

March Reflection: The Annunciation

We are in the very midst of Lent, and yet the ineffable joys of Christmas are upon us.

-Dom Prosper Gueranger, **The Liturgical Year**

Well on our way through Lent, the days and weeks of March may seem interminable. For as much as we may have prepared for the penances and mortifications we adopted and embraced at the beginning of Lent, the day-to-day challenges these sacrifices wage against our self-will may begin to drain our resolve. We may become discouraged and want to give up.

The Church therefore puts before us the most perfect reminder to boost our resolve. In the Feast of the Annunciation (Mar. 25), we are brought back to the anticipated joys of Christmas. We are reminded that it took the selfless act of one person to bring into the world The One who will complete our redemption.

Once again, as in the Rorate Mass at Advent, the Mother precedes the Son ahead of this great event. It is definitely a cause for us to honor and celebrate her as we recall her humble acceptance of God's Will.

The joy of the Annunciation can inspire us to renew the energy with which we began this penitential season on Ash Wednesday. Our Lady's "fiat" is a model of humility, love, and sacrifices made for our eternal good.

Her sacrifice here is but a first step toward the greatest sacrifice ever made for us. The depth of her participation in Our Lord's passion and death will then be fully revealed in the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of Mary (this year on Mar 31).

Dom Gueranger ties all of this together in his commentary on the Postcommunion on the feast of the Annunciation:

In the Postcommunion, the Church gratefully recalls to mind all the mysteries which God has achieved for our salvation, and which are the consequences of the one we honor today. After the Incarnation, which unites the Son of God to our human nature, we have had the Passion of this our divine Redeemer; and His Passion was followed by His Resurrection, whereby He triumphed over our enemy death:

Pour Your grace into our hearts, we pray, Lord that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Your Son was made known by the message of an angel may be brought by His passion and cross to the glory of His resurrection.

-Postcommunion on the Feast of the Annunciation

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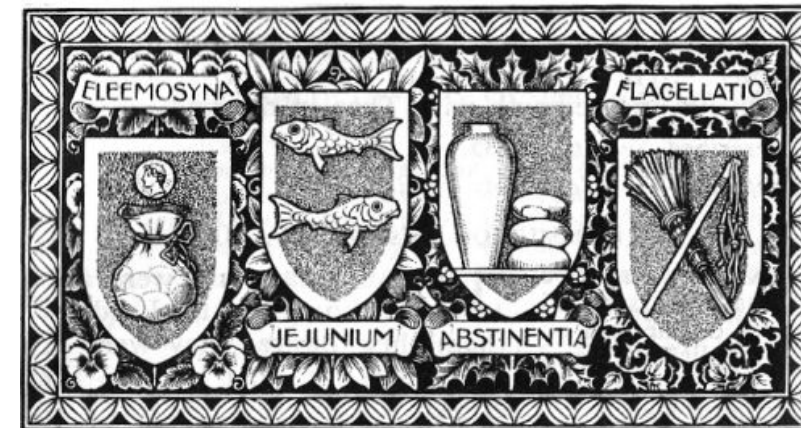
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Pastor:

- Fr. Rami Madanat
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Mass Times: Check webpage for updates

- Sundays: 8 am Low & 10:30 Sung High
- Saturdays: 9 am
- 1st Fridays: Holy Hour 6pm, Mass 7pm
- All Fridays of Lent: Stations 6:30, Mass 7pm

Confessions:

- 45 minutes before all Masses
- During 1st Friday Holy Hour 6-7 pm
- After Masses when announced

Rosary 30 min before all Masses

- We need more men to lead the Rosary

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

- 1st Friday at 6pm
- 1st Saturday after Mass

Coordinators:

- Joseph & Agatha DeBartolo
- E-mail: OLoFCoords@gmail.com
- Phone: 360-852-5343
- Church: 360-254-7994

Website: sspxolf.org

- Join our Prayer Chain at:
OLoFPrayerChain@gmail.com

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25269 E. Bolton Road, Veneta, OR
97487 Phone # 541-935-8608

Prior - Fr. Shane Pezzutti

Baptisms:

- Generally within 1-2 weeks of birth
- Contact Coordinator to schedule

Holy Matrimony:

- Arrange with Pastor 6 months prior

Extreme Unction and Sick Calls:

- Arrange with the Coordinators



Announcements at a Glance



Stations of the Cross & Mass every Friday evening in Lent

→ Stations 6:30 pm led by Men of the HNS, while confessions offered. Mass to follow ~ 7pm and then Soup Suppers to end the evening.

Acolytes needed! See Nicholas Williams if you can help on Fridays!

→ **Lent Soup Suppers: Fridays Feb 24 - March 31** see posters in the hall. Sign up to bring a crock pot of soup. Chapel will provide bread.

Questions? Contact Susie Marvin at jmarvinjr@hotmail.com

Ember Days in Lent: Traditional days of fast and abstinence. Wednesday Mar 8, Friday Mar 10, and Saturday Mar 11 (*private prayer hours on March 8 - see calendar*)

Fr. Paul Kimball: Scheduled monthly visit will be Mar 11-12

Building Renovation Committee/Capital Campaign Update: Plan to stay after first Mass/come early for second as the BRC and CC men will give an update on the status of these important committees.

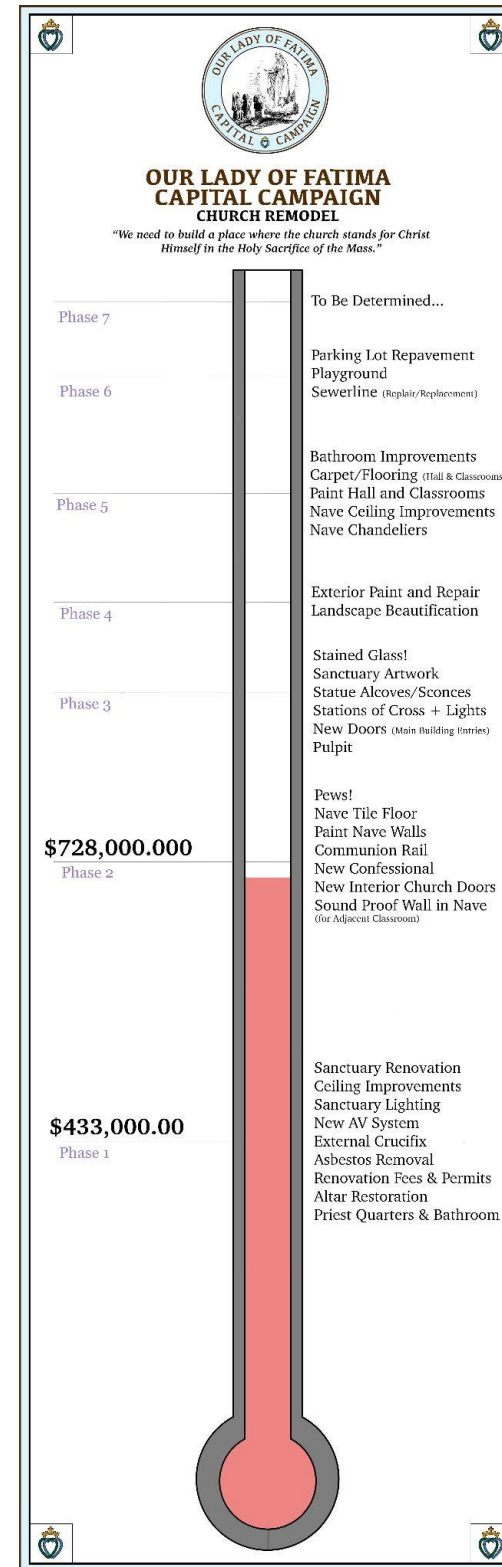
All Chapel Spring Clean-Up: Saturday, Mar 25 (Feast of the Annunciation). Begin with Mass at 9 am, followed by a quick oatmeal breakfast before tackling our lovable slave-driver's to-do list for both inside and outside work. A sandwich bar will be provided at the end of the workday.

Palm Sunday Procession: Just one Mass on Palm Sunday at 9am so that everyone will have the opportunity to participate in Our Lord's triumphant procession before His Passion.

St. Anthony's Outreach: *Desperate need for "Wheelchair lift van" to bring a handicap man from Hillsboro.* Email Monique Dodge at OLoFOutreach@gmail.com

Coffee fundraiser: Is generally going well, except it's hard to tell what sales are still outstanding. If you have a paid IOU, remember to scratch your debit off the IOU sheet once settled. If you still owe, please settle up soon.

The Groundhog saw its shadow, so it's at least six more weeks of winter: Parents, we understand that it's hard for little ones to contain themselves indoors on these cold wet/snowy winter days. However, we all share the indoor space, so everyone needs to use their "inside voice & behavior" until April showers bring May flowers and the kids can enjoy the outdoors & playground again.



Remember to pray a Memorare after your daily Rosary for the success of the Capital Campaign.

Also consider offering:

- *a 54-Day Rosary Novena (27 days in petition; 27 days in thanksgiving)*
- *The Padre Pio Daily Novena found at www.padrepio.org/pray/efficacious-novena/*

A Note About Confession

Please try to come on Saturdays if you live nearby.

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Remember the **4 C's** of a good Confession
Be Clear, Complete,
Concise, and Contrite

Prayers for Those in Need

In your kindness, please add to your daily prayers those of our chapel who serve our communities and nation, as well as their families. Remember those struggling with chronic illness, family, or financial problems.

Use this QR code to make contributions. Please indicate if it's for Capital Campaign, tithing, or coffee & donuts.

~ Thank You ~



Renovation Update

The contractor for Phase 2 has been selected and the scope of work is being reined in order to stay within budget as well as ensure a high quality result. Flooring will be installed ahead of the new pews which are now slated for June 1. Beyond this, focus will move to Phase 3: developing art work for stained glass windows. Plan to attend the Update Presentation on Mar. 19 between Masses.

Capital Campaign March Update

Total raised including sale of the Portland property: \$755,937 / Cost of Phase 1: \$433,000 / Total paid expenses (Phase 1 & Phase 2): \$512,608 / Expenses incurred for Phase 2: \$71,813 Available cash for Phase 2: \$112,517 / ESTIMATED remaining cost of Phase 2: \$143,737*

ESTIMATED amount still needed to complete Phase 2: \$31,220

Total remaining on current pledges: \$118,093

Emergency fund: \$50,000 (extracted from funds from sale of Portland property)

*This is an estimated cost. The building committee is awaiting the final bid from the contractor.

Church Donations

January tithes: \$10,832

Building Fund January: \$9,177

Building Fund February: \$15,286

Mother of Lu February: \$473

Average Sunday attendance for January was 251

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Follow the Money

The weekly first collection is earmarked for OLF expenses to do business, like utilities, general upkeep, etc...

Second collections are earmarked for the following:

- 1st Sunday: Mothers of Lu, to support those in vocation from our chapel that we are praying for each month.
- 2nd Sunday: Quarterly District collection not until Good Shepherd Sunday.
- 3rd Sunday: HNS collection for the building fund
- 4th Sunday: Resuming monthly St. Thomas Becket Priory collections.

Focus on Groups: Building Renovation Committee

Anyone who has ever attempted any construction work, especially as it relates to building from the ground up or just major renovations, understands that what looks clean and straightforward on paper does not necessarily translate to ease or timeliness of execution when the process gets underway.

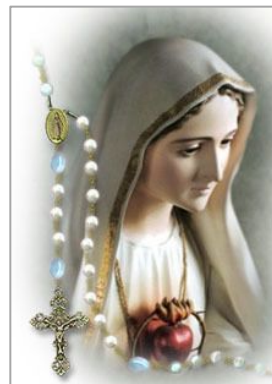
Such it is with the work to transform the OLF physical plant into a truly Catholic edifice that brings Our Lord all due honor and glory, and a place where our community can come together for genuine Catholic socialization.

The OLF Building Renovation Committee (BRC) is a small group of men (mostly), guided by Father Madanat, selected to embrace this challenge. And what a challenge it is.

In the interest of transparency the BRC would like OLFsters to understand that progress is being made even if we do not see it (kind of like growing in the spiritual life: most of the time others don't see the actual progress as we advance in wisdom and grace before God).

So renovation progress is determined by many things we do not see: architectural design completion, contractor availability and bids, and approval from SSPX district, local and national. This is a volunteer team that is handling multiple entities that must approve steps in order for the process to forward.

The OLF community is made aware of decisions made by the BRC through monthly bulletin updates, pulpit announcements, and whenever the committee staffs the information table in the church hall. *Note: Plan on attending the Update Presentation between the Masses on Laetare Sunday, March 19*



WELCOME

Our Lady of Fatima Church welcomes our visitors! New to Tradition or not, please stay after Mass for coffee and socializing!

Becoming a member is easy! Please fill a registration card and put it in the designated box in the hall near the Epistle side door.

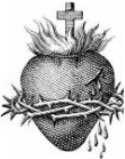

March Serving Schedule

Please see Nicholas Williams ASAP if you need to switch your duty
 *** Server practice every 1st Sun after 2nd Mass ***

Weekend	Fri 7pm Stations 6:30 require 3 servers	Sat 9am	Sun 8am	Sun 10:30am
Mar 3-5 Stations	Pearson OPEN OPEN	Nathan Pearson	Jonathan	Nicholas, James. David, Theo W, Andrew G, Henry/James G, Jameson. Connor
Mar 10-12 Stations	Pearson Webster OPEN	Pearson 9am Webster 2pm	Jonathan	William G, Andrew G, Theo W, Mason, Tommy, Henry G, JamesmG, William D, Johnny P
Mar 17-19 Stations	Pearson Webster OPEN	Jonathan D Joe Bissing	Miles M Cohen M	Nicholas W, Henry W, Tommy, Theo W, James, Jameson, Conor, OPEN, OPEN
Mar 24-26 Stations	Pearson Webster OPEN	Webster OPEN	Luke M Jonathan	David, Tommy, William G, Mason C, Andrew G, Edward D, Henry D, William D, Johnny P

St. Clare's Closet

Gently clean used women and girls church attire can be found in the Annex. Still needed are more skirt hangers and clothing racks. To donate, or for more information contact Cindy clschmidt3@yahoo.com or Sherry sherryoneil@ymail.com

Schedule		Group Meetings		
	Our Lady of Fatima 1st Saturday Schedule January - June 2023		10:45-11am	10:45 - 11:15am
			Confessions 8am Rosary 8:30am Mass 9am & Benediction Confessions 10:15-10:45am 11am - 12:30pm	Children of Mary Girls 13 -19 yr Classroom #6 & 3rd Saturdays at STB
Oatmeal Bar 10:15 - 10:45		11-12:30pm		11:30 - 12:30 pm
Men of the Holy Name Society Spiritual Conference by Father Meeting in Adult Catechism Classroom 11am - 12:30pm		Toastmasters Speech Club Teens 13-19 yr Classroom #8 & 3rd Sundays 12:30 - 2pm	Blue Knights Boys age 6 -12 yr Classroom #1-2	Little Flowers Girls ages 6 -12 yr Classroom #4

Church Cleaning Schedule

if you can help, please contact
Barbara Cleary at cmadrc@gmail.com

Feb 27-Mar 4	K. Wisniewski/ A. Meyerhofer
Mar 6-11	Pearson
Mar 13-18	Webster
Mar 25	All Chapel Lent Workday
Mar 27-Apr 1	L. Meyerhofer



Speaking of cleaning: It is still the cold/flu season, so please help keep all OLFsters healthy! Dispose of your used tissues, cups, & napkins in the trash cans. Wash your hands/use hand sanitizers, and above all, if you are sick stay home and get well!

Priest's Pantry Schedule

Back-up: B. Wolfe/S. Schenauer

Week	Sunday Brunch	Sat. <u>before</u> the Sun
Contact	<i>Susie Marvin</i> jmarvinjr@hotmail.com	2 meals: Brunch & Lupper (1st Fridays - Lynne Pearson)
1st	Justina Causseaux	Sally Webster
2nd	Luciann Meyerhofer	DeDe Wisniewski
3rd	Fatima Vianney	Fatima Vianney
4th	Kate Brehm	Kristi Hamilton
5th	Susie Marvin	Baby Wolfe

Holy Week 2023

Day	Mass Schedule
Palm Sunday	<u>Just one Mass</u> at 9am & Procession with Palms
Holy Thursday	7pm Sung Mass Altar of Repose 9pm - Midnight
Good Friday	1:30pm Stations of the Cross 2pm Adoration of Cross & Afternoon Liturgy
Holy Saturday	10:30pm Paschal Ceremonies Vigil Mass at Midnight
Easter Sunday	10:30 am Low Mass followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

OLF Hospitality Committee

Barbara Cleary oversees this & will set up for 2nd Mass every week

Amanda Smith full time coffee maker & back up donut volunteer

Sundays	Pick up Donuts	Clean Up after 2nd Mass
1st	Audrey Meyerhofer	Theresa Greninger
2nd	Anna Dunphy	DeDe Wisniewski
3rd	Kateri Wisniewski	Susie Marvin
4th	Krissy Alonzo	Valerie Weinhart
5th	Pauline Meyerhofer	Sherry O'Neil

Eucharistic Crusaders

Crusaders offered their work in January for the Superiors of the SSPX

Tallies for January 2023:: 14 Treasure Sheets turned in

Masses: 110 Holy Communions: 84 Decades of Rosary: 1895
Sacrifices: 669 Good Examples: 183 Spiritual Communions: 275
Daily Offerings 413 Visits to Our Lord: 93 15 Mins of Silence: 145

February was dedicated to Seminarians worldwide; March is for Fathers of Families

Interested in learning more? See Catherine Haslebacher, or contact at cathasle09@gmail.com

Recommended Reading for March from OLF's Librarian Tim Cleary

- An entire section dedicated to ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (Feast day 3/7)!
- Fr. John Murray: **Little Lives of the Great Saints.** St. Gregory the Great (Feast day 3/12)
- Thurston: **Butler's Lives of the Saints.** St. Patrick (Feast day 3/17) *Believed by some to be one of the Church's greatest saints*
- Filas, SJ: **Joseph: The Man Closest to Jesus. The complete Life, Theology, and Devotional History of St. Joseph**
- McNabb, OP: **The Mary Book** (assembled by FJ Sheed)
- Aquinas: **Meditations for Lent**
- Popler, OP: **Lent: A Liturgical Commentary on the Lessons and Gospels**

Librarian Factoid: Did you know that St. Gregory the Great instituted the Stations of the Cross, as well as ashes on the forehead?

JUST INTO OUR AMAZING BOOKSTORE IN TIME FOR LENT!

For Lent: Sermons of St. Francis de Sales - \$12 Softbound

Practical Meditations for Every Day of the Year: Composed by a Father of the Society of Jesus - \$32 Hardbound

Against All Heresies: Alfonso de Castro, OFM, *translated from the Spanish by our very own Fr. Paul M. Kimball, SSPX* - \$36 beautifully hardbound, could easily sell for twice that.

Our Lady of Fatima Masses & Activities for March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Confessions 45 min & Rosary 30 min before all Masses <i>* Confessions every Friday during Stations at 6:30pm</i>			<i>Ember Day</i> Chapel will be open for prayer 12-1 pm & 6:15-8:15 pm 1	PCP 6:30-7:30pm 2	<i>1st Friday (Ember Day)</i> Stations & Confessions 6:30pm Mass 7pm <i>(No Exposition/Benediction)</i> Soup Supper ~ 8pm 3	<i>1st Saturday ~ Ember Day</i> Mass 9am & Benediction 1st Sat Groups 10:30-12:30pm HNS Meeting 11-12:30pm Carmelite Tertiary 4:15-7:30pm 4
<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> Mass 8am & 10:30am * 1st Sun Blessing of Articles Mother of Lu Prayers & 2nd Collection Catechism 9:15-10am Server Practice after 2nd Mass 5	6	7	8	9	<i>Forty Holy Martyrs</i> Stations & Confessions 6:30pm Mass 7pm Soup Supper 8pm 10	Mass 9am Fr. Kimball Requiem Mass 2pm Fr. Madanat 11
<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> Mass 8am & 10:30am Fr. Kimball & Fr. Madanat Catechism 9:15-10am 12	13	14	15	16	<i>St. Patrick</i> Stations & Confessions 6:30pm Mass 7pm Soup Supper 8pm 17	Mass 9am 18
<i>Laetare Sunday</i> Mass 8am & 10:30am HNS Sunday & 2nd Collection Renovation update presentation Catechism 9:15-10am 19	<i>Feast of St. Joseph</i> 20	21	22	23	<i>St. Gabriel</i> Stations & Confessions 6:30pm Mass 7pm Soup Supper 8pm 24	<i>Feast of the Annunciation</i> Mass 9am LENTEN WORK DAY 10am-1pm 25
<i>Passion Sunday</i> Mass 8am & 10:30am 2nd Collection for our Priory Father visits Group A Catechism 26	27	28	29	30	<i>7 Sorrows of BVM</i> Stations & Confessions 6:30pm Mass 7pm Soup Supper 8pm 31	