



First Sunday of Lent

March 8/9, 2025

Deuteronomy 26.4-10; Romans 10.8-13;

Luke 4.1-13

Today, Jesus, “filled with the Holy Spirit” (Lk 4:1), goes into the desert, far from men, to experience in an immediate and tangible way, his absolute dependence on the Father. Jesus feels attacked by hunger and this moment of weakness is taken advantage of by the Evil One, who tempts him with the intention of destroying the very core of Jesus’ identity as Son of God: his substantial and unconditional adherence to the Father. With our eyes fixed on Christ, the conqueror of evil, Christians today feel encouraged to enter the path of Lent. We are driven to do so by the desire for authenticity: to be fully what we are, disciples of Jesus and, with Him, children of God. This is why we want to deepen our profound attachment to Jesus Christ and to his program of life which is the Gospel: “One does not live by bread alone” (Lk 4:4).

Like Jesus in the desert, armed with the wisdom of Scripture, we feel called to proclaim in our consumerist world that man is designed on a divine scale and that he can only satisfy his hunger for happiness when he opens wide the doors of his life to Jesus Christ, Redeemer of man. This involves overcoming a multitude of temptations that seek to diminish our human-divine vocation. With the example and strength of Jesus tempted in the desert, we will unmask the many lies about man that are systematically told to us by social media and by the pagan environment in which we live.

St Benedict dedicates chapter 49 of his Rule to “The Observance of Lent” and exhorts us to “wash away in this holy season the negligences of other times (...), by devoting ourselves to prayer with tears, to reading, to compunction of heart and self-denial (...), to offer God something of our own will with the joy of the Holy Spirit (...) and look forward to holy Easter with joy and spiritual longing.”

SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY

5:00 pm - OLC (Pl)
5:00 pm - St. Mary (En)
5:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

SUNDAY

8:00 am - OLC (En)
10:00 am - OLC (Pl)
10:00 am - St. Mary (It)
10:00 am St. Patrick (En)
12:00 pm - St. Mary (En)
12:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY

7:00 pm - St. Mary (En)

TUESDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)
7:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)
7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

THURSDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)
7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

FRIDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)
7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

SATURDAY

9:00 am - OLC (Pl)
1st Saturday of the month

CONFESSIONS

OL CZESTOCHOWA

Saturday at 4:00 pm
& before weekly Mass

ST. MARY

Saturdays at 4:00 pm
& before weekly Mass

ST. PATRICK

Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Saturday at 4:00 pm

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ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
beside St. Mary Church

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

March 10 to March 16, 2025	March 17 to March 23, 2025
<p>TUESDAY, MARCH 11 <u>Mary of Perpetual Help</u> <i>*Stations of the Cross: 6:30pm*</i> 7:00pm † Dec.d members of St. Patrick CWL <u>Novena Mass</u> † Bruno Sinosic † Ottavio & Phyllis Marino † Catherine Lovett</p>	<p>TUESDAY, MARCH 18 <u>Mary of Perpetual Help</u> <i>*Stations of the Cross: 6:30pm*</i> 7:00pm Int.of Graeme & Annegret Hunter <u>Novena Mass</u> † Jack & Betty Henderson † Richard Rodrigues † Catherine Lovett</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 9:00am † DeWit Family † Patricia Arthur</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 <u>St. Joseph</u> 9:00 am Int.of Jonathan, wife & son † Marie Smith</p>
<p>THURSDAY, MARCH 13 9:00am Int.of John & Yvette MacLeod † Eugene Labossiere</p>	<p>THURSDAY, MARCH 20 9:00am † Olga Dias † Maria Coutinho</p>
<p>SATURDAY, MARCH 15 <u>Second Sunday of Lent</u> 5:00 pm <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i> † Jozef & Wladyslawa Kazmierczyk</p>	<p>SATURDAY, MARCH 22 <u>Third Sunday of Lent</u> 5:00pm <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i> For Souls in Purgatory</p>
<p>SUNDAY, MARCH 16 <u>Second Sunday of Lent</u> 10:00am <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY, MARCH 23 <u>Third Sunday of Lent</u> 10:00am <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i></p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

SEASON OF LENT - 1 Sunday of Lent

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through 40 days of closer attention to God's word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate The Paschal Mystery.

May this Lenten journey that we have embarked upon, both individually and as a community, bring us ever closer to the loving heart of the Father, give us courage to break free from the things that keep us captive, and bring us to refreshing new levels of fellowship with God.

During the Lenten Season we are meditating **Stations of the Cross** every Tuesday at 6:30pm at St. Patrick's. After the *Stations of the Cross* there is **Novena Mass** at 7:00pm, followed by benediction. All welcome!

ST. PATRICK'S - Consecration Anniversary

On March 16, 2025, on the Feast of St. Patrick, Patron Saint of our Church, we are celebrating the 73rd anniversary of the Consecration of St. Patrick's Church, built on March 16, 1952 and consecrated by Bishop Cody.

On **Sunday, March 16, after the 10:00am Mass**, you are all invited to our parish hall to commemorate the anniversary with a coffee and green cake.

May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us!

May Christ be in us, Christ be over all! May the salvation always be ours, this day, and evermore. Amen.

BISHOP FABBRO'S 2025 Lenten Message

Lent is a journey of faith and conversion as we prepare for the Easter Triduum. It is a time to let go of what weighs us down; a time to be reconciled with God and others. This year, our Lenten journey will be important part of our celebration of Jubilee Year, **Pilgrims of Hope**. We journey together as pilgrims seeking to encounter Jesus and to return to right relationships with God, with others and with all creation. *(The whole message on website)*

TURN DEBT INTO HOPE - Development & Peace

This year Development & Peace Share Lent Campaign invites us to: Sign the Turn Debt into Hope petition calling on creditors and governments to eliminate the debt of those countries that are experiencing life-crushing debt. Support Solidarity Sunday - April 5/6. Your generosity allows Development & Peace to work with those in need.

CHOOSE LIFE - Catholic guide brochure

Each life is sacred and is given as a gift that we are to care for and protect from the moment of conception to natural death. Choose life, Catholic guide brochure for End of Life Issues - is available at the Church vestibule.

We are planning a special presentation at our Parish Hall on May 14, 2025 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Professor of Moral Theology from St. Peter's Seminary and Nurse Practitioner at St. Joseph's Hospital will give us this presentation. All are welcome - light refreshment after.