



Lent-Easter 2018

Lent begins with a summons to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” as ashes are marked upon our forehead to remind us of our need for conversion. It is a season which calls us to listen more attentively to the Gospel and let it challenge us to renew our baptism, to allow God’s grace to transform our lives. May this journey through the Season of Lent, through the Triduum to Easter and Pentecost be a time of “Spirit-filled” encounter with the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Christ for each of us and for our parish.

We also make available at the table by the Main Entrance reading material for use during Lent. We invite you to pick up a copy for personal prayer and reflection:

Fr. Thomas Connery, *Joyful Steps: Daily Lenten Devotions*

**Please note that our church is always open at 7:45 until the end of 9 am Mass during the day, and as well from 7:30 am till after the 11:30 am Mass on Sundays. You are most welcome to spend time there especially during Lent for quiet time and meditation.**

Here are some questions to ponder as we move through Lent:

- *Are we aware that our Lenten journey prepares us to renew our baptismal promises?*
- *Are our own personal doors open to allow Christ to change our hearts?*
- *Will it be a time for us to allow our merciful God to lead us to reconciliation with those we have excluded or hurt, to heal what is broken, and to affirm what is good and upright?*
- *Will we embrace the disciplines of Lent: fasting, prayer, almsgiving and doing acts of charity as a reminder of God’s love for everyone?*

Let us help one another hold this grace-filled season!

## Liturgical Schedule for the Lent – Easter Season

**Eucharist of the Sundays of Lent:** Saturday at 4:30pm, Sunday at 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am

**Daily Eucharist:** Monday – Saturday 9:00am and Wednesday 4:30pm with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions

**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14:** Masses at 9am, 4:30pm with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions, and 7:00pm. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and at Dr. F.J. McDonald School at 10:00am and Our Lady of Fatima School here at noon [Liturgy of the Word].

**Stations of the Cross:** Ash Wednesday at 8:00am preceding Morning Mass, also on Good Friday at 7:00pm.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- ❖ Saturdays 4:00pm-4:15pm
- ❖ Weekdays before Morning Mass 8:30am-8:45am and by appointment anytime
- ❖ Thursday, March 1st at 6:30pm – Children’s First Reconciliation
- ❖ Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00am-8:45am
- ❖ **PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00pm** – Community Celebration (Penitential Service) with individual reconciliation at conclusion of the Parish Lenten Mission

### Special Opportunities for Almsgiving:

- ❖ **Diocesan Missionary Works:** First Sunday of Lent, February 18th
- ❖ **St. Vincent de Paul:** Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 11<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **Development & Peace:** Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18th

### Special Diocesan Celebrations:

❖ **Rite of Election & Calling to Lenten Renewal**

Sunday, February 18th at 2:30pm

Catechumens who are preparing for Baptism will participate in the Rite of Election along with candidates who are preparing for reception into the Catholic Church throughout the diocese and will gather at Notre Dame Cathedral. Archbishop Prendergast will welcome them and call them to the Sacraments of Initiation. This year we do not have any candidates ready for the Rite of Election.

❖ **Chrism Mass:** Tuesday, March 27th at 7:30pm

Archbishop Prendergast will preside at a Diocesan Eucharist at Notre Dame Cathedral at which oils will be blessed for the sacraments. Priests and all people are invited to renew their commitment. All are welcome.

**Palm Sunday:** March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – regular Mass times 4:30pm, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am

<h2>Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum (March 29 – March 31)</h2>
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### Day 1: from Sundown Thursday to Sundown Friday

➤ **Holy Thursday:**

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by opportunity for private prayer until 10:00pm

**Good Friday:**

9:00am Morning Prayer

3:00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00pm Solemn Stations of the Cross

### Day 2: from Sundown Friday to Sundown Saturday

➤ **Holy Saturday:**

9:00am Morning Prayer

### Day 3: from Sundown Saturday to Sundown Sunday

➤ **Easter Vigil Celebration, First Eucharist of Easter.**

- 8:00pm At this celebration, begun in darkness, the mystery of our salvation in Christ unfolds from the creation of the world until the moment when new members are received into the Church. This liturgy is the high point of the whole church year.

- **Easter Sunday, April 1st:** Eucharist 8:30am, 10:00am and 11:30am

### EASTER SEASON

Through this season children will celebrate their **First Communion** at weekend liturgies on April 29 and May 5-6. We express our support for them, as well as their parents and sponsors, by our prayer and witness.

### Eucharist of the Sundays of Easter, April 1 – May 20 (Pentecost)

Eucharist: Saturday at 4:30pm, Sunday at 8:30am, 10:00am and 11:30am

**Pentecost: May 19-20.** We celebrate the completion of the Easter Season and renew our commitment to ministry as a parish in Christ's name.

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