

March 10, 2019 - First Sunday of Lent

From the Pastor

Ash Wednesday and Penance

"And now there remain faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." 1 Cor. 13:13

The Sunday before Lent the Church has us read St. Paul's beautiful passage on charity from his first letter to the Corinthians. She has us read this because it is important at all times, but particularly when we are striving for spiritual improvement, like we are during Lent. Our penances must be characterized by the glow of charity, which originates from a contrite heart in the state of grace. This state of grace, or charity, is necessary to gain merit for heaven. On Ash Wednesday, we began the penitential season by being marked with blessed ashes, a sign of penance and sacrifice.

Ashes are placed on our foreheads with the words: "Remember, man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return." The ceremony harkens back to the early Church when public sinners were given sackcloths and ashes so they could make public repentance for their sins. In time, the ceremony was extended to all sinners, for all are in need of conversion, a turning to God. We are signed with ashes to mark the beginning of Lent, a period of sacrifice and spiritual renewal. We should receive the ashes with humility and a spirit of penance, then make sure our works are marked by charity.

We are not meant to eat the ashes, but rather to break from the bad habits, vices and sins that have caused us to end up in the ashes and dust. We promised at our baptism that we would renounce Satan and all his pomp and works. At the Easter Vigil, we will once again renew our baptismal promises. Let us see that Lent is a preparation for that renewal, by our sacrifices done with charity.

Have a holy Lent Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

2019 DSF Do Not Neglect to Share What You Have Campaign

PARISH GOAL \$10,000. DSF funds over 60 programs that benefit the faithful in our area. Each parish is expected to meet goal, and if the goal is not met, the shortage will be financed out of operating cash. Please complete a pledge card and mail it in the envelope provided or make a donation online at archgh.org/dsf. If Regina Caeli is not your home parish, you may still donate on our behalf by adding our name to the pledge card and listing the amount you want allocated to the parish. Thank you for participating in DSF. More on DSF can be found at archgh.org/dsf.



Way of the Cross, 6:30 p.m. every Friday in Lent

Plenary indulgence may be gained.

Announcements

Church hours for private prayers. The church is open for private prayer as noted below.

Fridays & Saturdays, 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Noon-5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays only, 6-8 p.m. Exposition & benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 6:40 p.m. every Wednesday.

Parish bookstore kiosk is located in the small hallway across from the water fountain. Open Sundays between the morning Masses unless noted otherwise below.

Low Gluten Hosts. If you require low gluten host, please see the instructions on the bulletin board.

Altar Server Practice, second Saturday of every month immediately following the 7:30 a.m. Mass. On other Saturdays in the month, there is voluntary practice after the 7:30 a.m. Mass for those who want additional training. Open to all boys who have received First Communion.

Altar Guild, second Saturday of the month after the 7:30 a.m. Mass, in the small meeting room.

Knights of Columbus, 7 p.m. in the large room, second Friday of each month.

Legion of Mary, 7 p.m. Mondays in the large meeting room. The Legion can answer questions concerning the total consecration to Mary, which began Feb. 20 and ends March 25.

Schola Practice, 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the small room. Open to all men interested in joining the schola.

Seven Sisters Apostolate, offering weekly Holy Hour for our priests. More on bulletin boards and our website.

Tower of David Study Group every Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Troops of St. George, every other Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m. See schedule on bulletin board.

Virtus Training, mandatory for those who work with children in the parish. More on our parish website.



TODAY:

- ~ Second collection: Black & Indian Missions.
- ~ Bookstore closed. Re-opens March 24.
- ~ No CCD. CCD resumes March 17. Enjoy Spring Break!
- ~ Youth Group cancelled. The Youth Group will meet next Sunday, Mar. 17

Fri., Mar. 15, 7-9 p.m., Men's Recollection. Holy Hour, confession, spiritual conference. Open to all men.

Sun., Mar. 17:

- ~ Blessing of Marian statue at entranceway to parish following the 7:30 a.m. Mass.
- ~ Bookstore closed. Re-opens March 24.
- ~ CCD resumes.
- ~ Youth Group meets in the large room after the 10 am. Mass. Open to children ages 13-18.
- ~ Adult lecture series after Vespers. Open to all; no prerequisites.

Tues., Mar. 19, St. Joseph Altar and reception in the large meeting room after the 7 p.m. Mass. Please contact Angie Hebert, angela_hebert@att.net or 281-323-2289, if you would like to participate.

Through Apr. 7, Lenten Food Drive. Please drop off nonperishable food in the bins in the hallway for distribution to St. Maxmilian Kolbe Food Pantry in the Cy-Fair area. Sponsored by the Little Flowers Group.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Mar. 10 – 16, 2019

Sun., 3/10, First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m., Brian Carlon †
10:00 a.m., Pro Populo
5:30 p.m., Brian Carlon †

Mon., 3/11, Monday of First Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., Gale Carlon
* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Tues., 3/12, Tuesday of First Week of Lent

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention
7:00 p.m., Brian Thomas Carlon

Wed., 3/13, Ember Wednesday in Lent

6:30 a.m., Otto Kropp †
* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 3/14, Thursday of First Week of Lent

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention
7:00 p.m., Kahurangi Stewart

Fri., 3/15, Ember Friday in Lent

6:30 a.m., Johanna Kropp †

Sat., 3/16, Ember Saturday in Lent

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention
7:30 a.m., Bryan Fairchild †

* Mass is subject to cancellation if a second priest is not available. Advance notice will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

First Friday of each month, there is an additional public Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion.

First Saturday of each month, the 7:30 a.m. Mass includes First Saturday devotion.



Directory

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Youth Group - Rev. John Kodet

Welcoming Committee - Rae Bielakowski
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Contacts for other groups

Please check the bulletin boards or go to the parish website and click on Groups/Ministries

Sacraments

Please check the parish website for more information.

Infant baptism—contact parish at least one month before due date.

Marriage—contact parish eight months before proposed date.

Introibit Rex Gloriam Capital Campaign

Minimum goal: \$2,500,000
Pledged & gifted to date
\$2,318,320

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Mass Schedule

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (High), 5:30 p.m. Rosary 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass
Mon., Wed., Fri.	6:30 a.m.
Tues., Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
Saturdays	7:30 a.m.

Adoration Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.

Confession 30 minutes before each Mass; ends 5 minutes before Mass starts

Vespers Sundays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass