

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2026



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March 14, Saturday

9:00 AM

- For the Members of Our Lady Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites
- For John Loster (B'Day)
- For Luke Cavins req. Langlois Family
- +Robert Stout, Sr. req. Family

5:30 PM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- For Lalyana (B'Day)
- For JD Dennison
- +James Robert Thomas III req. Mike MacDonald
- +David Bird req. Mike MacDonald
- +Beverley Bonk req. Husband
- +Carl Kuretich req. Mary Minjeur

March 15, Sunday - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM

- For Lamar Hanna (B'Day)
- For Beth Hines B'Day
- For Emily Dennison
- For Al & Ann Varchetti
- +Jan Toenjes
- +John Maciag req. Wife
- +Matthew Margiewicz req. Family

9:30 AM

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

11:30 AM (*Slovak*)

- For Hayley & Ryan Reynolds & Family
- For Natalie Edmunds
- +Vladimir & Terezia Kriyik req. Sobolic Family
- +Stefan & Anna Sobolic req. Family
- +Walter & Michael Couet req. Family
- +Alberto Pertusi (B'Day) req. Family
- +Amal Denha

8:30 PM

- For Poor Souls in Purgatory req. Sam
- In Thanksgiving req. Tim
- For Metri, Johnathan, Samara & Family
- For Enzo Korkis B'Day
- For Mansour Family
- For Leona & Erik
- For Randy, Fallon, Fabian & Families

March 16, Monday

9:00 AM

- For Gail Hebert req. Langlois Family
- For William & Sue Hines
- For Michael Dennison
- +Filippo Marrocco req. Family

12:00 PM

- For Elizabeth Ljuljdjuraj
- For Pavlin Vacaj
- For Kenny Vroom (20th B'Day) req. Grandparents
- +Bryan Bowden req. Heller Family

March 17, Tuesday - Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop

6:00 AM

- For Marko Ljuljdjuraj
- For Amanda Maria Dalto req. Family
- +Obdulia Buna req. Family
- +Edward & Mary Kelly

12:00 PM

- For Roddy and Gjonaj Families
- For Karen Rymarz
- For Arrow Osborne req. Dailey Family
- For Mansour Family

March 18, Wednesday - Memorial of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

9:00 AM

- For Douglas Langlois req. Langlois Family
- For Patrick Hines B'Day
- For Erin Laird
- For Nicholas Lichocki (B'Day) req. Parents

11:30 AM

- Stations of the Cross

12:00 PM

- For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
- For Samantha & Adonis Sabbagh
- For Claudette Casab
- +Louis Kawa req. Juco Family

March 19, Thursday - Solemnity of Saint Joseph

6:00 AM

- For the Hanna Family
- For Adonis Sabbagh
- For Marie Laconi
- For Michael Lossia Jr. (B'Day) req. Grandparents

12:00 PM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Marissa & Family
- For Living & Deceased Members of the Romeo & Nellie Families

- +Josephine Moradian B'Day

7:00 PM

- For Krahala Family & Friends
- For Bushra & Nicholas Yaldo
- For Sam, Simon, Brandon & Eli
- For Lorraine Drozdowski

March 20, Friday

6:00 AM

- For Baby Fuller
- For Paulina Szwarc
- For Samantha & Adonis Sabbagh
- +Germaine Evely

12:00 PM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. Clara Rayes
- For Dave & Family
- For Toma & Marko & Families
- +Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany & Family

6:30 PM

- Stations of the Cross

March 21, Saturday

9:00 AM

- For Lou-Em & Westfall Clans
- For Adonis Sabbagh
- +Albert Tisch (13th Ann.) req. Family
- +John Hand

5:30 PM

- For Joe Fuller
- For Ken Warner req. Family
- For John-Paul Mansour req. Family
- +James Robert Thomas III req. Mike MacDonald
- +David Bird req. Mike MacDonald
- +Carol Doyle and Family req. Schullers
- +Celia Bokuniewicz req. Family

Welcome

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Regular Mass Schedule:

Saturdays:

9:00am & 5:30pm (Sunday's Vigil)

Sundays:

7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Slovak) & 8:30pm

Mondays & Wednesdays:

9:00am & 12:00pm

Tuesdays & Fridays:

6:00am & 12:00pm

Thursdays & First Fridays:

6:00am, 12:00pm & 7:00pm

Overnight Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays–Fridays: 1:00pm–6:00am

First Fridays: extended until 7:00pm

Adoration is interrupted during the celebration of Mass.

Regular Confession Schedule

Mondays & Wednesdays:

8:30–9:00am & 11:30am–12:00pm

Tuesdays & Fridays:

5:30–6:00am & 11:30am–12:00pm

Thursdays & First Fridays:

5:30–6:00am & 11:30am–12:00pm & 6:30–7:00pm

Saturdays:

8:30–9:00am

Regular Office Hours

Mondays: 10:00am–5:00pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 11:00am–5:00pm

Wednesdays: 11:00am–2:00pm

The office is closed during the celebration of Mass.

Bulletin Due Date

Dear Ministries and Parishioners,

Bulletin submission deadlines are Monday evening at 6:00 PM, one week prior to the print date. Submissions received after this deadline will not be accepted. Thank you.

Sincerely, Bulletin Editor

New Bathroom Policy

Bathrooms are for restroom use only—no playing, running, or gathering. Parents should supervise young children. Please do not allow children to linger, play games, shout, or gather in or near the bathrooms.

Report any messes or damage to a volunteer and remind children to wash hands and throw away paper towels properly. Thank you for helping keep our bathrooms clean, safe, and respectful for everyone.

Stations of the Cross Schedule

Wednesdays at 11:30am

Fridays at 6:30pm

March 6: Friday Stations at 6:30pm

Holy Week Celebrations

Monday of Holy Week

Easter Confessional Day

10:00am – 12:00 noon

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm

Good Friday

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

Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil on the Holy Night at 8pm
followed by Blessing of the Food

Catechesis of Pope Leo XIV



Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum

1. God speaks to men as to friends

Dear brothers and sisters,

We have started the cycle of catechesis on Vatican Council II. Today we will begin to look more closely at the Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum, on the divine Revelation. It is one of the most beautiful and important of the Council and, to introduce it, it may be helpful to recall the words of Jesus: “No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you” (Jn 15:15). This is a fundamental point of Christian faith, which Dei Verbum reminds us of: Jesus Christ radically transforms man’s relationship with God, which is henceforth a relationship of friendship. Therefore, the only condition of the new covenant is love.

Saint Augustine, commenting on this passage of the Fourth Gospel, insists on the perspective of grace, which alone can make us friends of God in his Son (Commentary on the Gospel of John, Homily 86). Indeed, an ancient motto stated: “Amicitia aut pares invenit, aut facit”, “friendship is born between equals, or makes them so”. We are not equal to God, but God himself makes us similar to Him in his Son.

For this reason, as we can see in all the Scripture, in the Covenant there is a first moment of distance, in which the pact between God and mankind always remains asymmetrical: God is God and we are creatures. However, with the coming of the Son in human flesh, the Covenant opens up to its final purpose: in Jesus, God makes us sons and daughters, and calls us to become like Him, albeit in our fragile humanity. Our resemblance to God, then, is not reached through transgression and sin, as the serpent suggests to Eve (cf. Gen 3:5), but in our relationship with the Son made man.

The words of the Lord Jesus that we have recalled – “I have called you friends” – are reprised in the Constitution Dei Verbum, which affirms: “Through this revelation, therefore, the invisible God (see Col 1:15; 1 Tim 1:17) out of the abundance of His love speaks to men as friends (see Ex 33:11; Jn 15:14-15) and lives among them (see Bar 3:38), so that He may invite and take them into fellowship with Himself” (no. 2). The God of Genesis already conversed with our first parents, engaging in dialogue by sin, the Creator did not cease to seek an encounter with his creatures and to establish a covenant with them. In the Christian Revelation, that is, when God became man in his Son in order to seek us out, the dialogue that had been interrupted is restored in a definitive manner: the Covenant is new and eternal, nothing can separate us from his love. The Revelation of God, then, has the dialogical nature of friendship and, as in the experience of human friendship, it does not tolerate silence, but is nurtured by the exchange of true words.

From this perspective, the first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him what He already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves.

Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord. This is achieved first of all in liturgical and community prayer, in which we do not decide what to hear from the Word of God, but it is He Himself who speaks to us through the Church; it is then achieved in personal prayer, which takes place in the interiority of the heart and mind. Time dedicated to prayer, meditation and reflection cannot be lacking in the Christian’s day and week. Only when we speak with God can we also speak about Him.

Our experience tells us that friendships can come to an end through a dramatic gesture of rupture, or because of a series of daily acts of neglect that erode the relationship until it is lost. If Jesus calls us to be friends, let us not leave this call unheeded. Let us welcome it, let us take care of this relationship, and we will discover that friendship with God is our salvation.

Read Pope Leo XIV's weekly
“Angelus” message online:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/angelus/2026.index.html>





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Heart's Deepest Longing

We resume our meditation into the benefits of following Christ instead of the world. Some people seek to claim notoriety in the world. They want to be known and loved by all. They want to be admired and seen as such a wonderful person. In a word, they seek praise for themselves. I ask you, what greater honor can be desired than to be with Jesus; to be approved and distinguished by Him? The fleeting glories of the world are false and short-lived. The glory of God, however, is true and will endure forever. Greater is the least of His servants, or better yet - friend (John 15:15), than the lord of any kingdom of the world. Tell me, has there ever been a person who, upon their deathbed, repented for having known Christ? Yet at the last moment of life how many who follow the world regret ever being in service to the world? It is true when we say that those who serve God faithfully during life possess two heavens: the one in time, and the other in eternity. On the same coin, those who serve the world endure two hells: one now and the other thereafter. We must take courage! The process of dying to the world and living for Christ is costly. To the degree we are attached to the things and ways of the world the more difficult the road will be. Jesus promised us that His yoke is easy and His burden is light (Mt. 11:30). Take it up, therefore, joyfully and bear it cheerfully. Let the slaves of sin and the world be sad; joy and exultation are the portion of Christ's friends!



The 2025–26 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Team invites all parishioners who desire to learn more about the richness of the Catholic faith and how to live it in everyday life to attend our weekly sessions. Feel free to bring a family member or friend.

When: Tuesday

Time: 7:00–9:00 PM

Room: Overflow Room.

Topic: The Four Last Things: The Four Levels of Happiness: Satisfying our Restless Hearts

For questions, please see Fr. Juraj or contact Paul Ray: stpolycarp77@yahoo.com

Our Lady's Rosary Makers Meeting

We welcome new members who would like to join our group.

No experience is necessary. We also repair rosaries and accept donations of rosaries and rosary parts.

For more information:
Call: Jo Ann (586) 979-1078



Date: Friday, March 20th
Room #113
Time: 1:00-3:00PM

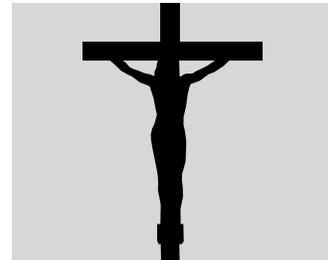


Catechism Corner Class Schedule

- Wednesday, March 18 at 6:15 PM – Class
- Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 AM -2:00 PM (Confirmation Retreat for 7th & 8th Grades)
- Wednesday, March 25 at 6:15 PM - Class

If you have any questions, please contact:

Carroll or Paul Schuller at
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or 586-685-1069



N.O.W. and EDGE Teen Youth Ministry

**N.O.W. Nights will be held on:
Monday, March 16th and 23rd**

N.O.W. – Navigating our World with Christ – offers high schoolers a variety of ways to deepen their relationship with God through weekly youth group meetings called “N.O.W. Nights.” They include games, snacks, spiritual formation, small group discussions, and prayer.

We ask that teens have turned 14 years old before December 1 of last year and be at least freshmen to attend. You're welcome to come and bring a friend too!

**EDGE Nights will be held on:
Thursday, March 12th, 19th, and 26th**

EDGE offers 6th, 7th, and 8th graders a variety of ways to deepen their relationship with God through weekly youth group meetings called “EDGE Nights.” They include games, snacks, spiritual formation, small group discussions, and prayer.

EDGE Nights take place every Thursday (except the first Thursday of each month) from September through May, in the Parish Hall from 7:00–8:45pm. Meet with old friends and make new ones. Together, we are embarking on a journey towards Christ, where we all walk together.

Questions about NOW and EDGE, please contact:
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