

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT****MARCH 26, 2023****INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK****SUNDAY, March 26, 2023**

- 9:00 am** Mike Corcoran (l)  
**11:00 am** Bernard and Anne Morman (d)  
**7:00 pm** Living and Deceased of St. Lawrence,  
 St. Teresa, St. William and  
 Resurrection Church

**MONDAY, March 27, 2023**

- 12:00 pm** Marcelino Dao (d)

**TUESDAY, March 28, 2023**

- 12:00 pm** Anna Hoang (d)  
**12:30 pm** Confession

**WEDNESDAY, March 29, 2023**

- 12:00 pm** Don Ashcraft (d)

**THURSDAY, March 30, 2023**

- 12:00 pm** Barb Prater (d)

**3:00 pm-5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, March 31, 2023**

- 8:30 am** Pat Gargano (d)  
**12:00 pm** Len Schmidt (d)  
**5:00 pm** Stations of the Cross/Holy Mass  
 Robert Kessling (d)

**SATURDAY, April 1, 2023**

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

**SUNDAY, April 2, 2023****PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

- 9:00 am** Missy Hoffman (l)  
**11:00 am** James Corcoran (d)  
**7:00 pm** John and Lucille Watkins (d)

**Priority One Insulation**  
**5178 Crookshank Road**  
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**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.

**SERVERS**

**April 1/2**  
 To Be Determined

**LECTORS**

**April 1/2**  
 To Be Determined

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**April 1/2**  
 To Be Determined

March 19, 2023 \$6,755.00

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**Vocation View:** "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ!" With this belief, Jesus is able to work marvels through those who trust in Him, even to raising the dead to new life. (John 11:27)

**Thought for the Day:** "Without the struggle of afflictions, it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggles increases."

*St. Rose of Lima*



## The Laurentian



### Fr. Watkins' Desk

**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.

#### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

4:30 p.m. – 6:00p.m. – *Confessions*

7:00 p.m. - *Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper*

#### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

12:00 p.m. - *Private Meditation*

1:00 p.m. - *Celebration of the Lord's Passion Veneration of the Cross Holy Communion*

*Silence and Private Prayer to 5:00 p.m.*

(Confessions 2:00 – 3:00 pm)

5:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

(*Respectful Silence Leaving Church*)

#### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

8:45 p.m. - *Easter Vigil at St. Teresa of Avila*

#### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. *Masses*

No 7:00 p.m. *Evening Mass*



**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.



**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.

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the April 2023 program beginning with a weekend on April 14, 15, 16 2023, call 513-486-6222 or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

Brother, since it is certain that you will die, go as soon as possible to the foot of the crucifix: thank your crucified Redeemer for the time which, in his mercy he gives you to settle the affairs of your conscience; and then review all the irregularities of your past life, particularly of your youth. Cast a glance at the commandments of God: examine yourself on the duties of the state of life in which you have lived, and on the society you have frequented: mark down in writing the sins you have committed; make a general confession of your whole life, if you have not as yet made one. Oh how much does a general confession contribute to regularity of life in a Christian! Consider that you have to settle accounts for eternity; and take care to adjust them as if you were on the point of rendering these accounts to Jesus Christ at judgment. Banish from your heart every sinful affection, and every sentiment of rancor; remove every ground of scruple on account of the injury done to the property or character of others, or of scandal to your neighbor; and resolve to fly from all those occasions in which you should be in danger of losing God. Remember that what now seems difficult will appear impossible at the hour of death.

It is still more important for you to resolve to practice the means of preserving your soul in the grace of God. These means are, hearing Mass everyday, the meditation on the eternal truths, the frequentation of the sacraments of penance and Eucharist at least every eight days, the visit every day to the Most Holy Sacrament, and to an image of the divine Mother, attendance at her confraternity, spiritual reading, examination of conscience every evening, some special devotion to the Blessed Virgin, along with fasting every Saturday in her honor. Above all, resolve to recommend yourself frequently to God and to the Blessed Virgin, and frequently to invoke, in the time of temptations, the sacred names of Jesus and Mary. These are the names by which you will be able to secure a happy death, and to obtain eternal life.

The practice of these means will be for you a great sign of your predestination. And as to the past, trust in the blood of Jesus Christ, who now gives you these lights, because he desires your salvation; and trust in the intercession of Mary, who obtains these lights for you.

If you adopt this mode of life, and place great confidence in Jesus and Mary, what aid will you receive from God, and what strength will your soul acquire! Dearly beloved reader, give yourself then instantly to God, who invites you, and begin to enjoy that peace of which you have been hitherto deprived through your own fault. And what greater peace can a soul enjoy than to be able to say, in going to rest at night. Should death come this night, I hope to die in the grace of God! How happy the man who, amid the terrors of thunder or of earthquakes, is prepared to accept death with resignation, should God be pleased to send it!

*by St. Alphonsus de Liguori*  
Preparation For Death



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It is also necessary to endeavor to be at all times in the state in which we desire to be at death.

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.* St.

Ambrose says that they die well who, at the hour of death, are found dead to the world; that is, detached from the goods from which death will separate us by force. We ought then, from this moment, to accept the spoliation of our goods, and the separation from relatives and from everything in this world. Unless we do it voluntarily during life, we shall have to do it through necessity at death, but with extreme pain and great danger of eternal perdition. Hence, St.

Augustine says, that to settle during life all temporal matters, and dispose by will of all the goods we shall have to bequeath, contribute greatly to a tranquil death; because when all worldly affairs are already adjusted, the soul may be entirely occupied in uniting itself to God. At that hour, we should think and speak only of God and of Paradise. These last moments are too precious to be squandered in earthly thoughts. At death is completed the crown of the elect; for it is then, perhaps, that they reap the greatest harvest of merits, by embracing, with resignation and love, death and all its pains.

But the Christian who has not been in the habit of exciting these sentiments during life, will not have them at the hour of death. Hence, some devout souls, with great spiritual profit to themselves, are accustomed to renew every month, after being at confession and Communion, the Protestation of death along with the Christian acts, imagining themselves at the point of death, and to be near their departure from this world. Unless you do this during life you will find it very difficult to do it at death. In her last illness, the great servant of God, Sister Catharine of St. Alberts, of the order of St. Teresa, sent forth a sigh, and said, "Sisters, I do not sigh through fear of death, for I have lived for twenty-five years in expectation of it; but I sigh at the sight of so many deluded Christians, who spend their life in sin, and reduce themselves to the necessity of making peace with God at death, when I can scarcely pronounce the name of Jesus."

Examine then, O my brother, if you are now attached to anything on this earth, to any person, to any honor, to your house, to your money, to conversations or amusements; and reflect that you are not immortal. You must one day, and perhaps very soon, take leave of them all. Why then do you cherish any attachment to them, and thus expose yourself to the risk of an unhappy death? Offer from this moment all to God: tell him you are ready to give up all things whenever he pleases to deprive you of them. If you wish to die with resignation you must from this moment resign yourself to all the contradictions and adversities which may happen to you, and must divest yourself to all affections to earthly things. Imagine yourself on the bed of death and you will despise all things in this world. "He," says Jerome, "who always thinks that he is to die, easily despises all things."

If you have not yet chosen a state of life, make choice of that state of life which at death you wish to have selected, and which will make you die with greater peace. If you have already made choice of a state of life, do now what at death you will wish to have done in that state. Spend every day as if it were your last of your life; and perform every action, every exercise of prayer, make every confession and Communion, as if they were the last of your life. Imagine yourself every hour at the point of death, stretched on a bed, and that you hear that *Proficiscere de hoc mundo* which announces your departure from this world. Oh how powerfully will this thought assist you to walk in the way of God and to detach your heart from this earth! *Blessed is the servant whom, when his Lord shall come, he shall find him so doing.* He who expects death every hour will die well, though death should come suddenly upon him.

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