

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

## INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

### SUNDAY February 21, 2021

- 9:00 am** Carl and Patricia Drone  
**11:00 am** Adriana Palumbo (d)  
**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

### MONDAY, February 22, 2021

#### THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

- 8:30 am** Robert Tepe (d)

### TUESDAY, February 23, 2021

*St. Polycarp, bishop, martyr*

- 8:30 am** Richard Phillips (d)

### WEDNESDAY, February 24, 2021

- 8:30 am** Special Intention

### THURSDAY, February 25, 2021

- 8:30 am** John W. Kinnemeyer (d)

### FRIDAY, February 26, 2021

- 8:30 am** Kenneth Schroer (d)  
**5:00 pm** Stations of the Cross  
Mass

### SATURDAY, February 27, 2021

- 8:30 am** Marcelino Dao  
**4:30 pm** Leo O'Neill (d)

### SUNDAY, February 28, 2021

- 9:00 am** Angela Hofmeyer (d)  
**11:00 am** Joe Bonno (d)  
**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

## SERVERS

**February 27/28**

No Servers scheduled.

## LECTORS

**February 27/28**

No Lectors scheduled.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**February 27/28**

No Eucharistic Ministers scheduled.

## OFFERING

**February 14, 2021      \$9,694.24**

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**Vocation View:** 'Be Holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy!' Embrace the call to holiness, and every day will bring new adventures of following where Christ leads. (Leviticus 19:2) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

**Thought for the Day:** "Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices."

by *St. Teresa of Avila*

**Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert E. Webster.

**PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY** when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.

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## LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Ash Wednesday (February 17) and Good Friday (April 2)** are days of fast and abstinence. Abstinence means no eating of meat (beast or fowl) and is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted

**IRS TAX STATEMENT:** If you would like a statement of your 2020 donations, please fill in the box below, clip it out and drop it in the collection basket or mail to: St. Lawrence Church, 3680 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205.

### 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS

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## **BINGO**

**SUNDAY at 1:00 pm**  
**MONDAY at 7:00 pm**



## **MASS and WAY of the CROSS** **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, CONFESSIONS**

On Friday afternoons of Lent, we will have the Way of the Cross beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed immediately by Holy Mass.

Also, Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday afternoon from 3-5 p.m. Holy Mass, the Way of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, fasting, abstinence and almsgiving are excellent ways to deepen our love for the lord and celebrate His resurrection

**Fish Fry:** Our Lenten Fish Fry will be held on Ash Wednesday and all Friday's of Lent, from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This year it will be drive thru only but you can order ahead by calling 513-921-4230. There will be no Fish Fry on Good Friday.

### **2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**

The 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal is underway. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are standing with local, Catholic ministries for people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year!

Envelopes are available in the back of church for your convenience this weekend. If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you brought your completed pledge card to place in the offertory today, thank you! To make a gift online, visit [AOCstewardship.org](http://AOCstewardship.org).

*Trust in God's Wisdom*

It is then the truth of our faith that God is responsible for all the happenings we complain of in the world and, furthermore, we cannot doubt that all the misfortunes God sends us have a very useful purpose. We cannot doubt it without imputing to God a lack of judgment in deciding what is advantageous for us.

It is usually the case, that other people can see better than we can ourselves what is good for us. It would be foolish to think that we can see better than God Himself, who is not subject to any of the passions that blind us, knows the future and can foresee all events and the consequences of every action. Experience shows that even the gravest misfortunes can have good results and the greatest successes end in disaster. A rule also that God usually follows is to attain His ends by ways that are the opposite to those human prudence would normally choose.

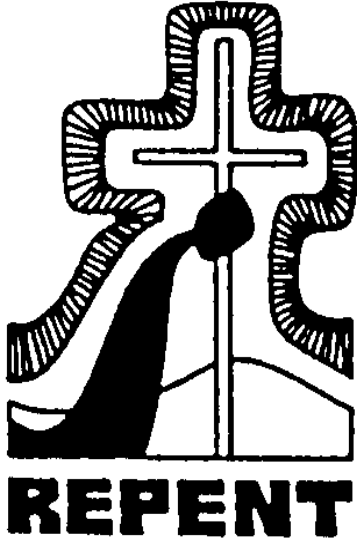
In our ignorance of what the future holds, how can we be so bold as to question what comes about by God's permission? Surely it is reasonable to think that our complaints are groundless and that instead of complaining we ought to be thinking Providence. Joseph was sold into slavery and thrown into prison. If he had felt aggrieved at these apparent misfortunes, he would really have been feeling aggrieved at his happiness for they were the steps to the throne of Egypt. Saul loses his father's ashes and has to go on a long vain hunt for them. But if he had felt annoyed at the great waste of time and energy it caused him, his annoyance could not have been more unreasonable as it was all a means of bringing him to the prophet who was to anoint him king of his people.

Let us imagine our confusion when we appear before God and understand the reasons why He sent us the crosses we accept so unwillingly. The death of a child will then be seen as its rescue from some great evil had it lived, separation from the woman you love the means of saving you from an unhappy marriage, a severe illness the reason for many years of life afterwards, loss of money the means of saving your soul from eternal loss. So what are we worried about?

God is looking after us and yet we are full of anxiety! We trust ourselves to a doctor because we suppose he knows his business. He orders an operation which involves cutting away part of our body and we accept it. We are grateful to him and pay him a large fee because we judge he would not act as he does unless the remedy were necessary, and we must rely on his skill. Yet we are unwilling to treat God in the same way! It looks as if we do not trust His wisdom and are afraid He cannot do His job properly. We allow ourselves to be operated on by a man who may easily make a mistake – a mistake which may cost us our life – and protest when God sets to work on us.

If we could see all He sees, we would unhesitatingly wish all He wishes. We would beg Him on bended knees for those afflictions we now ask Him to spare us. To all of us He addresses the words spoken to the sons of Zebedee: *You know not what you ask – O blind of heart, your ignorance saddens me. Let me manage your affairs and look after your interests. I know what you need better than you do yourselves. If I paid heed to what you think you need, you would have been hopelessly ruined long ago.*

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### *When God Sends Us Trials*

If you would be convinced that in all He allows and in all that happens to you God has no other end in view but your real advantage and your eternal happiness, reflect a moment on all He has done for you; you are now suffering, but remember that the author of this suffering is He who chose to spend his life suffering to save you from everlasting suffering, whose angel is always at your side guarding your body and soul by His order, who sacrifices Himself daily on the altar to expiate your sins and appease His Father's anger, who comes lovingly to you in the Holy Eucharist and whose greatest pleasure is to be united to you. We must be very ungrateful to mistrust Him after He has shown such proofs of His love and to imagine that He can intend us harm. But, you will say, this blow is a cruel one, He strikes too hard. What have you to fear from a hand that was pierced and nailed to the cross for you? – The path I have to tread is full of thorns. If there is no other to reach Heaven by, do you prefer to perish forever rather than to suffer for a time?

Is it not the same path He trod before you out of love for you? Is there a thorn in it that He has not reddened with His own blood? – The chalice He offers you is a bitter one. But remember that it is your Redeemer who offers it. Loving you as He does, could He bring Himself to treat you so severely if the need were not urgent, the gain not worthwhile? Can we dare to refuse the chalice He has prepared for us Himself?

Reflect well on this. It should be enough to make us accept and love whatever trials He intends we should suffer. Moreover it is the certain means of securing our happiness in this life quite apart from the next.

*By St. Claude De La Colombiere, S.J.*

*From the Trustful Surrender to Divine Providence*

