



HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

**FEBRUARY 22, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



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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.

Our 40-day Lenten journey began this past week with Ash Wednesday, and today we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent. I always like to remind everyone that this is a unique time of year. Lent is a somber season that is marked by prayer, penance, and sacrifice. And it is that last word – sacrifice – that I'd like to emphasize.

With modern technology, especially the rapidly spreading use of AI, we live in a culture that offers us whatever we want at our fingertips, with little emphasis on things like discipline or sacrifice. But when it comes to the season of Lent, well, you can't have Lent without sacrifice! That is because Lent leads to Holy Week, where Jesus made the greatest sacrifice the world has ever known.

So, we sacrifice some things during Lent. There is no Gloria or Alleluia at Mass. The few decorations in church are simple and somber. We remove holy water in church. And some churches cover their statues and/or crucifix (although it would be difficult to cover a crucifix as large as ours!) And on an individual level, we are encouraged to give something up or do something more during Lent, e.g. extra prayer, going to confession. If you have not yet discerned something that you can do during this holy season, I encourage you to talk to God in prayer and ask Him to show you where you can make some sacrifice.

And as part of your Lenten experience, I hope you can join us for some prayer opportunities here at the parish. Every Friday at 6:30pm during Lent (through March 27th) we pray the Stations of the Cross, followed by Eucharistic Benediction. I invite you to join us on any of these Fridays, especially if you've never experienced the Stations and/or Benediction before.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our 2026 Lenten Mission. It will take place from March 9-12, and our speaker will again be Fr. Michael Moore of the St. Patrick Fathers. The title of this year's Mission is: "First be reconciled to your neighbor, only then come and offer your gift." On each of the four days of the Mission, Fr. Moore will give a talk in both the morning and evening (so, you will have two opportunities each day). He will also be available for confessions on some of the days.

And because the sacrament of Confession is such an important part of Lent, I wanted to let you know that this is the time of year when the 2nd grade and Special Sacraments students in our Religious Ed. program are celebrating their First Reconciliation. Half of them made their first confession on Feb. 11, and the other half will make their first confession this coming Wednesday, Feb. 25. Please pray for these children and their families as they experience this important sacrament of God's love and mercy.

Finally, this is the Follow-Up Weekend for the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). This weekend we are asking those who have not yet pledged to consider making a pledge to the ACA, to benefit not only Archdiocesan ministries, but also HVM Parish. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and at the back of church. Simply fill out an envelope and drop it anytime in the Sunday collection basket. You can also pledge anytime online by going to our website at www.hvmparish.org, or go to www.annualcatholicappeal.com. Whichever way you choose to pledge, please remember to designate Holy Virgin Martyrs as the parish where you want to credit your gift so that your donation will count towards our goal.

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

Fr. Rob

Mass Intentions

Sunday—February 22nd

9:30—Matthew O’Brien
 Ray Solare
 Thomas Griffin
 Francine & Kraft Family
 Martha Schimanski
 Eleno Mayol, Jr.
 Carlo Mele
 Wilbert Saathoff
 11:30—Marlene O’Brien
 Matthew & Ida Hendle
 Josephine & Anthony Goc

Monday—February 23rd

8:30—Mary Ann Pearch

Tuesday—February 24th

8:30—Gaspere Martorana

Wednesday—February 25th

8:30—Carol Heidorn

Thursday—February 26th

8:30—Marilyn Golden

Saturday—February 28th

4:30—Chris Benesch
 Isabella Yorty
 Tony Powyszynski
 Norma McGowan
 William Weichbrodt

Sunday—March 1st

9:30—Matthew O’Brien
 Thomas Griffin
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney
 James Florio Family
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti
 11:30—Marlene O’Brien



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

February 21st & 22nd	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector	Bob Kutella	Kitch Gorzynski	Family Mass
Communion Ministers	W. Bernacki C. Schreiner S. Schreiner	R. Klug Sr. Victoria G. Zech	A. Caccavari K. Lima J. Taxler
Altar Servers	P. Cychosz S. Cychosz	J. Widuch T. Cychosz	K. Lima L. Gonzlaes

Hypod Winner

February 16, 2026
\$100 Winner—Ray Gervais

Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!



Music Notes

Take Up Your Cross



Baptisms

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

Paul Maximilian Steimel, child of Karl and Paulina Steimel (nee Radomski)

IN LOVING MEMORY

Rest in Peace
"It is a holy and wholesome thought that we pray for the dead," please remember:
Betty Ramirez
in your prayers.



Parish Support

Week of February 7th & 8th

Weekly	\$5,913.00
Utilities	\$1,441.00
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Religious Retirement	\$10.00
Church In Latin America	\$5.00
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Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00
Ash Wednesday	\$20.00
Easter Flowers	\$10.00

MANY THANKS!



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Second Collections:

The second collection on March 1st is for Maintenance
Please be as generous as you can.

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 by email aryan2@primehealthcare.com.

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



Religious Education News

Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen
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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 25th

First Reconciliation—7:00pm

Saturday, February 28th

Special Sacraments Class

9:00—11:00am

Adult Confirmation Class

10:00am—2:00pm

Sunday, March 1st

Family Mass—11:30am

The 3rd Grade will be reading and bringing up the gifts.

We will have the presentation of First Communicants at this Mass.

Tuesday, March 3rd

Religious Education Class

6:00-8:00pm

**ALL CONFIRMATION
 REQUIREMENTS DUE**

Saturday, March 7th

Religious Education Class

9:00-11:30am

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Congratulations

I'd like to congratulate our 2nd grade and Special Sacraments Students who will experience the merciful love of God for the First time in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on February 25th.

Sincere Corral

Ariana Daniel

Aiden Delao

Alessia Escanio

Elena Fulat

Gabriel Fulat

Lars Guerrier

Rosario LaVattiata

Keegan O'Malley

Paxton O'Malley

Bartolomeo Parisi

Maria Parisi

Aleah Perez

Nunzio Sapienza

Parker Smiley

William Thorn

Sarah Valle

Brody Wiora



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of February 22,
2026**

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7;
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;
Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19;
Mt 4:1-11

Monday

Lev 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

Jonah 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

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a;
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2
Tim 1:8b-10;
Mt 17:1-9

Those Who Are Sick

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| <i>Luz Alarcon</i> | <i>Vivian Jennings</i> | <i>Michael Pesola</i> |
| <i>Fr. Ambrosio Arambula</i> | <i>Arlene Jurinek</i> | <i>Nancy Piatek</i> |
| <i>Betty Bajzek</i> | <i>Brian Kelly</i> | <i>Deacon Ron Pilarski</i> |
| <i>Dan Bailey</i> | <i>Patti King</i> | <i>Melissa Pitts</i> |
| <i>Char Banyai</i> | <i>Bernice Kirchen</i> | <i>Mike Ponticelli</i> |
| <i>Laura Biangini</i> | <i>Joyce Knauss</i> | <i>Joseph Powyszynski</i> |
| <i>Chrissy Biegos</i> | <i>Leonard Kuffer</i> | <i>Betty Quartello</i> |
| <i>Sonia Bonacci</i> | <i>Marguerite Kramer</i> | <i>Glenn Rawski</i> |
| <i>Frank Bosco</i> | <i>Dan Latoria, Jr.</i> | <i>Jacqueline Reiss</i> |
| <i>Pat Brandolino</i> | <i>Mark Latoria</i> | <i>Barbara Rodgers</i> |
| <i>Gus Campeotto</i> | <i>Joan Lester</i> | <i>John Saathoff</i> |
| <i>Phyllis DiBenedetto</i> | <i>Diahnne Lopez</i> | <i>Kathy Sassolino</i> |
| <i>Beatrice Giannone</i> | <i>Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz)</i> | <i>Cathy & Steve Schreiner</i> |
| <i>Rose & Pat Glasso</i> | <i>Geneveve Mastalerz</i> | <i>Jacqueline Spejcher</i> |
| <i>Judy Golab</i> | <i>Carole McCreery</i> | <i>Pat Sullivan</i> |
| <i>Karla Gosinski</i> | <i>Bryan McIntyre</i> | <i>Michelle Swigost</i> |
| <i>Ruth Gosinski</i> | <i>Bill McMurray</i> | <i>Sarah Tripoli</i> |
| <i>Howard Heidorn</i> | <i>Barbara Miller</i> | <i>Jim Waterloo</i> |
| <i>Jose Herrera</i> | <i>Christian Mireles</i> | <i>Joan Weichbrodt</i> |
| <i>Mary Hinterlong</i> | <i>Pat Morgan</i> | <i>Jean Wesolowski</i> |
| <i>Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz</i> | <i>Robert Olender</i> | <i>Nancy Wright</i> |
| <i>Renee Iman</i> | <i>Christopher Ordo</i> | <i>Isabella Yorty</i> |

Those In The Military



- Sergeant Michael Bavone*
Private Christopher Bavone
US Army PFC Matthew Gonzales
US Army Michael Gutierrez
First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,
USAF Sergeant Michael Keaty
Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez
USMC Kyle Ruth
USAF Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy
Omar Vee, Jr.

2025

Contribution Statements

You can get your 2025 contribution statement by contacting the rectory at 847-678-0138.





ASH WEDNESDAY
Return to me with your whole heart, with
fasting, weeping, and mourning.
Joel 2:12

Return



Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish, Schiller Park

TIME FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

March 9th – 12th, 2026

**Monday through Thursday:
8:30 am & 7:00 pm (repeat of morning)**

MISSION

Conducted by Fr. Michael Moore, St. Patrick Fathers

***First be reconciled to your neighbor,
only then come and offer your gift.***

Mass and four reflections

Monday: The Cross: A Road Map for True Discipleship

Tuesday: By the Fire: Peter's Restoration and Ours

Wednesday: *"I Have Come to Believe"*

Thursday: *"Taking Away the Sins of the World."*



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