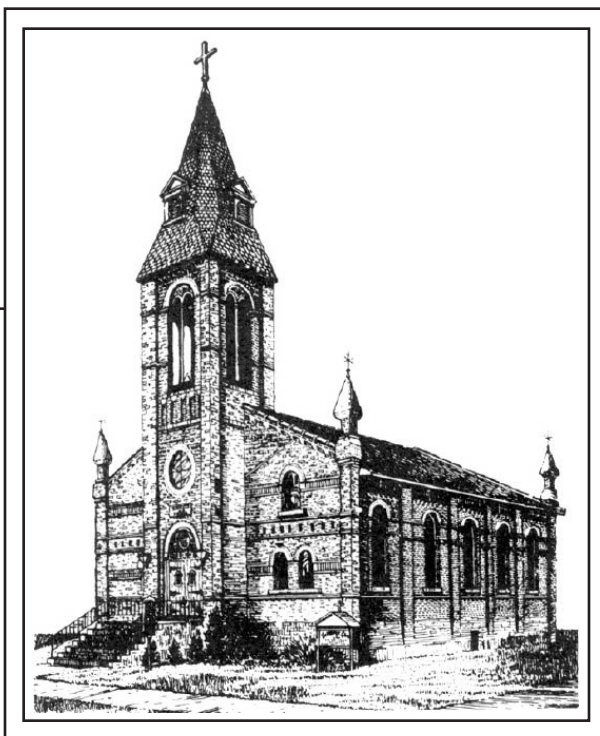


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**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

**BULLETIN NOTICES** must be received at the parish office by Tuesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## LENT: FIVE EVENINGS OF REFLECTION AT ST. MARY'S

Three of the five, one-hour Lenten Talks, will be given this coming \*Thursday in the church at 7:00 pm:

**\*Thursday, March 27 - "The Sorting"**

**Thursday, April 3      Thursday, April 10**

*The talks will be given by Father Charles*

### Strange and Beautiful

The many parts of the Liturgy of the Mass each Sunday become familiar to us as one part leads to the next. Yet the words we say can and should strike us as perhaps both strange and beautiful at the same time. Some things may appear as strange because when we really look at what we say and what we mean, it can make for some interesting reflection. We begin each Mass with the sign of the Cross, that tracing of our hand from head to navel and then from left shoulder to right shoulder. We do this with such great freedom that would have been unthinkable in the time of Jesus' earthly life. The Cross was so feared that no Roman was ever crucified. It was reserved for Rome's enemies. It was meant as a strong deterrent from serious crime and made an example of the punished by a slow, agonizing death, that others would fear. And this was the means by which Our Lord would be put to death. No one would have erected crosses as symbols of faith in Jesus at the time of the Romans as that would be a taunt for death. We are able in our time to sign the Cross on our bodies and even kiss the Cross as we do in veneration on Good Friday. It is a beautiful part of our faith that we can and do reverence the Cross, in fact daily have many opportunities to do so in praying the Rosary, kneeling in prayer before a crucifix and kissing it as a sign of thanksgiving, reverence and respect as the means by which Christ saved us.

Have you ever noticed something rather obvious and yet also strange, situated right near the beginning of the opening rites of the Mass – the Confiteor, or "I confess..."? "I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters..." We confess to each other that we're sinners! Where else would we do this let alone with a large crowd of many people we know? We admit that we mess up in our living and that we call this sin; sin we are willing to admit to each other, not in specifics but in general, yet specific enough for we say, "In my thoughts and in my words; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do...". These four kinds of sin in thoughts, words, actions and omissions cover all sin and we admit this to one another. It reminds me of Alcoholics Anonymous where each individual who takes part in the meeting, after saying their first name and the initial of their last name, adds, "I'm an alcoholic". As we do at Mass, so the members of AA confess to others who are there because they have a problem with alcohol, we admit as Catholics that we are sinners. We don't speak of it in a past-tense to suggest that we aren't sinners any longer or at this particular moment standing in God's holy house. We state that *we have greatly sinned*, for as St. Paul states: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) That's right. All alcoholics who have come

to recognize that they are powerless over alcohol admit that they can not live a normal, healthy life with themselves and others if they have a single drink. They are alcoholics. And this honest admittance brings them into the healthy sense that they need this program and they need each other to maintain their sobriety and sanity, and that they need help from a "higher power" (God). And so do us Mass-goers at the Confiteor when we admit that we are in a battle against sin in our lives and that we need the grace, comfort and blessing of the Mass and what it feeds us, as also we need each other.

### But Wait... There's More!

We not only admit that we are sinners in the assembly of those gathered in church for Mass, but then we pray: "*therefore, I ask Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels and Saints, and YOU my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord Our God.*" Yes, we ask everyone else, to whom we've admitted we are sinners, to pray for us. And as we ourselves are asking for their intercession to the Lord, they are in turn asking us to remember them. Upon reflection, this is quite extraordinary in that we pray for each other in that moment with the many who come from all kinds of backgrounds, experiences, ethnic groups, male and female, children and the elderly, strong and weak. We are one in our Catholic faith and in our unity in that moment of prayer for one another to the Lord, our God. We are united in admitting we have missed the mark in our lives that identifies us as sinners, redeemed and greatly loved by the Lord, but sinners the same but who have a desire to begin again, have our sins forgiven and follow Christ more closely once again with a resolve to avoid sin.

### Venial Sins Forgiven in the Mass

One might ask as to why we even have a Confiteor at the beginning of Mass? Actually, venial sins can be forgiven in the celebration of the Mass and reception of Holy Communion. All mortal sins, however, must be confessed to a priest in the sacrament of confession "in number and in kind" because mortal sins 'kill the life of grace, sanctifying grace, in the soul'. Mortal sins must be of serious matter, committed with knowledge of their serious nature and with consent of the will. I lay out this distinction lest people be led to believe that all sins are forgiven in the celebration of the Mass, when they are not. Mortal sins are serious in that they separate us from God. Yet the Church still encourages us to confess our venial sins in confession as well. Dealing with venial sins within everyday life and our efforts to steer clear of sin altogether will work within us to address the temptation of sin which can lead us to serious, mortal sin.

### We Are Not Alone

Our Confiteor serves well to remind us that we need each other as members of the Body of Christ, the Church, and that we are strengthened by one another's prayer. And our greatest advocate is Jesus, who wants us to live without sin and without fear, provides us with the means of escape from our sin through the sacramental life, and assists us greatly to live the life He lived, desiring always to forgive and love one another as we are forgiven and so tremendously loved. (FrC)

MARCH 23, 2025



Tues Mar 25 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm to Mass 7:00pm	Confession +Josephine Gerynowicz Requested by the Family
Wed Mar 26 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am	+Helen Adams Requested by the Mary Cudney & Family
Thurs Mar 27 <sup>th</sup> 7:30am 8:30am	HOLY HOUR +Lawrence Cameron Requested by Maureen Whittaker & Lorie Coyle
Fri Mar 28 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm 7:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS God's Blessing on the Lassak Family
Sat Mar 29 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am 3:00 to 4:00pm 4:30pm	Mass Confession Special Intentions of Wanda Gal & Family Requested by the Family
Sun Mar 30 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am  11:00am	For the People  +Tammy Nonis Requested by Olga Panigas

### *Please Pray for the Sick*

Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Albert Sant, Teresa Kosierb, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Alex Poirier & Family, Tammy MacDonald, Anita Taglione, Mary Little, Yvonne Grimm, Janine Wright, Anne Johnston, Dorothy Shaughnessy, Rose Flanagan, Norma Still, Pat Ironside-Mayes, Yvonne Besley, Bev Underhill

### *Please Pray for the Recently Deceased*

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### **3rd Sunday of Lent March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

#### **Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry**

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The Food Share program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be." Thus far, we have raised \$3760.00 toward our goal of \$46,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**Next Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> will be our First ShareLife Sunday.**

### **LENTEN COLLECTION**

We have been approached by Dr. Simone (Canadian Food for Children) to do a Lenten Collection for the poor. They are asking that we collect **iodized salt** very important in developing countries, as 38 million newborn babies are affected by iodine deficiency every year. **Cans of meat and fish, soap bars, new socks and shoes.** The shoes can help prevent strongyloidiasis, which is a type of worm that burrows into the skin from walking barefoot.

We will have totes in the hallway between the church and the hall. We will collect right through the Lenten season. Thank You.

### **Dmytro Garbovskyi in Concert**

#### **Charity Concert Supporting Children of Ukraine**

Dmytro Dramatic Baritone, Mariinsky Theatre Soloist  
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Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

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