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Masses  
 Saturday 5:15 PM  
 Sunday 9:30 AM  
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 Associate

Sunday	February	7	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>9:30 Mass for Rev. Thomas McAnoy;</b> <b>World Peace; Our leaders</b> <b>Ministers: Ann Murphy, Trina Martell</b>
Monday	February	8	<b>St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita</b>
Tuesday	February	9	
Wednesday	February	10	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>12:00 Mass with distribution of ashes</b>
Thursday	February	11	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>
Friday	February	12	
Saturday	February	13	<b>5:15 Mass for names and intentions on the</b> <b>Rosary Prayer List</b>
Sunday	February	14	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>9:30 Mass for Rosary Benefactors; Our</b> <b>Leaders, World Peace</b> <b>Ministers: Jean-Marie Allion, Darlene Oubre</b>

***READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK***

**During Lent we will publish the readings for each day of the week, an invitation for you to get more involved with Sacred Scripture.**

**Mon: 1 Kings 8:1 – 7, 9 – 13; Mark 6: 53- 36**  
**Tues: 1 Kings 8:22 – 23, 27 – 30; Mark 7: 1 – 13**  
**Wed: Joel 2: 12 – 18; 2 Corinthians 5: 20 – 6: 2;**  
**Matthew 6: 1 – 6, 16 – 18**  
**Thurs: Deuteronomy 30: 15 – 20; Luke 9: 22 – 25**  
**Fri: Isaiah 58: 1 – 90a; Matthew 9: 14 – 15**  
**Sat: Isaiah 58: 9b – 14; Luke 5: 27 – 32**  
**Sun: Deuteronomy 26: 4 -10; Romans 10: 8- 13; Luke 4: 1 – 13**

## ***Remember These Friends in Prayer***

Catherine Speirs	Patrick Sieve	Nicole Arvanitis	Kerry Barnes
Margaret Hogan	Lily Norman	Marva Bryant	Jan Christensen
Barnes Family	Ken Jenkins	The Kolmetz Family	Julie, Ron & Marty Morin
Alma Bojanic	Kay and Jim Morhard	Susan Amman	Lauren Reagan
Daniella McClendon	Roger Carlson Family	Miriam Levant	Allison Holley
D.A.K. Jones	Muriel Abrams	Tom W. & Family	Ricardo Patino
Didilus Family	Brenda Lumpkin	Taylor Wright	Fred Kammerer
Marie Therese Lucien	Burma Gilchrist	Cynthia Davis	Barbara Bedolla
Morand Family	Maureen S.	Linda Cummings	Natalie
Heather Lucido	Wimbush Family	Sandy Johnson	SaraWillis
Andrew Philka	Paul H. Mullin	Ann Sadje	Pat Bartkowski
Susanto Suprpto	Rita Bowers	Jane V.	Mary Rayes
Charles Jerry Williams	Ida Bailey	Cindy LaGosh	Mr. Simmons
Jessie Dunn	Ila Gillespie	Nicole Church	Mary Ellen Murphy
Regina Burns	John T. Knox	Mark Tavin	Aileen Rosado
Calvin McFarland	Joseph Daoud	Brian Stump	Jasmine Wright
Reising Family	Cynthia Herron	Jason Morhard	Rosa Lee Vaughn
Bradley Morin	Rebecca Voigt	Leah James	Susan Wahl
Rev. James Meyer	Henrietta Jackson	Alice Brown	Joanie Stanesic
Marjorie Perdue	Harold Meek	Barbara Johnson	Patricia Ennis
Mrs. Zaciek	Grandma K.	Chris & Michael Shea	Carol VerBrugge
Elisa Martinez	Mary Ruskin	Dan Hall	Ernestine Stephens
Barthwell Family	Rhonda Maxine Irwin	Sherley Epps	Margie Pauline
Greg Varano	Vocations	Eliisa Bojanic	Winona Ware
Trotty Family	Ellie Finn Murphy	Orzechowski Family	Pat Roberts
Donna Asmar	Robert Ruffer	Phyliss Gossett	Rachel Lynn
James Teal	Clemencia Carmona	Caitlan Maloney	Gloria Graydon
Sarah W.	Danny Page	Craig Burtch	Jean Baustian
Wade Gilchrist, Jr.	Alice Coleman	Tim Calloway	Mary & Willie Toney
John Carlos Swanson	Myrtha Johnson	Laura Anderson	Lois and Tim Turrin
Carlos Vasquez	Nick Van Heck	Suzanne Welter	Ann Morey Franklin
Lucille Sobocinski	Ray McConnell	Monique Glaspie	The Jackson Family
Owen Patrick Strunk	Clarence Mayes	Honey, Tom & Zachary	Sandy Johnson
Bill Brazier	Tory Murray	The Mullin Family	Debbie Schaefer
Barbara Foley	Bob Delbeke	Mary Martin	Angelina Roberts
Shannon Barnes	Eileen Marie Finn	Matthew Elias	Allan Krupp
Rosa Maria Santos	Luchrisha Drake	Micaela Norman	Eleanor Fuchs\
Gloria Virgo	Sister Georgene Schumacher		

### ***PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST***

Sgt. Muddy Peha Calvin Trotty Tommy Fitzpatrick David Guiroga Matthew Dixon  
Sgt. Brandon & Tiffany Childs George Hurley Family of George Rayes Lance R. Stevens  
Tonya Gray Gary Didilus

## ***OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT***

Our Lady of the Rosary is an open Christian Family, a mixture of unique beings in an inner-city setting. Gifted and guided by the Holy Spirit, called in Faith to prayer, love and concern, this apostolic community searches to creatively use its resources to become inviting, loving, healing and one with the distressed/alienated people of today.

## **LENT**

Lent begins this Wednesday. This is a time of spiritual renewal, spiritual “cleansing” to prepare us better for the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. At Rosary, we have many suggestions for ways you can enhance this period of spiritual growth, above and beyond fasting/ abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

- Start Lent with the noon Mass here on Wednesday with the distribution of ashes
- Look at the list of Scripture readings for the week on the first page of today’s bulletin and spend a few minutes reading and praying with the Bible.
- Our Bible study group will meet every Monday during Lent at 7 PM in the Parish House. This week, the texts to be read and discussed are: Deuteronomy 30: 15 – 20 and Luke 9: 22 – 25.
- The black Lenten books from the Diocese of Saginaw are available. Use them to help focus on the real transformation that Lent calls us to. One page relates historical information, quotes, biographical facts, etc. The other page has a short passage from the Gospel for the day—just long enough to lead you into thoughts and prayer.
- Again we are making available the Rice Bowl folders from Catholic Relief Services. With so many people in the world suffering from wars, immigration, disease, etc. our “pocket change” daily added to the Rice Bowl folder can help make a difference.
- Why not drop by our neighbors at St. Moses the Black Saturday morning for their Lenten speaker followed by soup? 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- Looking forward, we will have our Stations and Soup on Wed. Feb. 24 and Wed. March 9
- The Father Solanus Guild at the Capuchin Monastery is having a Lenten Day of Reflection, Thursday March 17, 9 AM – 3 PM. The featured speaker is Fr. John Celichowski who helped out here during our “transition.” Watch for details.

## **OUR ANNUAL PARTY**

Our annual party for residents of area adult foster care homes, and for many of our transient neighborhood friends, is next Sunday, February 14, noon – 2:30 PM. Everything is just about set—Rosary members have been hard at work for weeks. Now, we need YOU! Plan on being here to help set up tables, serve food, greet guests, etc. Bring friends and family members to help. But, especially, BE HERE to welcome guests to our house and to share the fun.

## **PARISH SPIRIT AWARD**



**This year's Parish Spirit Award from Rosary goes to Anderson (Andy) Tilson. Andy has been a part of Rosary all his life. He is prominent each Sunday playing his guitar with our musicians. He has assisted with many projects—packing food baskets, delivering baskets, helping with our parties and celebrations. The awards for all parishes will be given out on Wednesday, March 2 at Sacred Heart Church, 6:30 PM. Please plan to be there to celebrate with Andy.**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

**Last week we went over the purpose of a Parish Council and some information about the structure. At Rosary, our practice is to have a Parish Council of ten elected members. Members are prayerful and aware of God's presence in our lives, and who possess the ability to relate to people from varied social, economic and ethnic backgrounds. Each member will be an active part of one of the standing commissions—Worship, Education & Formation, Christian Service and Stewardship—and will serve as an important link between the Commission and the Parish Council. The nomination process will start soon. This is not a popularity contest, but an attempt to select men and women who are willing to share their time and talent to help make Rosary a Christ-centered parish. Spend some time on Ash Wednesday thinking about Rosary members who share your vision for our parish and who might be effective Parish Council members. (More next week!)**

## **KEEP IN PRAYER**

Our friend Barbara Bedolla fell recently and broke bones in her foot. She's at the Evergreen Rehab Center in Southfield. Let's keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

## **FINANCES**

Last weekend's Offertory collection totaled \$1,937. 61 envelopes were used. The statements of Offertory contributions for 2015 are being distributed. Take a look at your statement. Are there many "gaps" between your donations? Should you be thinking about ways to make your donations more regular? We depend on a steady flow of regular donations to fund our parish.

## **CHECK THIS OUT!**

The scholarship fund that was established after Father Morand's death is doing its job! Students have received scholarship to Catholic High Schools in Detroit—U of D Jesuit, Cristo Rey and Loyola. There is a new web site to update all of us on what is happening: [www.morandscholarship.org](http://www.morandscholarship.org).

## **ROSARY BENEFACTORS**

The intentions for the Mass on the second Sunday of each month includes "Rosary Benefactors." Who are these people? They are anonymous friends of Rosary who do not attend Mass here, but who support our mission and show this by monthly donations, of any size. The number of these benefactors has slowly grown. Thanks, Rosary Benefactors!

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Charlotte White	Sunday
Montel Roberts	Monday
Mary Blaney	Tuesday
Brenda West	Wednesday
Antwon Hayes, Jr.	Wednesday
Daryl Smith	Thursday
Darlene Oubre	Friday
Charlotte Kolmetz	Saturday

## **FATHER GREG'S GRAB-BAG**

It seems like only last week that we were celebrating the Christmas season!! Well.....I have news for you---Ash Wednesday, the start of the Lenten season, is only 3 days away! Lent is a time to calmly put your affairs in order.

Lent is the 40 day period in the Church year that is set aside for spiritual preparation for Easter. As a young boy, Lent always intrigued me; perhaps it was the ashes on Ash Wednesday and the palms on Palm Sunday. The one thing that always stood out about Lent, at least to me, was the “giving up” part—what sort of Penance was I going to do for Lent. The funny thing is that as I got older, my mind-set changed from “giving up” to “doing extra”.

I really believe that we grow closer to God during Lent. It is a time of self-examination, sort of a time we look inwardly at ourselves. The Penance that we take on should not be “dreaded”; instead, it should be welcomed. There are so many different ways to draw into a deeper relationship with the Lord: Fast an extra day or two each week and donate that money to a worthy organization; examine your life for wasteful habits, then start to change them; abstain from material excesses in any way you can. Of course, there is the religious side to Lent: maybe attend Stations of the Cross during Lent or pray the Rosary each week.

I pray for all of us during Lent that we may be deepened in our spiritual journey. Our ultimate goal during Lent should be to follow Christ, for through Him we receive Salvation. Lord, bless US as we pick up OUR cross and follow you. Amen. Have a Prayerful Lent!

Father Greg

And now for my joke for the week:

My doctor took one look at my gut, and refused to believe that I work out. So I listed the exercises I do every day:

Jump to conclusions, climb the walls, drag my heels, push my luck, make mountains out of molehills, bend over backward, run around in circles, put my foot in my mouth, go over the edge, and beat around the bush .