

March Reflection: Opposition and Opportunity

An interesting thing about March: on the one hand, it is a month rich with feast days that give us cause for celebration – St. Joseph, The Annunciation, and (for some) St. Patrick. Most of us take great delight in indulging these festivals with fun and food.

On the other hand, March is a month that calls us to penance and mortification as we prepare for the most important event in the Liturgical Year - Easter. The Church in her wisdom has required souls to offer acts of sacrifice through prayer, almsgiving, fasting, and abstinence in the 40 days that comprise the Lenten Season. In modern times these laws are a walk in the park, yet how many of us still balk and make excuses for not snacking between meals, or complain about having meat once a day (except none on Fridays), or two small meals which together do not equal the principal meal?

In previous ages Church laws on fast and abstinence were quite severe. One meal a day. No flesh meat at all (including animal products). No eggs. No butter. No cheese. No milk. No fun, right?

Putting this in perspective: If the soul and the body are both complicit in offending God, then both must suffer to truly make our reparation and conversion of heart complete. It only makes sense, then, that during Lent, while the soul strives through prayer and works of mercy to effect this change, the body, through fast and abstinence, does its part as well. In the words of Dom Prosper Gueranger:

The Christian should, therefore, during Lent, study to excite himself to repentance of heart, and look upon it as the essential foundation of all his Lenten exercises. Nevertheless, he must remember that this spiritual penance would be a mere delusion, were he not to practice mortification of the body. Let him study the example given him by his Saviour, who grieves, indeed, and weeps over our sins; but He also expiates them by His bodily sufferings. Hence it is that the Church, the infallible interpreter of her divine Master's will, tells us that the repentance of our heart will not be accepted by God, unless it be accompanied by fasting and abstinence.

Editor's note: Ouch.



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



Joining our community is easy! Please fill out a registration card and put it in the designated box in the hall near the Epistle side door.

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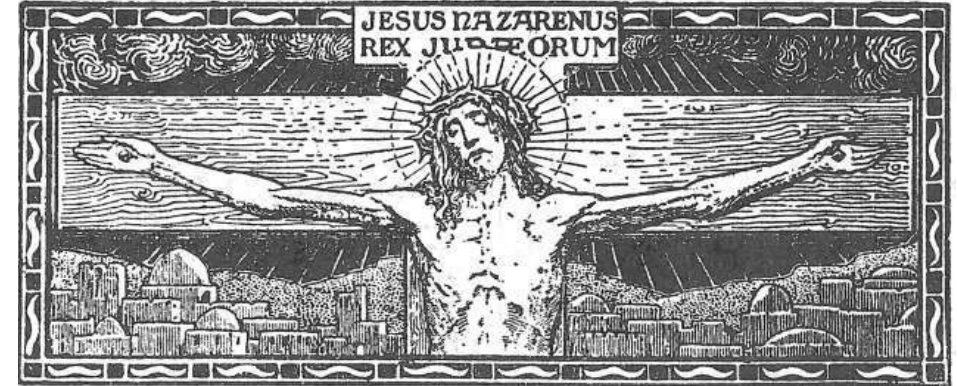
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Mass Times: Check webpage for updates

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

Confessions:

- 30-45 minutes before all Masses
- **Rosary 30 min before all Masses**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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

Baptisms, Extreme Unction & Sick Calls:

- Arrange with the Coordinators

Holy Matrimony:

- Arrange with Pastor 6 months prior

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Announcements at a Glance



February Call-outs: Thank you to the ladies who organized the St. Martha Guild planning meeting, and to the Vianney ladies who were gracious hostesses for the “Ladies Appreciation Tea” both held on Feb. 11. Both events highlight the need for opportunities for rich Catholic social interaction.

Stations, Mass & Soup Suppers: Every Friday in Lent

- **Stations** at 6:30 pm led by the HNS men; Confession offered during this time. Mass follows at ~7 pm
- **Soup Suppers:** Every Friday until March 22. Sign up to bring a crock pot of soup; chapel will supply bread. Sign up sheet in the hall. Contact Susie Marvin with any questions (jmarvinjr@hotmail.com)

Fr. Kimball is scheduled to be here the weekend of March 8-10.

Ladies Book Club: Wed, Mar 13, 6:30 pm. (hiding under Palms) Cleary home. Current book: “The Day is Now Far Spent” by Robert Cardinal Sarah. More info on pg 3.

All-Chapel Lenten Clean-Up: Saturday, March 16. Plan to join the crews after the 9am Mass and quick breakfast to do the spring cleaning both outside and inside as we prepare for Easter. A sandwich bar will be provided at the end of the workday. See Monique Dodge for more info.

Palm Sunday Procession & Catechism Classes: In lieu of classes on Palm Sunday, students will be participating in the all-chapel Palm Sunday Procession at 9:15am.. No classes on Easter Sunday. All classes resume on April 3.

Feast of the Annunciation: As this important Marian feast falls on Monday of Holy week, celebration is moved April 8.

Holy Week Schedule

Confessions 1 hour & Rosary 30 min before all Masses

- **Palm Sunday:** Blessing of Palms & Procession 9am & Mass~10am
- **Holy Thursday:** Mass 7pm; Altar of Repose until midnight
- **Good Friday:** Stations 1pm; Good Friday Liturgy 2 pm
- **Holy Saturday:** Paschal Ceremonies, 10:30 pm; Vigil Mass at Midnight
- **Easter Sunday:** Mass 10:30 am

OLF Hospitality Committee		
Contact Fatima Vianney at fatimarosevianney@yahoo.com to volunteer		
Sundays	Set Up	Clean Up
Mar 3	Marion Wheeler	Theresa Greninger
Mar 10	Anna Dunphy	Monique Dodge
Mar 17	Kateri Wisniewski	Susie Marvin
Mar 24	Krissy Alonzo	Valerie Weinhart



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 earmark for:: Capital Campaign tithing bookstore purchase or donation for coffee/donuts.



A Note About Confession

Fr. Kimball’s visits each month offer us ample opportunity for confessions, especially for those who live a distance from OLF. Especially during Lent however, if you live nearby please try alternate times on Fridays or Saturdays.

Remember Fr. Alphonsus’ teachings on the **4 C’s of a good Confession:**
 Be Clear, Complete, Concise, and Contrite



Eucharistic Crusaders		
Contact Catherine Haslebacher at cathasle09@gmail.com		
<i>Crusaders offered their work in October ber for “Grace of a good death”</i>		
Tallies for January 2024: Treasure Sheets turned in: 22		
Masses: 165	Holy Communion: 126	Visits to Our Lord: 158
Sacrifices: 1150	Spiritual Communion: 119	Good Examples: 521
Daily Offerings: 595	Decades of Rosary: 2750	15 Mins of Silence: 222
<i>March dedication is for those who die suddenly</i>		

Renovation Update

Rumor on the street has it that a proper cry room is being considered in the adult classroom. Building Committee reports discussion surrounding stained-glass windows and ongoing aesthetic improvements in the sanctuary. Additionally, work to install the security fence is slated for sometime this month.

Capital Campaign Fund Raisers

Remaining on pledges: \$74,333; Donations: \$703,767*;

(*Donations amount does NOT include the \$200,000 realized from the sale of the Portland property)

The security fence is fully funded. Thank you to those who donated and to our “matching donor”! Remember that all Abbey Roast coffee purchases raise funds too! We have raised \$585 through purchases of Abbey Roast in the hall.

Church Collections

<u>2024 Donations</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>December 2023</u>
First Collections	\$ 8,681	\$ 19,422
Mother of Lu	\$ 1,144	\$ 6,313
Priory (STB)	\$ 2,206	\$ 714

Average Sunday attendance for January was 232. (Low due to Snow/Ice Storm)

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Follow the Money

The weekly 1st collection is earmarked for OLF expenses to do business, like utilities, general upkeep, etc... 2nd collections are earmarked for the following:

- 1st Sunday: Mothers of Lu, to support those in vocation from our chapel.
- 2nd Sunday: Easter gift for the SSPX to help defray cost of 50th Anniversary trip to their Mother house in France.
- 3rd Sunday: HNS collection for the building fund.
- 4th Sunday: St. Thomas Becket Priory collection.
- 5th Sunday: As needed for special need. (*will be taken up on 2nd Sun*)

Focus on Groups: Book Clubs and the Importance of Good Reading

Paraphrasing Mr. Darcy (Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice*): *To be considered truly accomplished... (one) must add something more substantial to (their character) in the improvement of (their) mind by extensive reading.*

While Our Lady of Fatima has worked diligently to provide wonderful Catholic spiritual and non-spiritual reading materials through the Bookstore and the Fr. Heidt Library, sometimes it is good to have opportunities for reading and discussing books read in common with others.

OLF offers such options through three book clubs:

- **Teen’s Book Club** is geared toward 13-18-year olds. The group is an OLF APR approved club that meets on the 4th Sun of the month after the second Mass. Age-appropriate selections offer a chance for members to develop and enhance their critical reading and discussion skills as well as a way to bring young adults together in a social setting. If interested, contact Matthew Perry at perrymatthew@hotmail.com or Ciela Rose
- **The Men’s Book Club** is of long-standing at OLF. Open to both married and single men, the group meets off-site for discussion of their current read. Reach out to Steve Causseaux at skcausseaux@gmail.com, or Tim Cleary at mtmantim1@gmail.com
- **The Ladies’ Book Club:** meets off-site generally on the second Wednesday evening of each month. The group is open to married and single ladies of all ages and their selections vary from spiritual topics to just good Christian literature both fiction and non-fiction. Contact Kristi Hamilton for more information at kristi.hamilton@thmail.io





**50th Anniversary of the foundation of the
Congregation of the Sisters of the Society St. Pius X**

Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre (\$13.95)

Mother Marie Gabriel Lefebvre (\$15.50)

The photo-illustrated books may be purchased separately or you can purchase both books for \$25 – a savings of almost \$5. Both books are available in the OLF Bookstore.

Archconfraternity St. Stephen's Schedule

Refer to online server schedule for most up to date version & contact Casey Dudek if you can't serve

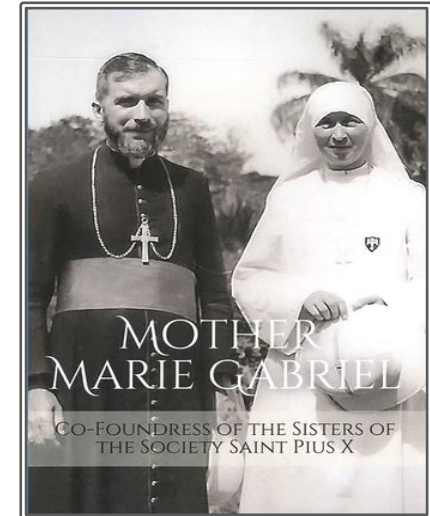
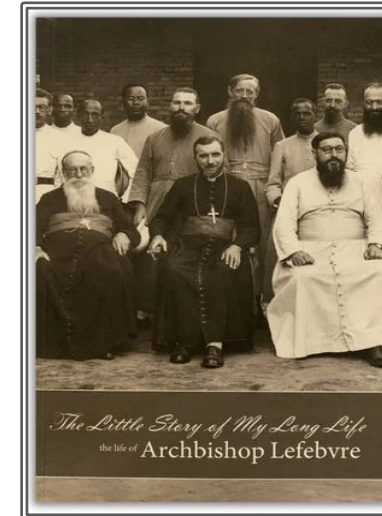
Masses	Fri 7pm	Sat 9am	Sun 8am	Sun 10:30 am
Mar 1-3	Tommy Mark P	Nathan Bryton	Cohen Henry D	Tommy, Andrew, Nathan, Connor, Bryton Mark, Oliver, Maxxis, Jameson
Mar 8-10	Theo, Johnny	8am OPEN 9am Tom, Sully	Miles, Edward	James M, Theo, Tommy, Connor, Sully Johnny P, Mark, Oliver, Jameson
Mar 15-17	Tommy Sully	Tommy Johnny P	Cohen, Edward	Andrew, Nathan, James M, Sully, Bryton, Johnny P, Jameson, Connor, Maxxis
Mar 22-24	Nathan Bryton	Theo Sully	Miles Cohen	Tommy, Nathan, Casey, Sully, Bryton, Mark Johnny P, Connor, Jameson, Oliver, George

The HNS Men will lead the Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent.

Servers refer to schedule online/ Sacristy 15' early to take a turn at serving as CB or TB

Servers for Holy Week

Palm Sunday Procession	9:15 AM	MC - Tommy P, TH - Miles & Nathan, ACs - Casey & Sully CB- Bryton, TBs - Johnny, Mark, Connor, Jameson, Oliver, George
Holy Thursday	7pm Mass	James M, Theo, Jackson, Edward, Henry G Johnny, Maxxis, Joseph D, 3 Duyck brothers
Good Friday	Stations 1pm	CB => Neil ACs => Matthew & Jeremiah
	Service 1:45	4 ACs => Andrew, Tommy, Theo, Nathan
Holy Saturday	10:30 PM	Casey, Tommy, Theo, Nathan, Jackson Sully, Bryton, Matthew, Jeremiah, Henry G, James G
Easter	10:30 AM	Cohen & Henry D



**Recommended Reading for March from
OLF's Librarian Tim Cleary**

St. Thomas Aquinas, **Meditations for Lent**

-plus an entire section dedicated to St. Thomas Aquinas (feast day Mar 7)

St. Alphonsus de Liguori, **The Passion and Death of Jesus Christ**

Archbishop Alban Goodier, SJ, **Fifty Meditations on the Passion** (1925)

Gaetano Cardinal De Lai, **The Passion of Our Lord** (1923)

Dom Prosper Gueranger, OSB, **The Liturgical Year, Vol 5 Lent**

Rev. A. G. Sertillanges,, **What Jesus Saw from the Cross** (1937)



Priest's Pantry		
Contact Susie Marvin at jmarvinjr@hotmail.com		
Week	Sunday Brunch	Sat before the Sun 2 meals: Brunch & Supper
Mar 1-3	Justina Causseaux	Sally Webster
Mar 8-10	Luciann Meyerhofer	Baby Wolfe
Mar 15-17	Fatima Vianney	Kristi Hamilton
Mar 22-24	Kate Brehm	Kristi Hamilton
Mar 30-31	Susie Marvin	Baby Wolfe
	Back-up: Susie Schenauer	Friday's Supper: Lynne Pearson

A Word About Stipends

As a matter of justice, our priests should be compensated for activities performed outside of bringing the Mass to us. Here are recommendations.

- ❖ Mass Offering: \$20 (include intentions with payment and mail/give to priest or give to servers/ushers who will make sure Father gets it)
- ❖ Sick Calls: \$25
- ❖ Baptisms: \$25-\$50; server stipend optional
- ❖ Funerals and Weddings: \$100; \$10-\$20 to each server
- ❖ Organist: \$50. Choir: No stipend recommendation

To reiterate, these are *recommendations only and not required, but appreciated.* Certainly be as generous as you are able to our priests and their helpers!

Church Cleaning Schedule	
<i>We NEED more volunteers even if it's just 1-2 times/year</i>	
Please contact Monique Dodge at monique.dodge06@gmail.com	
Feb 26-Mar 3	Mulick/Diaz/V Weinhart/AM Delaney
Mar 4-9	Wheeler/Rose
Mar 16	All Chapel Spring Clean-Up
Mar 18-23	Greninger
Mar 25-30	Webster



HOLY WEEK SERVER PRACTICES	
Scheduled Servers are called to practice as well as ALL TB who are at 2nd Mass should attend the beginning of all practices	
Everyone else has regular monthly server practice on 1st Sun at 12:30	
Ceremonies of	Practice times
Palm Sunday	Feb 25 at 12:30 & Palm Sun 8am
Holy Thursday	March 3 at 12:30 & Holy Thursday at 6pm
Good Friday	March 10 at 12:30 & Good Friday at 12pm
Holy Saturday	March 17 at 12:30 & Holy Sat at 9:30pm, TBs at 10pm

Before Mass Rosary Leaders		
Contact Jay Marvin at jmarvinjr@hotmail.com		
Sundays	8am Mass	10:30am Mass
Mar 3	David Mullen	Michael Wisniewski
Mar 10	Michael McBee	Jay Marvin
Mar 17	Tim Cleary	Zach Brehm
Mar 24	Aaron Meyerhofer	Shane Meyerhofer
Mar 31	No 8am Mass	Tim Cleary



Parents on Playground Patrol			
If you can't make your assigned week switch with someone and notify Sean Delaney at 971-409-9867			
Sundays	During Catechism Supervisor 9:15 - 10am	After Catechism Supervisor 10 - 10:30am	After 2nd Mass Supervisor 12:15 - 1pm
Mar 3	Wisniewski	L. Meyerhofer	Webster
Mar 10	McBee	Causseaux	Greninger
Mar 17	Delaney	Delaney	Brehm
Mar 24	P. Meyerhofer	Hamilton	OPEN
Mar 31	Haslebacher	Pearson	M. Dodge

Our Lady of Fatima Masses and Activities for March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Easter Sunday</i> Confessions 9:30am Low Mass at 10:30am NO Catechism NO Easter Egg Hunt 31	Adult & Children Catechism Classes Every Sunday 9:15-10am	Confessions ~ 45 min before all Masses & during Friday Stations Rosary 30 min	<i>Holy Week confessions at least 1 hour before Mass/services. Allow altar servers, schola/choir members to cut the line, so they can get to practices</i>		<i>1st Friday (Ember Day)</i> Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Mass 7pm <i>No Exposition/Benediction</i> Soup Supper ~ 8pm 1	<i>1st Saturday</i> Mass 9am & Benediction HNS Meeting 11-12:30pm 1st Sat Groups 10:30-12:30pm 2
<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> Mass 8am & 10:30am Mother of Lu Prayers & 2nd Collection 1st Sun Server Practice & Little Flower Meeting 12:30pm Server Practice for Holy Thursday 12:30 3	4	5	6	PCP 6:30-7:30pm 7	Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Mass 7pm Confessions during Stations & Mass Soup Supper 8pm Fr. Kimball & Fr. Madanat 8	Mass 8am & 9am Fr. Kimball & Fr. Madanat 9
<i>4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday</i> Mass 8am & 10:30am Fr. Kimball & Fr. Madanat 2nd Sun Blessing of Articles 2nd Collection for the Sisters 50th Trip Breakfast Burrito fundraiser for STB's Rome Trip Server Practice for Good Friday 12:30 (Daylight Savings) 10	11	12			Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Mass 7pm Soup Supper 8pm 15	Mass 9am LENTEN WORK DAY 10-2pm 16
<i>Passion Sunday</i> Mass 8am & 10:30am HNS Sunday & 2nd Collection Server Practice for Holy Saturday 12:30 17	18	Feast of St. Joseph 19	20	21	<i>Our Lady of Compassion</i> Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Mass 7pm Soup Supper 8pm 22	Mass 9am Tertiary Meeting 10:30-12pm 23
<i>Palm Sunday Procession 9:15am</i> Mass 8am & 10:30am 2nd Collection for Priory NO Catechism 24	Feast of Annunciation <i>celebrated April 8</i> 25	26	27	<i>Holy Thursday</i> Confessions 6pm Mass 7pm Altar of Repose until MN 28	<i>Good Friday</i> Confessions 12pm Stations 1pm Liturgy 2pm 29	<i>Holy Saturday</i> Confessions 9pm Paschal Ceremonies 10:30pm Midnight Mass 30