

HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish





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Weekend Mass: Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday at 8:30am

Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

Confession (Reconciliation): Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm

Baptisms: Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm

Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.

March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday Of Len

From the Pastor's Desk

I want to begin by wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Day Weekend! And just an FYI, the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19th) falls on a Sunday this year, but Lenten Sundays take precedence, so today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent. However, because St. Joseph's Day is a Solemnity, it still needs to be included in the liturgical calendar, so this year his feast will be celebrated on Monday, March 20th.

In addition to this being the 4th Sunday of Lent, it is also Laetare Sunday. Similar to Gaudete Sunday (the 3rd Sunday of Advent), on this weekend we rejoice that we are past the halfway point of Lent and are moving closer toward the celebration of Easter Sunday. To reflect this joy, on this 4th Sunday the Mass presider has the option of wearing rose colored vestments.

Speaking of presiders, I would like to welcome Fr. Michael Moore, who will be presiding at all our Masses this weekend, as well as this coming week. Fr. Moore is a priest with the St. Patrick Fathers, and he is giving our 2023 Lenten Mission. He will be introducing the Mission at each Mass this weekend.

The title of his Mission is: "Letting Go Of Our Own Wounds So That We Can Be Instruments Of God's Love And Acceptance In Our Troubled World." The Mission will take place this Monday through Thursday, March 20-23. Fr. Moore will celebrate Mass twice on each of those days, at 8:30am and 7:00pm, so you have the option to come to whichever session works best for you on each day. His talk will be given as the homily during Mass, and each Mass will last about one hour. Fr. Moore will also be available to hear confessions after each session of the Mission on each of the four days, or by appointment with him.

And speaking of confessions, mark your calendars for our Lenten confessions, which will be offered on Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00pm in church. As before, there will not be a prayer service. Instead, you are invited to come anytime between 7-8pm for individual confessions, and several priests will be available. Please note that the final opportunity for confession before Easter will be at the regular Saturday confessions on April 1st.

Another event taking place this weekend concerns our RCIA candidates who are preparing to become full members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Last Sunday our candidate for baptism, Nicole, celebrated the 1st Scrutiny at the 11:30am Mass, in preparation for her baptism at the Easter Vigil. This weekend, at the 4:30pm Saturday Mass, Nicole will celebrate the 2nd Scrutiny. Right after that, our other two RCIA candidates, Adrian and Fabian, will celebrate a similar ritual called the Penitential Rite, as they prepare for the other sacraments of initiation. Please pray for our three candidates, their sponsors, and their families.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that we have a new Holy Virgin Martyrs Facebook page. If you had not friended our previous Facebook page, make sure to search for Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish on Facebook, and like our new page. If you were already following our old page, please make sure to like and follow the new page, as the new page is the only one that will be updated going forward.

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob



Sunday—March 19th	
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9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family	8:30am—Joe Cunnin
Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco	James Cun
Victor Schimanski, req. Alice Danhoffer	Joseph Fer
Roger Alva, req. Family	Joseph & N
Roger Louis—Charles, req. Family	Saturday—March 25t
Eleno Mayol, Sr. & Calexta Mayol, req. Family	4:30—Joseph Ferrar
Thomas Griffin, req. Family	Mass of Thar
Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family	Anthony Leti
Regina Kasper, req. Family	Sean Molloy,
Blanca Selsky, req. Family	Sunday—March 26th
James Lunsford, req. Family	9:30—Joseph & Thei
Matthew O'Brien, req. Family	Franklin & Hel
Henry Ching, req. Family	Regina Kasper
Mary Olender Alt, req. Evelyn Olender	Roger Alva, re
Len Oledner, req. Evelyn Olender	Madeline Pavo
Stanley Kudelko, req. Arnone Family	Thomas Griffir
11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family	Raymond & Le
Rocha Family, req. Richard Rocha	Clifford Iverse
Lynn Shoenrock, req. A Friend	Blanca Selsky,
Monday—March 20th	Matthew O'Br
8:30—Poor Souls in Purgatory, req. Heidorn Family	Henry Ching, r
Auntie E. Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family	Mary Forys, re
Joseph & Mary Traxler, req. Family	Mary Olender
Tuesday—March 21st	Len Olender, r
8:30—Carol Kensek, req. Pat Argyrakis	11:30—Matthew & Io
Edward Kensek, req. Ministry of Consolation	Rocha Family
Wednesday—March 22nd	Lynn Shoenro
8:30—Elaine (Auntie "E") Heidorn, req. Art Wells & Mary	Mike Vitucci
Shields	Patricia Rutko
Brown Family, req. Family	Andersen

Lorraine Surtz, req. Ministry of Consolation

Thursday—March 23rd
8:30am—Joe Cunningham, req. Family
James Cunningham, req. Family
Joseph Ferrara, req. Family
Joseph & Mary Traxler, req. Family
Saturday—March 25th
4:30—Joseph Ferrara, req. Family
Mass of Thanksgiving, req. Diego Herrera
Anthony Letizia, req. Family
Sean Molloy, req. Tina DeVitto
Sunday—March 26th
9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco
Regina Kasper, req. Sue Hilger
Roger Alva, req. Family
Madeline Pavone, req. Albert & Cynthia Gaultier
Thomas Griffin, req. Family
Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
Clifford Iversen, req. Judy Iversen
Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky & Family
Matthew O'Brien, req. Family
Henry Ching, req. Conchita Ching
Mary Forys, req. Jean Wesolowski
Mary Olender Alt, req. Evelyn Olender
Len Olender, req. Evelyn Olender
11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
Rocha Family, req. Richard Rocha

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Rocha Family, req. Richard Rocha
Lynn Shoenrock, req. A Friend
Mike Vitucci & Ralph Vitucci, req. Teresa Vitucci
Patricia Rutkowski, req. Dalene Bauman & Bonnie
Andersen
George & Mary Teply, req. Rose Ducaj

March 25th & 26th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob
Lector	Ellen Melnitzke	Don Kasper	Moses Diaz
Communion Ministers	C. Schreiner S. Schreiner K. Weichbrodt	M. Moran G. Zech J. Traxler	B. Kirchen Z. Kirchen A. Caccavari
Altar Servers	P. Cychosz S. Cychosz	D. Kasper	A. Herrera E. Gutierrez

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Hypod Winner March 13, 2023 \$100 Winner—Nancy Kent Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!



Week of March 4th & 5th			
Weekly	\$5,462.00		
Maintenance	\$93.00		
Fuel & Heat	\$68.00		
Easter Flowers	\$5.00		
Church in Eastern Europe	\$1,138.50		
MANY THANKS!			

Second Collections:

The second collection on March 19th is for Fuel and Heat. Please be as generous as you can.



Lenten Confessions will take place on Wednesday, March 29th from 7-8pm. There will be several priests available for confessions.



Those Who Are Sick:

Betty Bajzek, Char Banyai, Terrie Boie, Sonia Bonacci, Frank Bosco, Pat Brandolino, Gus Campeotto, Bernie Cwan, Angela DeFranco, Claude & Phyllis DiBenedetto, Joseph & Beatrice Giannone, Dora Gibellina, Rose & Pat Glasso, Judy Golab, Howard & Carol Heidorn, Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz, Jerry Hoss, Michael & Vivian Jennings, Brian Kelly, Leonard Kuffer, Marguerite Kramer, Ted & Joan Lester, Reina Lopez, Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz), Ann Macey, Carole McCreery, Bryan McIntyre, David Medo, Peter Meyer, Barbara Miller, Pat Morgan, Peter Morgan, Lois Neilsen, Julie Parkinson, Deacon Ron Pilarski, Leroy Plier, Joseph Powyszynski, Barbara Rodgers, Kathy Sassolino, Cathy & Steve Schreiner, Susan Siekierski, Joe Stendebach, Sarah Tripoli, Rev. Michael Valenti, Joan & Bill Weichbroadt, Jean Wesolowski, Nancy Wright

Sergeant Michael Bavone, Private Christopher Bavone, US Army Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner, U.S.A.F. Sergeant Michael Keaty, HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy, U.S.M.C. Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez, U.S.M.C. Kyle E. Ruth, Omar Vee, Jr.,

Those in the Military

Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

HVM Ministers of Care can bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are Homebound or Sick. If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, or would like to know more about this rewarding ministry, then please contact Nancy Ryan (parish nurse) either by leaving a message at the rectory or email at: <u>anne.ryan@ascension.org</u>. PAGE FIVE



Religious Education News

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Upcoming Events

<u>Tuesday, March 14th</u> 6:00—8:00pm—Religious Education Class

<u>Saturday, March 18th</u> 9:00—11:30am—Religious Education Class ALL MASS & SERVICE HOURS ARE DUE

<u>Tuesday, March 28th</u> 6:00—8:00pm—Religious Education Class ALL MASS & SERVICE HOURS ARE DUE

<u>Saturday, April 1st</u> 9:00—11:30am—Religious Education Class

<u>Sunday, April 2nd</u> Family Mass—11:30am The 1st grade will be bringing up the gifts

<u>Tuesday, April 11th</u> 6:00—8:00pm—Religious Education Class

<u>Saturday, April 15th</u> 9:00—11:30am—Religious Education Class LAST SATURDAY CLASS!

<u>Saturday, April 22nd</u> 9:00—11:00am—Last Special Sacraments Class 7:00pm—Confirmation Rehearsal

> Monday, April 24th 7:00pm—Confirmation

<u>Tuesday, April 25th</u> 6:00—8:00pm—Religious Education Class LAST TUESDAY CLASS!

What We're Learning

4th Grade (Saturdays)

We learned about the 5th Commandment and that our lives are gifts from God. We learned that we should respect the gifts of our lives and refrain from risky behavior. We also learned that we are to respect the lives of others. We spent time learning about the 8th Commandment and how we are called to live the Truth in our lives. We learned that living truthfully we pattern ourselves after Jesus who was the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

5th Grade (Saturdays)

We watched the Easter Story and discussed the breaking of the bread and the betrayal of Judas. We discussed why Good Friday is the most solemn day of the year.

7th Grade (Saturdays)

We learned that God gives us free will to make our choices. Because of being born with Original Sin, sometimes the choices we make are hurtful or sinful actions. God can help us to choose what is Good. We learned that the Sacrament of Baptism cleanses us from Original Sin and any personal sin we may have. We learned that in Baptism a person becomes a child of God and a Member of the Church.

Stations of the Cross

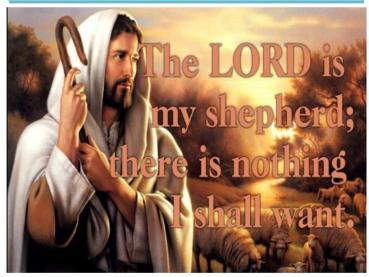
We will have Stations of the Cross followed by Eucharistic Benediction every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm in church.



Baptisms Through the living waters of Baptism the following were welcomed into the People of God:

Kaliope Faye Rodríguez, daughter of Míguel & Itzel Rodríguez (nee Sotelo)

Rosalia Amaro, daughter of Diego & Elizabeth Amaro (nee Moreno)





Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute anonymous survey as soon as possible.

Go to **catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi** Or scan the QR code below to complete the survey electronically.

Paper copies will be available in the back of church.

The survey will only be **available until March 31st** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to **Fr. Rob Schultz** and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



If you would ever like to bring up the Gifts during Mass, please simply let the ushers know before Mass. Anyone is welcome to be a gift bearer.

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Lenten Mission 2023 "Letting Go of Our Own Wounds" Conducted by Fr. Michael Moore, St. Patrick Fathers

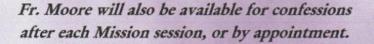
Join us for Mass and four reflections at 8:30am and 7:00pm each day (morning talk repeated each evening)

Monday, March 20th Our Images of God Our Father First Reading 1 John 4:7-12 Responsorial Psalm Response The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want. Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

> Tuesday, March 21st The Wounds of Resentment: Hell on Earth First Reading: Ephesians 4:29-32 Responsorial Psalm Response: Our life is over like a sigh. Gospel: Luke 23:32-43

Wednesday, March 22nd Forgiveness: The Sweet Taste of Heaven on Earth First Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13 Responsorial Psalm Response: This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Gospel: Matthew 6:5-15

Thursday, March 23rd The Easter Pentecost Mystery in Our Lives First Reading: Acts 1:3-12 and 2:1-6 Responsorial Psalm Response: O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. Gospel: John 20:1-17





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