

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**MARCH 5, 2023****INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK****SUNDAY, March 5, 2023**

- 9:00 am** Maria Do (d)
11:00 am Max and Angela Hofmeyer (d)
7:00 pm Living and Deceased of St. Lawrence,
 St. Teresa, St. Williams and
 Resurrection Church

MONDAY, March 6, 2023

- 12:00 pm** Susanna Corcoran (d)

TUESDAY, March 7, 2023*Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

- 12:00 pm** Jerry Langen (d)

WEDNESDAY, March 8, 2023*St. John of God, Religious*

- 12:00 pm** Pilgrims (d)

THURSDAY, March 9, 2023*St. Frances of Rome, Religious*

- 12:00 pm** Edward Simon (d)

3:00 pm-5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**FRIDAY, March 10, 2023**

- 12:00 pm** Helen Henz (d)

- 5:00 pm** Stations of the Cross/Holy Mass –
 John and Lucille Watkins (d)

SATURDAY, March 11, 2023

- 4:30 pm** Norma Erhardt (d)

SUNDAY, March 12, 2023

- 9:00 am** Carl & Patricia Drone (d)
11:00 am Martha White (d)
7:00 pm Living and Deceased of St. Lawrence,
 St. Teresa, St. Williams and
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SERVERS**March 11/12**

To Be Determined

LECTORS**March 11/12**

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**March 11/12**

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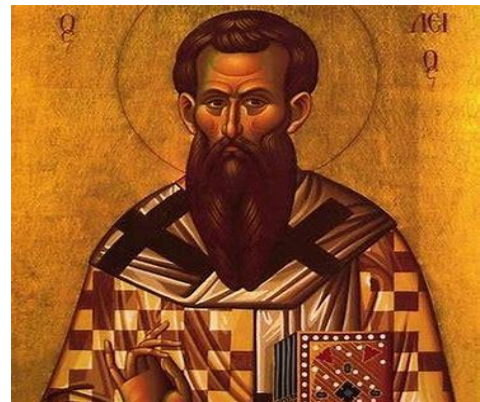
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*Thank You for your Generosity!****Vocation View:** "Rise, and do not be afraid."*

So many experience fear or trepidation when called to the priesthood and/or religious life. God strengthens those who are called if they but respond with a generous heart. (Matthew 5:38-48)

***Thought for the Day:** Let us, as St. Basil counsels us, rest secure in the conviction that beyond the possibility of a doubt, God works to effect our welfare, infinitely better than we could ever hope to accomplish or desire it ourselves.*

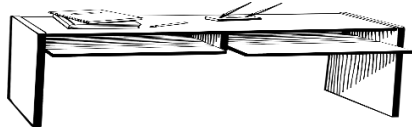
St. Alphonsus de Liguori

***Cincinnati Catholic Alumni Club** is having an Irish dinner on Sunday, March 19, at 5:00 pm, at the Dingle House Irish Pub located at 9102 West Chester Towne Centre Rd in West Chester. For reservations call Nancy 513-574-0050.*

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Fr. Watkins' Desk

The St. Michael Hymnal Plates have been placed in the hardbound hymnals in the pews. The middle sections of the nave pews have the hymnals with the plates. The Memorial Plates are still available should you be interested. Information and order forms are found in the middle of the bulletin racks. Fill out a form and place it in the offertory basket with your gift.

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.

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

PTO Fish Fry: Our PTO Fish Fry is held every Friday of Lent (except Good Friday). We are in search of a few volunteers to help on Fridays. Any help is appreciated. If interested, please contact Jen Huiet 513-571-1996.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: begins on March 12 at 2:00 a.m. Advance your clock one hour.



LENTEN REGULATIONS Ash Wednesday (March 2) and Good Friday (April 15) 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. Eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

The Saint Lawrence Clergy & Choir will be offering Sung Solemn Vespers with Exposition & Benediction in the church on LAETARE Sunday (3-19-23) at 5pm



What is Solemn Vespers?

It is the Signature Sung Prayer of the Roman Catholic Church. Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. Vespers is blanketed and steeped in the rich music of the ages, old and new. Music of Henry Purcell, Sir. Frederick Gore Ouseley, Gregorian Chant, Johann Sebastian Bach.

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From the Confessions of St. Augustine, bishop

Lord, you know me. Let me know you. Let me come to know you *even as I am known*. You are the strength of my soul; enter it and make it a place suitable for your dwelling, a possession *without spot or blemish*. This is my hope and the reason I speak. In this hope I rejoice, I rejoice rightly. As for the other things of this life, the less they deserve tears, the more likely will they be lamented; and the more they deserve tears, the less likely will men sorrow for them. *For behold, you have loved the truth, because the one who does what is true enters into the light*. I wish to do this truth before you alone by praising you, and before a multitude of witnesses by writing of you.

O Lord, the depths of a man's conscience lie exposed before your eyes. Could anything remain hidden in me, even though I did not want to confess it to you? In that case I would only be hiding you from myself, not myself from you. But now my sighs are sufficient evidence that I am displeased with myself; that you are my light and the source of my joy; that you are loved and desired. I am thoroughly ashamed of myself; I have renounced myself and chosen you, recognizing that I please neither you nor myself unless you enable me to do so.

Whoever I may be, Lord, I lie exposed to your scrutiny. I have already told of the profit I gain when I confess to you. And I do not make my confession with bodily words, bodily speech, but with the words of my soul and the cry of my mind which you hear and understand. When I am wicked, my confession to you is an expression of displeasure with myself. But when I do good, it consists in not attributing this goodness to myself. *For you, O Lord, bless the just man, but first you justify the wicked*. And so I make my confession before you in silence, and yet not in silence. My voice is silent, but my heart cries out.

You, O Lord, are my judge. *For though no one knows a man's innermost self except the man's own spirit within him*, yet there is something in a man which even his own spirit does not know.

But you know all of him, for you have made him. As for me, I despise myself in your sight, knowing that I am but dust and ashes; yet I know something of you that I do not know of myself.

True, *we see now indistinctly as in a mirror, but not yet face to face*. Therefore, so long as I am in exile from you, I am more present to myself than you. Yet I do know that you cannot be overcome, while I am uncertain which temptations I can resist and which I cannot. Nevertheless, I have hope, because *you are faithful and do not allow us to be tempted beyond our endurance, but along with the temptation you give us the means to withstand it*.

I will confess, therefore, what I know myself, and also what I do not know. The knowledge that I have of myself, I possess because you have enlightened me; while the knowledge of myself that I do not yet possess will not be mine until my darkness shall be made as the noonday sun before your face.



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From a sermon by St. Leo the Great, pope

Dear friends, at every moment *the earth is full of the mercy of God*, and nature itself is a lesson for all the faithful in the worship of God. The heavens, the sea and all that is in them bear witness to the goodness and omnipotence of their Creator, and the marvelous beauty of the elements as they obey him demands from the intelligent creation a fitting expression of its gratitude.

But with the return of that season marked out in a special way by the mystery of our redemption, and of the days that lead up to the paschal feast, we are summoned more urgently to prepare ourselves by a purification of spirit.

The special note of the paschal feast is this: the whole church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins. It rejoices in holy baptism but also of those who are already among God's adopted children.

Initially, men are made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there is still required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature, and whatever degree of progress has been made there is no one who should not be more advanced. All must therefore strive to ensure that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of his former life.

Dear friends, what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin.

There is no more profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not.

The love that we owe both God and man is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention. The angels sang: *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth*. The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace.

The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts.



LENT

Pray + Fast + Give