

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE 2016 LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Liturgy of the Word/Distribution of Ashes
6:30 AM & 4:30 PM

Mass and Distribution of Ashes
8 AM & 7 PM



SAM DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday at 8 AM

LENTEN DAILY READING

A variety of booklets will be available for your spiritual enrichment beginning the weekend before Lent, February 06/07, at the entrances of the Church and in the Family Center Lobby. Take your time to find the booklet that will help you on your journey to Easter.



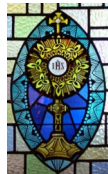
PARISH LENTEN CHARITY FOR LENT, FOR LIFE



Almsgiving is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. We have chosen to help Catholic Relief Services again this year. Please take one of the cardboard CRS rice bowls at the entrances to the church on Ash Wednesday to fill with your money or checks and return it the weekend of Palm Sunday, March 20th.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also take place each Tuesday in the church at 7AM-8AM and will continue at 8:30AM after 8AM Mass until 9:30AM. This is a wonderful opportunity for quiet prayer or spiritual reading in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord.



RECONCILIATION

Lent is the perfect time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the gift of God's infinite mercy. This year during Lent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at a different local parish each day of the week from 7PM-8PM.

Monday: St. Leo's Church

Tuesday: St. Anna's Church

Wednesday: Holy Family Church, English & Spanish

Thursday: St. Cecilia's Church

Friday: Our Lady of the Lake, English & Spanish

We will also have our annual Penitential Prayer Service on Wednesday, March 02nd at 7PM. Several priests from the Diocese will be available to hear confessions that evening at the conclusion of our Annual Parish Mission.

PARISH MISSION

Sunday, February 28 - Wednesday, March 02
Each evening at 7 PM.

Sunday, February 28th
Sr. Catherine Hannigan, PBVM

Monday, February 29th
Sr. Yvette Bellerose, SSA

Tuesday, March 01st
Dr. Nicki Verploegen

Wednesday, March 02nd
Fr. James Mazzone



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00 PM

Good Friday, March 25,
Living Stations, 3 PM

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday, March 24

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 PM

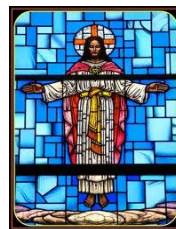


Good Friday, March 25

Silent Cross Walk 2.5 miles at 11:45 AM
Living Stations of the Cross 3 PM
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7:30 PM

Holy Saturday, March 26

Solemn Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM



Easter Sunday, March 27

Masses at
8:00 AM
9:45 AM
11:45 AM
No 5:00 PM Mass

Chowder Fest ~ Friday, March 11, 5 PM -7:30PM

"Give New Life" bags for our Food Pantry distributed at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday.



Dear Friends,

Once again the Season of Lent is upon us and we are invited to enter a sacred time. In his book *Sacred Time* and the *Search for Meaning*, author Gary Eberle helps define sacred time for us. He states ***“it is that which is devoted to the heart, the self, others, and eternity.”*** He calls sacred time ***“soul time”*** and suggests that taking time to rest and restore our souls allows us to tap into the underground stream that puts us in touch with life as a celebration.

As we begin to celebrate the Season of Lent during this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis invites all of us to become more merciful in our own lives and to bring God's mercy to others. Our Holy Father wants all our parishes to become ***“islands of mercy in a sea of indifference”*** and he wants all of us to become ***“missionaries of God's love and mercy”*** in the heart of the world: ***“How much I desire that we all go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God.”***

On Ash Wednesday, the Word of God will offer us three tools to help us enrich our celebration of Lent and the Year of Mercy. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the three spiritual practices that promise to lead us into deeper communion with God and to increase our capacity to be ***“merciful like the Father.”***

This insert comes to you as an invitation to open wide the door of your heart to Christ during this very sacred time. On this sheet you will find numerous ways to use prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to benefit your heart, yourself, others, and eternity.

And so dear friends, in the words of Saint Benedict: ***“Let us now set out on this journey, with the Gospel as our guide, that clothed with faith and the performance of good works, we may deserve to see Him who has called us to His kingdom.”***

May your Lent be rich, and may we look forward to ***“Holy Easter with joy and spiritual longing.”***

Fr. Carlos

Father Dennis

Lenten Faith Formation Experience

We are very happy to announce that during **Lent**, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 10th**, Monsignor Jim Mongelluzzo and Father Dennis O'Brien will present a **four part series on the Sacraments**. The sessions will take place Wednesday evenings, 7PM-8:30PM, in the church.

FEB 17th Baptism/Penance Msgr. Jim

FEB 24th Penance Msgr. Jim

MAR 09th Anointing of the Sick Fr. Dennis

MAR 16th Anointing of the Sick Fr. Dennis

We encourage everyone to consider coming to these presentations in order to enrich your understanding of why these sacraments are so very important. Babysitting will be provided so that young families may have the opportunity to attend these sessions.

We will also be offering a **Lenten Mass at 5:30PM** followed by a **Soup & Bread Supper, 6PM**, that will precede the formation sessions. Please consider gathering with us for fellowship on the above dates, including **MAR 02** during our Parish Mission. The **Parish Mission**, will take place **FEB 28th through MAR 02nd**.

If you would like to help with the soup suppers, please contact Wendy Chartrand at 978-621-0385 or charty1231@aol.com.