

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 12, 2023
Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

February 14th 12:00pm – Francisco Xavier (RIP)

February 15th 12:00pm – Arleen Wong (RIP)

February 16th 12:00pm – Jonathan David Douglas (RIP)

February 17th 12:00pm – Hunter Stricklin (SI)

February 18th 12:00pm – Alfred Saenz (SI) | 4:00pm – Katie Newell (RIP)

February 19th 8:00am – Donna Roberts (RIP) | 10:30am – Edith Triana (SI)

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS: Tuesday-Friday, 12:00pm | Saturday, 12:00pm, 4:00pm
Sunday, 8:00am, 10:30am, 2:00pm (Spanish)

BILINGUAL EUCHARISTIC SERVICE: 6:30pm every Tuesday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Tuesday-Saturday 11:15am | Sunday 9:00am | Wednesday 5:30pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Following Mass for 30 minutes: Tuesday-Friday | Wednesday at 5:30pm

HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Weekdays: Tues-Friday 11:20am | Weekends: Saturday and Sunday, 30 minutes prior | 20 Decade Rosary: Wednesday 10:30am

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS: 9:00am every Sunday in the Parish Life Center

LEGION OF MARY: 10:00am in Parish Life Center Library every Tuesday

FATHER BEAN'S BOOK CLUB: 10:00am in Martin Hall every Thursday

FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER CENACLE: 1:30pm every Tuesday, following Mass and Adoration

DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY: 6:00pm Every other Sunday. Schedule on the back of the bulletin!

LENT 2023

Ash Wednesday Schedule | February 22nd 2023

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:00am, 5:30pm | Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: 12:00pm, 6:30pm
Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 6:00pm, starting February 23rd

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430): Sermon 205, 1

As we begin our annual Lenten observance with its solemn call to conversion...it is more than ever my pastoral duty to nourish your minds with the word of God when you are about to mortify your bodies by fasting.

We are soon to celebrate the Passion of our crucified Lord. It is therefore in keeping with our commitment to him that we should crucify ourselves by restraining the desires of the flesh. As St Paul says: *"You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all your self-indulgent passions and desires."*

Such is the Cross upon which we Christians must continually hang, since our whole lives are beset by trials and temptations. Not for us, as long as we live, to be rid of those nails we read of in the psalm: *"Pierce my flesh with the nails of your fear."* Flesh means the desires of our lower nature; nails, the demands of God's justice and holiness. With these the fear of the Lord pierces our flesh and fastens us to the Cross as an acceptable sacrifice to him.

In a similar passage the apostle Paul appeals to us by the mercy of God to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. To hang on such a Cross brings no shame to the servants of God; it is something in which they glory, as Saint Paul does when he says: *"Far be it from me to glory in anything except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."* This crucifixion, I repeat, is something that must continue throughout our life, not for forty days only.

It is true that Moses, Elijah, and our Lord himself fasted for forty days; but in Moses, Elijah, and Christ we are meant to see the Law, the Prophets, and the Gospel, and to learn from them not to cling to this present world or imitate its ways, but to nail our unregenerate selves to the Cross. Christians must always live in this way, without any wish to come down from their Cross, otherwise they will sink beneath the world's mire.

But if we have to do so all our lives, we must make an even greater effort during these days of Lent. It is not a simple matter of living through forty days; Lent is the epitome of our whole life.

ONE DAY THROUGH THE ROSARY AND SCAPULAR I WILL SAVE THE WORLD

These are the words said to Saint Dominic by The Blessed Mother over 800 years ago.

Join us on Saturday, February 25 for a Lenten retreat, learning more about this promise and devotion to the Blessed Mother.

SCHEDULE

11:00am | Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:00pm | Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

1:00pm | Talk on Marian Devotion with Father Mark Mary, MFVA

2:00pm | A Dominican approach to The Most Holy Rosary with Sister Marie Juliana, OP

3:00pm | The Brown Scapular with Sister Rita Marie, SSEW

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION **Friday, February 17 – Saturday, February 18**

In order for us to have 24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration, all of the time-slots must be filled to ensure that Our Lord will not be left alone! Please sign up so that we may continue this special devotion to Our Eucharistic Lord!

DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY

DTS is for high schoolers and young adults. Our time starts at 6:00pm in the Martin Hall with a meal followed by a discussion of the Saint and topic for the day. We end with a guided meditation. Hope to see you there!

February 26 | Saint Therese of Lisieux – The Incarnation
March 5 | Saint Juan Diego – Mary, Mother of God
March 19 | Saint Gianna Molla – The Public Ministry of Jesus