

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Home of the Mater Dei Community
Staffed by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter



MASS TIMES

Sunday: 7:30am (Low Mass), 9:00am (Low Mass), 11:00am (Sung Mass), 6:00pm (Low Mass)

Monday: 7:10am

Tuesday: 7:10am

Wednesday: 6:15am, 6:30pm

Thursday: 7:10am

Friday: 7:10am, 6:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Before each Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Sunday: 5:30pm (Solemn with Benediction)

Tuesday: 8:00am—11:45am (Solemn with Benediction)

Friday: 5:30pm—6:25pm (Simple Adoration except during Lent)

Saturday: 8:00am—8:50am (Solemn with Benediction)

DEVOTIONS

St. Jude: 3rd Wednesday, 5:30pm

Sacred Heart: 1st Friday, following 6:30pm Mass

DIVINE OFFICE

Terce: Wednesday, Friday; 8am

None: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 12noon

Vespers: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 5pm

Compline: 1st Friday, 7:00pm

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1:30pm to 5:30pm; Saturday: 8am to 5pm

Choir & Choristers

Practice weekly—music@stlawrence.cc..... Paul Thomas May

Church Cleaning

Rotates weekly—clean@stlawrence.cc.....Kristin Patterson

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Monthly—mothers@stlawrence.cc..... Stephanie Fonticoba

Girls Sodality

Ages 8 -14—girlssodality@stlawrence.cc..... Rebecca Mack

Holy Name Society

Monthly—holyname@stlawrence.cc..... William Gabig

Knights of the Altar

Altar Servers—altarboys@stlawrence.cc..... Ed Pitman

Knights of Columbus

Monthly—knights@stlawrence.cc..... Josh Logan

The Legion of Mary

Weekly—legionofmary@stlawrence.cc.....Daniel Jones

Meal Train

mealtrain@stlawrence.cc..... Alyssa Showers

Prayer Chain

prayers@stlawrence.cc.....Fr. Cortes

Young Adult Group

Ages 18-35, Monthly—youngadults@stlawrence.cc..... Fr. Cortes

St. Tarcisius

Ages 5-12, Monthly—sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc.....Dan Miccolupi

Tuesday Adoration

Tuesdays 8-1pm—tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc...Amanda Healy

Youth Group

Ages 13-18, Monthly—ygr@stlawrence.cc.....Joelle Riethmiller

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Feb. 26 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	First Sunday of Lent, I Confraternity of St. Peter Matthew & Abigail Strauss Pro Populo +Rev. Frank Parrinello by Regina Rizo-Lakatos
Mon. Feb. 27 7:10am	Feria of Lent, III +Kevin McDonnell by Anthony DiSanto
Tue. Feb. 28 7:10am	Feria of Lent, III +Romayne Agliotta by Elizabeth Firoozmand
Wed. Mar. 1 6:15am 6:30pm	Ember Wednesday in Lent, II +Holy Souls in Purgatory by Renda Family +Grace Tingley by Donahue & Grutza Grandchildren
Thu. Mar. 2 7:10am	Feria of Lent, III +Augusta Wildt by Joe & Joyce Mackin
Fri. Mar. 3 7:10am 6:30pm	Ember Friday in Lent, II Marie Rose Ritchie by Kevin Ritchie +Mr. Charles Wells by Bryon Whitcraft
Sat. Mar. 4 9:00am	Ember Saturday in Lent, II Deceased & Living members of the Legion of Mary by Alice Mansell
Sun. Mar. 5 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Second Sunday of Lent, I Michael & Barbara Serpiello by Daniel & Lydia Miccolupi Pro Populo Juan Felipe Rizo-Macias by Juan Rizo-Lakatos +Anthony DiSanto, Sr. by Anthony DiSanto

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Lesson 2 Cor. 6:1-10

Brethren: We entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says, In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation! We give no offense to anyone, that our ministry may not be blamed. On the contrary, let us conduct ourselves in all circumstances as God's ministers, in much patience; in tribulations, in hardships, in distresses; in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults; in labors, in sleepless nights, in fastings; in innocence, in knowledge, in long-sufferings; in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in unaffected love; in the word of truth, in the power of God; with the armor of justice on the right hand and on the left; in honor and dishonor, in evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet truthful, as unknown and yet well known, as dying, and behold, we live, as chastised but not killed, as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet enriching many, as having nothing yet possessing all things.

Gospel Matt 4:1-11

At that time, Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit, to be

tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread. But He answered and said, It is written, 'Not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.' Then the devil took Him into the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He has given His angels charge concerning You; and upon their hands they shall bear You up, lest You dash Your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, It is written further, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them. And he said to Him, All these things will I give You, if You will fall down and worship me. Then Jesus said to him, Begone, Satan, for it is written, 'The Lord your God shall you worship and Him only shall you serve.' Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

TODAY

Sunday, February 26

- Second Collection—Building Fund

UPCOMING

Monday, February 27

- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Tuesday, February 28

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Wednesday, March 1

- Stations of the Cross—5:30pm

Friday, March 3

- First Friday
- Feast of the Holy Lance—Special Blessing of water
- Stations of the Cross—5:30pm

Saturday, March 4

- First Saturday
- Holy Name Society meeting
- St. Tarcisius meeting
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, March 5

- Sunday Social—after 7:30am, 9am, 11am Masses
- Sunday Sports

Tuesday, March 7

- Legion of Mary meeting—6:30pm

Wednesday, March 8

- Stations of the Cross—5:30pm

Friday, March 10

- Stations of the Cross—5:30pm

Saturday, March 11

- Altar Boys meeting
- Girls Sodality meeting
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, March 12

- Daylight Savings Time begins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mystery of Lent—We may be sure that a season so sacred as this of Lent is rich in mysteries. The Church has made it a time of recollection and penance, in preparation for the greatest of all her feasts; she would, therefore, bring into it everything that could excite the faith of her children, and encourage them to go through the arduous work of atonement for their sins

During Septuagesima, we had the number seventy, which reminds us of those seventy years of captivity in Babylon, after which God's chosen people, being purified from idolatry, was to return to Jerusalem and celebrate the Pasch.

It is the number forty that the Church now brings before us: a number, as St. Jerome observes, which denotes punishment and affliction.

Let us remember the forty days and forty nights of the deluge sent by God in His anger, when He repented that He had made man, and destroyed the whole human race with the exception of one family. Let us consider how the Hebrew people, in punishment for their ingratitude, wandered forty years in the desert, before they were permitted to enter the promised land. Let us listen to our God commanding the Prophet Ezechiel to lie forty days on his right side, as a figure of the siege which was to bring destruction on Jerusalem.

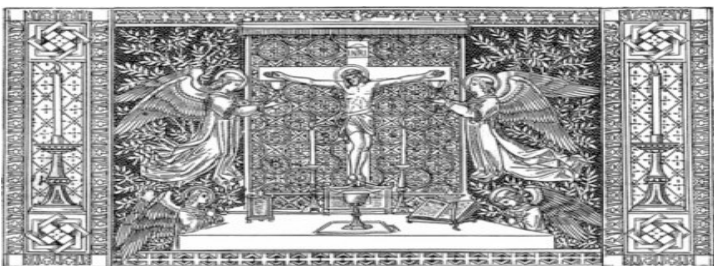
There are two persons in the old Testament who represent the two manifestations of God: Moses, who typifies the Law; and Elias, who is the figure of the Prophets. Both of these are permitted to approach God: the first on Sinai, the second on Horeb; but both of them have to prepare for the great favour by an expiatory fast of forty days.

With these mysterious facts before us, we can understand why it is that the Son of God, having become Man for our salvation and wishing to subject Himself to the pain of fasting, chose the number of forty days.

The institution of Lent is thus brought before us with everything that can impress the mind with its solemn character, and with its power of appeasing God and purifying our souls.

Let us, therefore, look beyond the little world which surrounds us, and see how the whole Christian universe is, at this very time, offering this forty days' penance as a sacrifice of propitiation to the offended Majesty of God; and let us hope that, as in the case of the Ninivites, He will mercifully accept this year's offering of our atonement, and pardon us our sins.

— From *The Liturgical Year* by Dom Guéranger



FROM YOUR PASTOR—It has been quite sad over the last few weeks to hear from so many in the parish suffering in many different ways. *If one member suffers any thing, all the members suffer with it.* Indeed, as sad as the many trials are that we face, it is wonderful that we can hold each other close in prayer, and we can do this even when there is nothing we can do to ease someone's illness, financial struggle, or marital problem.

We as a parish should take steps more formally to help each other, however, in prayer. Therefore, I would like to unite the many prayer requests that come in—especially those submitted to the prayer chain that Fr. Cortes manages—with a specific Mass intention each month as part of the St. Jude devotion, which we keep on third Wednesdays monthly.

The intention of this Mass going forward then (starting in March), will be for the intentions shared in the weekly prayer chain email message. Specifically, the Mass intention will be for those requests published since the prior St. Jude devotion. I hope this will inspire more people to pray even more fervently for fellow parishioners, who suffer in hundreds of different ways.

You may associate yourself with these prayers in an additional way by requesting Mass intentions such as: “for the prayer chain requests published since the prior St. Jude devotion.” Such an intention would be applied at the Mass of the St. Jude devotion, and if we receive many, we can put them in the queue as any other Mass intentions.

— Fr. James M. Smith, FSSP

Guidelines for fasting during Lent—Laws according to *The Discipline of 1962*

Laws of Days of Abstinence—1962: Applies at age 7
Complete abstinence: all Fri days of the year, Ash Wednesday, Holy Saturday, and the Vigil of Christmas
Current Practice: Applies at age 14—Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent, and obliges abstention from flesh meat

Laws of Days of Abstinence—1962: Partial abstinence: all the days of Lent, the Ember days of Wednesday and Saturday, and the Vigils of Pentecost and the Assumption (meat and soup, or gravy made from meat permitted once per day at the principal meal)
Current Practice: Not applicable

Laws of Days of Abstinence—1962: Abstinence from meat is dispensed on Holy Days of Obligation
Current Practice: Dispensed on Solemnities

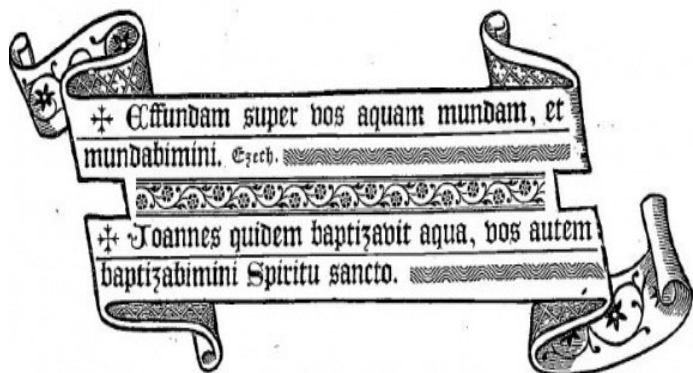
Laws of Fast—1962: Applies for ages 21 to 59, inclusive
Days of Lent from Ash Wednesday inclusive of Ember Days, and Vigils of Christmas, Pentecost, and the Assumption
Current Practice: Age 18 to 59—Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, but also on specified days of penance during Lent

Laws of Fast—1962: One full meal permitted, and two other meals may be taken which, when combined, are less than a full meal
Current Practice: Same

Congratulations to:

**Evan and Celine Albright
on the Baptism of their son
Robert Anacletus Albright**

February 18, 2023



Stations of the Cross during Lent—immediately after Vespers at 5:30pm every Wednesday and Friday during Lent.

Friday Fish Fries in Lent—The Knights of Columbus' Fish Fry is every Friday in Lent following the 6:30pm Mass. \$10 buys a plate with Fried Fish, French Fries, Mac and Cheese, and Salad. To-go options are available and can be scheduled in advance. Please email: knights@stlawrence.cc for more information.

Processional Hymn

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Forty days and forty nights
Thou wert fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Should not we Thy sorrow share
And from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Strong with Thee to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
Grant we may not faint nor fall!

So shall we have peace divine:
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us, too, shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to Thee.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
Ever constant by Thy side;
That with Thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

Sunday Collections

Week of February 19, 2023

Offertory (Feb. 19)	\$ 4,323.00
Online Giving (Feb. 12 - Feb. 19)	\$ 4,064.00
Seminary Burse (Feb. 19)	\$ <u>2,477.00</u>

Total: \$ 10,864.00

* The Building Fund is reported once per month

Holy Week Mass Schedule for 2023

Palm Sunday April 2

Regular Sunday Schedule for Low Masses
High Mass with blessing of palms and procession, 11am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday April 3, 4, 5

Regular Schedule for Low Masses

Maundy Thursday April 6

High Mass 6:30pm followed by All Night Adoration

Good Friday April 7

Solemn Liturgy 3pm

Holy Saturday April 8

Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday April 9

Low Masses 7:30am, & 9:00am
High Mass 11am with orchestra playing Mozart's *Missa Brevis in D Minor, K. 65*
No 6:00pm Mass

Recessional Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loses,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

