

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF THE
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT AND THE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 9 - 15, 2026

**Monday, 3/9 † Lenten Weekday, Saint
Frances of Rome, Religious**

6pm: SS. C & M – Joe Vanek, Sr. by Wife, Pat

Tuesday, 3/10 † Lenten Weekday

9am: A. S. – Chester Potempa by Eloise Valadez

**Wednesday, 3/11 † Lenten Weekday, Saint
Casimir**

6pm: SS. C & M – Olivia (Birthday)

Thursday, 3/12 † Lenten Weekday

9am: A.S. Mary Potempa by Potempa Family

Friday, 3/13 † Lenten Weekday

9am: A.S. Annette

4:30pm – Stations of the Cross – All Saints

6pm – Stations of the Cross – SS. C & M

**Saturday, 3/14 † Lenten Weekday, Saints
Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs**

8:30am: Aaron Kaminski by Frank & Joann Vitalo

Saturday, 3/14 † Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

4:30pm: SS. C & M – Chester Potempa by
Grandchildren

Sunday, 3/15 † Second Sunday of Lent

9am: A. S. Morgan (Birthday)

11am: SS. C & M - Gary

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Mon., March 9 – 9am- Bible Study at Donna Kida's

Mon., March 9 – 3:30pm – SVDP, Parlor

Mon., March 9 – 6:30 pm – Soup Supper, Parlor

Speaker, Fr. David Kime

Thurs. March 12 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., March 12 – 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Fri., March 13 – 4:30pm - Stations of the Cross, A. S.

Fri., March 13 – 6pm -Stations of the Cross, SS.C & M

Sun., March 15– 9:30am –Religious Education

Sun., March 15– 12N – Finance Council, Rectory

Donna Kida will continue the Bible Study group at her home each Monday at 9am during Lent. The Studies will end on Monday, March 30. This year's Reflections are based on the Sunday Gospel, with Jesus to the Cross, Year A. If interested, you may call the Rectory (574-896-2195) for her address & phone number.

St. Jacob Cemetery Notice

**Those who have Fall or Christmas decorations
on graves please remove by this**

Sunday, March 15, 2026.

After that date they will be removed

by Cemetery Committee.

Due to the changes within our Diocese, our All Saints & SS. Cyril & Methodius weekly Mass schedule, at the present time, will be as follows:

Mondays: 6pm – SS. Cyril & Methodius

Tuesdays: – 9am - All Saints

Wednesdays: – 6pm - SS. Cyril & Methodius

Thursdays: – 9am – All Saints

Fridays: – 9am – All Saints

Saturdays: – 8:30am – SS. Cyril & Methodius

Saturdays: – 4:30pm – Vigil Mass at SS. Cyril & Methodius

Sundays: – 9am – All Saints

Sundays: – 11am – SS. Cyril & Methodius

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society helps to support the needs of the poor.

Dear Padre

March 8, 2026

When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, "Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church's focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ's ultimate sacrifice. It represents our "fasting" from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). ●

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When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a lifechanging relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

Good News!

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Exodus 17:3-7 / Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 / John 4:5-42
or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God's voice. The challenge is not in responding "yes" to the invitation of the Lord but rather in "hearing" his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the "Beautiful Noise" of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God's voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●

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A PRAYER FOR LENT

Jesus, love of my Soul, center of my heart!

Why am I not more eager
to endure pains and tribulations for love of you,
when you, my God, have suffered so many for me?
Come, then, every sort of trial in the world,
for this is my delight, to suffer for Jesus.

This is my joy, to follow my savior,
and to find my consolation
with my consoler on the cross.

This is my happiness, this my pleasure,
to live with Jesus, to walk with Jesus,
to converse with Jesus; to suffer with and for him,
this is my treasure.

—*St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, SJ*

Borrowed

Author Unknown

They borrowed a bed to lay His head,
When Christ the Lord came down,
They borrowed a foal in the mountain pass
For Him to ride to town.
But the crown that He wore
And the cross that He bore
Were His own.

*He borrowed the bread when the crowd He fed
On the grassy mountainside;
He borrowed the dish of broken fish
With which He satisfied.
But the crown that He wore
And the cross that He bore
Were His own.*

He borrowed the ship in which to sit
To teach the multitude;
He borrowed the nest in which to rest,
He had never a home as rude.
But the crown that He wore
And the cross that He bore
Were His own.

*He borrowed a room on the way to the tomb,
The Passover lamb to eat.
They borrowed a cave, for Him a grave,
They borrowed a winding sheet.
But the crown that He wore
And the cross that He bore
Were His own.*

The thorns of His head were worn in my stead,
For me the Saviour died;
For guilt of my sin the nails drove in,
When Him they crucified.
Though the crown that He wore
And the cross that He bore
Were His own . . .
They rightly were mine, instead.