

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

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OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 9, 2025

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, JESUS RETURNED
FROM THE JORDAN AND WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT
INTO THE DESERT FOR FORTY DAYS
TO BE TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL

LUKE 4: 1-2

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

WEEKDAYS: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 a.m.

Tues.: 6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: 1/2 hr. before each weekend mass, 1hr. before Tuesday evening mass & 1 hr. before Friday morning mass

BAPTISM: Please call the office for baptism information

MARRIAGE: Contact the office at least six months prior to the desired date. Confirmation of the wedding date must be made by the priest officiating the ceremony.

FUNERAL: Please contact the office before going to the funeral home to make arrangements.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Available upon request.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR

HOMEBOUND: If you cannot attend Mass and receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

PRAY THE ROSARY: First Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

First Wednesday of each month, following 8:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL

HELP DEVOTION: Thursday after 8:00 am Mass.

PARISH HOLY HOUR WITH

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT: Every Tuesday 5:00 pm leading to 6:00 pm Mass, & every Friday at 7:00 am leading to 8:00 am Mass.

Mass Intentions

March 8, 2025– March 14, 2025

Saturday, March 8:

4:00 PM: **Rodney Williams, Sr. Family; Pauline Alfonso; Joyce Keller; Andrew & Myrlyn Ducote; Wyatt Oser; Janice Nadler; Carol Bonvillian; Don Anthony Serpas; Robert & Miriam Daussat; Cora Robin**

Sunday, March 9:

9:00 AM **Carolyn LeBlanc; Joyce Keller; Louis & Nicolina Burns; Donald Pomes; Marion Montalbano; Sherry Alphonso; Carol Bonvillian; Andrea Burleson; Past & Present Altar Society Members; Patsy Meyers; Vita Lauga**

11:00 AM **Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

Monday, March 10: **Fr. Ken's Intentions**

Tuesday, March 11: **Parish School of Religion**

Wednesday, March 12: **Carol Bonvillian**

Thursday, March 13: **Carol Bonvillian**

Friday, March 14: **Carol Bonvillian**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Penny Iemmola; Cancer Patients; Glen Lohfink; Lisa Bertucci Menesses; Susette Dufour; Lucy; Wiley; Tashera Horton; Dempsey Milton; Yessa Nessa; Jamie Bennett; Patricia Gettys; Brian Keller; Jesse Resendez

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Natalia Baca; First Responders; Josie Landry; Roselyn Hansen; Gwen Cantrell; Dina Cedeno; Cornelius Dennis; Joy Dennis; Chante Wright; Cora Robin; Special Intention

*Our Lady of Lourdes ...
Pray for us!*

March 15, 2025– March 21, 2025

Saturday, March 15:

4:00 PM: **Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

Sunday, March 16:

9:00 AM **Carolyn LeBlanc; Marion Montalbano; Andrea Burleson; Don Anthony Serpas; Carol Bonvillian; Patsy Meyers; Vita Lauga**

11:00 AM **Ken Dufour; Louis & Nicolina Burns; Beverly Loze; Sherry Alphonso; Jamie Bennett; Past & Present Altar Society Members; Lawrence Ben; Martin & Cora Robin; Vita Lauga; Lori Hix; Bobby Morrell; Kenny Vogh; Anthony Wool**

Monday, March 17: **Fr. Ken's Intentions**

Tuesday, March 18: **Parish School of Religion**

Wednesday, March 19: **Janice Nadler**

Thursday, March 20: **Jamie Bennett**

Friday, March 21: **Arnold & Geraldine Davillier**

Prayer for Eternal Rest (The Requiem Prayer)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:
Carol Bonvillian

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:
JAMIE BENNETT

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:
DON ANTHONY SERPAS

THE SACRED HEART CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:
KEN DUFOUR

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15)

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13)

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18; Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25: 31-46

Tuesday: Is 55: 10-11; Ps 34: 4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6: 7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3: 1-10; Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11: 29-32

Thursday: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7: 7-12

Friday: Ez 18: 21-28; Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5: 20-26

Saturday: Dt 26: 16-19; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5: 43-48

Sunday: Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18; Ps 27: 1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3: 17 -- 4: 1 or 3: 20 -- 4: 1; Lk 9: 28b-36

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scout Sunday; Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

Friday: Holi; Abstinence

Saturday: St. John of God

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life’s journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three “pillars” of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death’s darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life’s journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

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Prayer during Lent

Holy God,

now is the acceptable time to return to you.

As we walk the path of these forty days,
may we turn away from sin
and embrace a life of goodness and truth.

Strengthen us on our Lenten journey
and keep us focused on the cross and resurrection
of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.

He is Lord forever and ever.

Amen

*Mother Henriette Delille...
pray for us that we may be a holy
family.*



Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,

look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides

so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,

he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Fridays of Lent (Except Good Friday)

After 8:00 AM mass



Lenten Seafood Dinners

Friday, March 14th

5:00 - 8:00 p.m..

SEAFOOD DINNERS Every Friday During Lent

Donations needed:

Peanut Oil

Fish Fry

Garlic Powder

Onion Powder

Paprika

Yellow Mustard

Paper Towels

Monetary Donations are always welcome

Easter Flower Envelopes

Pick up an Easter flower envelope and fill it out, write the person's name of who you would like to remember, and return it with your donation in the offertory basket by

April 13th.



All memorials will print on April 20th.



**Next Weekend's
Second Collection is for:
Archdiocesan Seminarian Education**

We return to God from what He has given us

We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us. In gratitude, we have returned to Him:

February 22nd & 23rd

Attendance:

Offertory: \$

Online Giving: \$

Budget: \$3500.00

**The collection totals
were unavailable at time
of print and will be
published at a future
date.**

Poor Box: \$

Thank you for your generosity and spirit of



Religion Education Class Schedule

Kindergarten- 11th grade

Tuesday, March 11th

6:00 - 7:40 pm

Bulletin Deadline: noon, Wednesday (two (2) weeks before scheduled bulletin date)