. Peter & Paul)
- 6:30 p.m. each Friday (St. Benedict)

Lenten Reconciliation (Confession)

- 11:30 a.m. each Sunday (Sts. Peter & Paul)
- 3:30 p.m. each Saturday (St. Benedict)



2021 National Catholic Women's Conference
MARCH 12-14, 2021

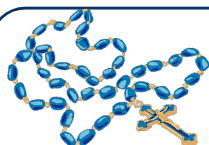
The National Catholic Women's Conference is a FREE virtual event for Catholic women of all ages. This year, we will explore all the ways that we as women can open ourselves to receive Christ's peace. Despite the pressures that we feel in life, peace is possible! Let's explore it together.

- Discover women just like you sharing similar struggles, and how they're finding freedom in Faith.
- Learn how prayer enhances your vocation as mother, spouse, professional, and friend.
- Experience how God multiplies our time and energy when we make prayer a priority.

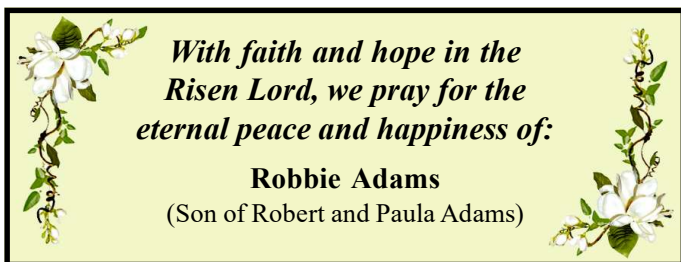
The free event goes from March 12-14.

Register today at:

go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021



The Pro-Life Rosary will be prayed before all Masses the first weekend of March.




Please pray for all God's children who are ill, homebound or in nursing homes, and those who care for them.

Megan Archer, Judy Beaver, Larry Beck, Dorothy Bednarski, Joe Bennor, Whitney Benson, Kathy Billi, Bill Bodner, Steve Bodner, Frank Booth, Brinley Boyd, Imelda Bruney, David Callihan, Rosie Campbell, Diane Carkin, Jeff Carpenter, Patti Cartner, Milt Cerny, the Chesler Family, Monica Chicwak, Yung Chuang, Karen Chumney, Lee Cline, Mike Cowgill, Anita Cox, Jennifer Cox, Linda Delik, Peggy Ditto, Angie Doerfler, Carl James Duch, Michael Duke, Patty Eibel, Liam Elliott, Mary Evans, Don Fairchild, Betty Fannin, Jen Fannin, William "Buzzy" Ferguson, Irene Feyko, Marsha Finley, Greg Gibson, Pat Graven, Louise Hack and Family, Steve Hall, Dave Hanes, Stephen Hannum, Mark Hayes, Mary Ann Haynes, Jane Hemlar, Violes Henry, Betty Hill, Dolly Hitzel, Ted Hoey, Angie Pruneski House, Sally and Payton Hubal, Laverne Ingles, David and Paul Iten, Rachel Jirles, Josh Jones, Diane Krall, William Kyser Jr., Amara Larrison, Martin Lehotay, Mary Long, Andrea May, Lisa McGregor, Joyce McPeak, Keagan Meek, Angela Merva, Haley Morris, Alice Orr, Mary Ann Pachuta, Christine Palmer, John Palmer, Dick and Frances Pavlov, Linda Pawlowski, Sally Pfalzgraf, Ben Pickenpough, Don Ross, Emma Ross, Mary Schmid, Jett Schmitt, Terri Scott, Vi Scott, Rosemary Sebek, Irene Sekel, Steve Shedlock Jr., John Shipley, Pat Siegwarth, Joe & Joan Sikora, Carys Singler, Mallory Smith, Mike Smith, William Smith, Ramona Springer, John Sprouse, Louie Stahovec, Mark Stahovec, Mary Stoner, Stephen Storch, Ken Stump, Loran Stutz, Chris Seward, Steve and Ethel Stasny, Don Thatcher, Margaret Urdak, Valerie Wallo, Gerald Warner, JoMarie Wasik, James Weidlich, Matthew Wentzel, Bill and Cathy Whitmire, Diana Whitmire, Don & Grace Whitmore, Jodie Williams, Andrea Yakubik, Helen Yakubik

We ask your prayers for all men and women serving in our armed forces and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve others, especially those connected to our parish:

Steven Barrows, Makenzi Carna, Becky Chesar, Billy Church, Phillip Cram, Carl Duch, Scott Fearn, Josh Fletcher, Luke High, Travis Jackson, Jeremy Jones, Stephen J. Kraizel IV, Michael Kuhns, Joshua Lucas, Ryan McGough, Jeff McKnight, William Miller, J.C. Minarchek, Josh Norris, Anthony Stevens, Trevor Terrell, Jesse Walters, Sean Weir, Steven Whaley, Zac Wilson, Ethan Wray



 Please Pray for our Priests	
February 28	Rev. Samuel Saprano
March 1	Rev. Jonas Shell
	Rev. Matthew Hincks, ORC
March 2	Rev. Michael Gossett
	Rev. Luke Robertson, TOR
March 3	Msgr. Thomas Petronek
	Msgr. Michael Campbell
March 4	Rev. Paul Walker
	Rev. Timothy McGuire
March 5	Rev. David Gaydosik
	Rev. Ludwig Oppl, ORC
March 6	Rev. Michael Baker, MIC
	Rev. David Pivonka, TOR
March 7	Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton

Entering Lent with Our Lord

An online Lenten Reflection series focusing on *Jesus' Baptism and Temptations in the Desert*, and what they can teach us about approaching Lent this year.

Join your presenter Joseph Hahn (seminarian for the Diocese of Steubenville) for four Wednesday evenings (February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, and 17th). Facebook Live sessions will begin at 7:30pm (EST) and run for 30 minutes. They will be hosted on the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysmarietta>). No registration required. For more information, you can contact Joe at hahn.joseph@shms.edu.



St. Benedict School
Faithfully Educating God's
Children Since 1911

The online Auction has begun! Be sure to sign up as a bidder at edandbenschafer.hibid.com and don't forget to pick up one of the Auction Lists as you leave Mass today. Do you need any last minute raffle tickets? They will be available after Mass and in the school office through Wednesday, March 3. The raffle drawing will be held live on the Christ Our Light Facebook page next Saturday, March 6th, at 3:00 pm. Good luck to everyone!

This year due to social distancing guidelines, there will be no official school Open House. We are inviting interested families to contact the school office for an individual tour. Please start spreading the word that we

are accepting enrollment applications for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our school Lenten journey is underway -

- At each school Mass during Lent a special collection will be taken for our sponsored student, Vishal.
- Grades 4-8 and Grades K-3 will participate in Stations of the Cross on alternating Friday's during Lent.
- We are partnering once again with the Knights of Columbus in the 40 Cans for Lent project. Our goal is for each classroom to collect 40 non-perishable food items to donate to Grace Pantry.

Please continue to pray for our students, staff and school as we journey through this year with "Jesus as our Guide".

In His Name, Sue Sanders

ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL ONLINE AUCTION

THIS WEEK... February 27 - March 6

(Closes 4:00 PM)



Items for Auction...

furniture, artwork, gift baskets, event tickets, and so much more!

Annual "Fund a Need" Project

REMODELING GYMNASIUM RESTROOMS

Donations can be sent to:

St. Benedict School
220 N. 7th St., Cambridge, OH 43725

*** Memo: Gymnasium**

Raffle Ticket Drawing

March 6 at 3:00 PM

Facebook Live by Fr. Paul Hrezo
Christ Our Light Facebook Page

How to participate:

- Register at edandbenschafer.hibid.com as a "buyer".
- Click on **St. Benedict School Annual Auction**.
- Preview items on the St. Benedict Facebook page or by appointment by calling 740-432-6751.
- Support our students by bidding on 100's of great items!

Pick up date:

- Monday, March 8~10:00 AM- 4:00 PM.
- St. Benedict Social Hall (Use Gomber St. entrance)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7, 2021

“Zeal for your home will consume me.” These prophetic words describe the action of Jesus as he drove out the money changers in the temple. Are we consumed with zeal for God? As we prepare to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us ask God for mercy and forgiveness for our sins and the sins of all.

We live in a world broken by self-sufficiency and material greed.

The reading from Exodus, the Ten Commandments, calls us to a just law which recognizes our dependence on God and the rights of our neighbor. The Gospel presents a seemingly harsh Jesus. In the sacred temple, Jesus lashes out against greed and selfishness, focuses our lives on God and the things of God, and reveals himself as the true “temple.” Jesus was harsh with those who insisted on the letter of the Law but did not live its



meaning. Our hope for salvation is not found in either doggedly following the Law (self-sufficiency) or in material wealth (greed) but in the Resurrection of Christ.

Exodus 20:1-17

I, the Lord, am your God who brought you out of Egypt.

How do you manifest your “trust in the Lord”?

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.

What does this statement of St. Paul mean to you?

John 2:13-25

Destroy this temple in three days and I will raise it up.

What do I most treasure in my life?

The Ten Commandments and the Cleansing of the Temple:

why are these two readings put together in next week’s Sunday readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent?

Scripture passages have different levels of meaning. These include the literal level, the figurative level, the spiritual level and the moral level. Considering the different levels can help us to find a connection between these two passages that is meaningful.

In next Sunday’s Gospel, the Temple can represent at least two realities. On the one hand, that is, on the literal level, it does indeed refer to the Temple in Jerusalem that had been built ~950 BC by King Solomon from the inspiration and planning of King David, which was then destroyed by the Babylonians (~586 BC) and then rebuilt and damaged a couple more times until King Herod conducted some major rebuilding and expanding in Jesus’ day. Finally, after Jesus’ death and resurrection, the Romans completely leveled the Temple in 70 AD.

By the time of this destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem by the Romans, Christians had been worshiping in locations other than the Temple, had their own “synagogues” and had seen in the “breaking of the bread” and in worship in the Holy Spirit a fulfillment of the worship at the Temple.

In time any gathering of two or more praying in Jesus’ name and anywhere that the Mass was offered regularly were seen as ways and places that the worship of the Temple was fulfilled.

On the other hand, on a spiritual and moral level, each of our hearts can be understood as the Temple. It is the “place” in our hearts from which the Lord reigns in our lives.

And this is the season of Lent! So, Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple is an especially fitting Gospel for us to hear and to pray with.

This is also why the First Reading about the Ten Commandments also can be matched well with next week’s Gospel. As Jesus cleanses the Temple of our hearts and souls, He enables us to live the Ten Commandments with better joy and with a stronger desire for what is right. We pass through the “thou shalt *not*” dimensions of the Ten Commandments and desire to live the spirit of those Commandments.

At the very end of next week’s Gospel is a classic verse about the depth of Jesus’ compassion for our waywardness! Jesus “did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well” (John 2:25). May this Lenten season be a time when His compassion sinks into our hearts both individually and as a community, so that He may reign in our midst both with the Holy Spirit’s renewing presence and with His faithfulness!

Pastor's Letter

Thank you to all who have been asking me about my blood pressure issue! Thankfully, I have made some changes in my diet that have made some substantial differences. I hit a peak of 212 pounds back in July 2020, but then slowly got to ~207 lbs. in November. Pre-Christmas and post-Christmas goodies were around in abundance this year. But then, as I needed to be tested for COVID-19, the physician noted that what I was reporting as potential COVID-19 symptoms sounded more like symptoms of high blood pressure. Sure enough, it registered as 155/100 there in the exam room!

So, in addition to the soberness of needing a one-a-day pill for blood pressure, seeing the high blood pressure reading gave me better motivation for weight loss. A parishioner suggested an approach to eating that has been effective for their household. I have given that a try and it has proven effective for me as well. My scale is getting happier, too, not having to strain under so much weight as in the past. It told me on Friday, February 26th, that I have slimmed to 197½ pounds, losing ~9 pounds in just over three weeks of this new approach to eating. It has been encouraging to have a little more space around the collar and waist!

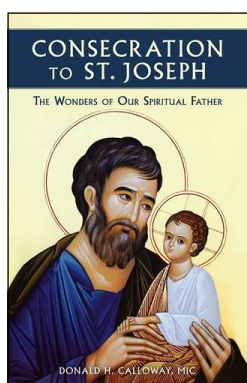
I am also glad that this was well underway a couple of weeks before Lent. In the past I had sometimes

approached Lent as an annual weight loss opportunity. With this approach to eating already established as its own habit, Lent can now have some other focuses and motivations. Anyway, again thank you for concern.

Regarding some other focuses, it seems that the Lord might be asking me to grow a bit in humility this Lent. This was experienced in a funny way this past week as I visited the Kindergarten class at St. Benedict School. I usually try to visit each of the classrooms on Tuesday mornings. Because of the snowy and icy weather over the first part of February, I had not visited the Kindergarteners for about 3 weeks. So, I said to them that it was great to see them and that it looked like some of them had grown quite a bit over those past 3 weeks. One of them replied that he liked my new hairstyle (I hadn't realized that I have a new hairstyle). He said when I comb my hair to the back now it looks kind of like a mohawk. "And, it's all nice and shiny in the front"!

Ah, humility!

May the Lord continue to bless us with joy and peace as disciples of Jesus and to help us to be always ready for the gift of eternal life in Heaven!



St. Joseph Faith Formation
Consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph
Mondays, February 15th through March 15th
(You can choose to attend whichever time is more convenient for you.)

- 9:30 a.m. in the St. Benedict Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. in the St. Benedict Social Hall

The final event will be held on Friday, March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

Those who would like to make the consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph could do so immediately following either the regular 8:35 a.m. Mass or after a Mass that evening at 7:00 at St. Benedict Church, following the Friday evening Stations of the Cross.



God's Love Unites Us! **2021 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign**

You may have received a letter from Bishop Monforton asking you to consider your contribution to this year's Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign. Pledge Sunday will take place on March 13th and 14th. Through your participation in the DPSC, you actively share in the life and mission of the Church. Your sacrificial gifts enable the diocese to educate our seminarians (your future priests), care for retired priests, educate our youth through Catholic Schools, religious education programs and youth ministry, assist the poor through Catholic Charities and other local efforts, and much more! Please keep this in mind as you graciously consider your contribution.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility. Each day during 40 Days for Life (which happens to correspond with Lent this year), individuals, churches, families and groups will be asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus. (You are encouraged to check the website for more info ... www.40Daysforlife.com)

After just five days of peaceful vigil, we already know of 15 babies saved!

Devotional for Day 12, Sunday, February 28

Intention: May the King of the Universe, who entered this world as a helpless infant, give us the humility to be healed.

Scripture: My power is made perfect in weakness.
—2 Corinthians 12:9

Prayer: Lord, during these forty days, we ask that with each day of this sacred vigil, everything in us that separates us from your perfect will would be pruned from our hearts and souls. In this blessed freedom may we experience a powerful anointing of your Holy Spirit. Filled with confidence and trust, may we proclaim with the mother of Jesus, “Let it be done to me, according to your Word.” Amen.

Devotional for Day 13, Monday, March 1

Intention: For all fathers who are terrified of being fathers.

Scripture: A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation. —Psalm 68:5

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for caring about each of us so deeply. Help us to see and know you as our Father in heaven each and every day of our lives. Your loving hand also rests on every child today carried in its mother’s womb. May they be born into this world and come to know fully and personally your endless love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Lent, 40 Days for Life prayers are being said in English, Serbian, Hindi, German, Swahili, Spanish, Croatian, Portuguese, and many other tongues around the world. Different countries, different cultures, and different languages.

But one shared language of prayer to our one Father in Heaven. With the United States once again funding and aggressively promoting abortion in developing countries, those prayers are more important than ever.

“Here, abortion is still illegal,” said Roxeni in Honduras. “But we face so many groups that ‘help’ our moms make this terrible decision.” Roxeni signed up for the vigil’s opening hour—6am—with her cousin. And it wasn’t long before others showed up to pray with her.

Devotional for Day 14, Tuesday, March 2

Intention: Pray that the abortionists and all workers in abortion facilities would be troubled in their souls regarding their work and would seek truth.

Scripture: Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you. — Ephesians 4:31-32

Prayer: Dearest God, You tell us in Proverbs that the foolish and the wicked lack wisdom and understanding. I pray you will trouble the souls of those in the abortion industry so that they hunger for truth and cry out for freedom. I pray that my life would reflect my redemption so others may see it and trust in You. In obedience to You, and by your grace, I choose to forgive others as you have forgiven me. In the name of Christ I pray, amen.

Devotional for Day 15, Wednesday, March 3

Intention: May God's people awaken to the fact that we are our brothers' keepers.

Scripture: Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground." —Genesis 4:8-10

Prayer: Father, help us to embrace the fact that we are our "brother's keeper." When, due to selfish motives, we try to cast off this responsibility please call to us to account. We would be pleasing to you and to our "brother." Through the help and grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Devotional for Day 16, Thursday, March 4

Intention: Pray for the mothers going into pregnancy help centers. The personal care, the free ultrasound, the ongoing practical help is designed to deliver them from those who profit in shedding innocent blood.

Scripture: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. —Matthew 11:28

Prayer: Father, hear our prayer! Snatch desperate mothers from the fire. Bring them out of our abortion businesses and into our pregnancy help centers. Deliver them from evil. Use us to help them chose life and see your hand of provision. Amen.

Devotional for Day 18, Saturday, March 6

Intention: We pray for a flowering of the joy of parenthood.

Scripture: Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate. —Psalm 127:3-5

Prayer: Heavenly Father, please keep me from taking for granted the gift of children. Help us to remember this heritage that you have given us. Make us faithful stewards of these precious lives, that each generation might be raised in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

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"Abortion will end when local communities say it will end - no sooner, and no later. We have the power to stop abortion, even while it remains legal. Now is the time to mobilize, sustained by prayer. Priests for Life and I are delighted to have been involved in 40 Days for Life from its inception, and to share the vision and trumpet the call that the Body of Christ belongs in front of abortion centers."

FR. FRANK PAVONE - National Director, Priests for Life

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at Dunning Motor Sales!**

Deposit this coupon in the offertory basket at Mass.
Drawings held monthly.

Name _____
Phone _____

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