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Masses  
 Saturday 5:15 PM  
 Sunday 9:30 AM  
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b> <b>9:30 Mass for Rosary Benefactors; World Peace; Our leaders</b> <b>Ministers: Jean-Marie Allion, Darlene Oubre</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>The 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5:15 Mass for names and intentions on the Rosary Prayer List</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> <b>9:30 Mass for Marian and Howard Shirkey, requested by their family; Our Leaders, World Peace</b> <b>Ministers: Brenda West, Lana Douglas-Hardin</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: Leviticus 4: 1-13; Matthew 25: 31 – 46**  
**Tues: Isaiah 55: 10 – 11; Matthew 6: 7 – 15**  
**Wed: Jonah 3: 1 – 10; Luke 11: 29 - 32**  
**Thurs: Esther C: 12, 14 – 16, 23 – 25 ; Matthew 7: 7 - 12**  
**Fri: Ezra 18: 21 – 18; Matthew 5: 20 - 26**  
**Sat: Deuteronomy 26: 16 – 19; Matthew 5: 43 – 48**  
**Sun: Genesis 15: 5 – 12; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 9:28b - 36**

## **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**

In line with Fr. JJ's message, here are a few things we at Rosary can do to make our Lent more meaningful:

- **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.**
- **During Lent, as way of walking more closely with the Word, our Bible Group is meeting every Monday. Our next encounter will be on February 15 at 7:00 PM in the Parish House. The texts we will be sharing are: Jonah 3: 1- 10, and Luke 11: 29 – 32.**
- **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? This Saturday, Feb. 20, there will be a "traditional Bible presentation." Scriptures begin at 10:30, followed by a presentation 11 AM – noon. Lunch will follow.**
- **Looking forward, we will have our Stations and Soup here on Wed. Feb. 24 and Wed. March 9 at 6:30 PM.**
- **A "new adventure,"—but really a return to an old tradition. Fr. Morand used to have a Day of Prayer at the Seminary, which was quite popular. Also, we traditionally had reconciliation during Lent. This year, there will be a "Mercy Retreat" involving Rosary, Blessed Sacrament and St. Moses the Black, Saturday March 12, 9 AM to noon. We will gather at the Cathedral at 8 AM for Mass. At 9 AM we will be able to participate in the Holy Door Pilgrimage—a special event, this year only. There will be a procession with the Eucharist, followed by time for prayer and confessions. Benediction will conclude the retreat. There will be lunch for all participants. Can you give up four hours on a Saturday morning? This retreat is limited to 125 persons. Sign up today.**

## ***PARISH COUNCIL—TIME FOR ACTION!***

We have spent two weeks reminding everyone about the form and function of the Parish Council, how it, along with the Finance Committee, assist the Pastor with decisions and plans for the parish. You were invited to think of parishioners who, in your mind, possess the skills a successful parish council member should have: willingness to work with and listen to others, a prayerful approach to parish development, vision and dreams for Rosary. This week, and next, we will be accepting nominations for the Council. This is NOT the actual election of members. This is a process to gather names to be considered for the election process. Nomination forms will be distributed at Mass. People nominated must be members of Rosary. All those nominated will be contacted to see if they want to be placed on the ballot. Take a nomination form today. Pray. Look around the church. List those you feel would be effective Parish Council members. Nomination forms will be collected today and next Sunday.

## ***FINANCES***

Last weekend's Offertory collection totaled \$2,215. 56 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.

## ***REMEMBER IN PRAYER***

We received word that Barbara Grissom died a few weeks ago. Barbara was a member of St. Theresa, then Martyrs of Uganda, then Rosary, and ultimately Sacred Heart. All the while she kept contact with all her Rosary friends. She assisted with our retreat program. Let's keep Barbara in our prayers.

## ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

Maxine Barthwell	Sunday
Corinne Bojanic	Monday
Olivia Martell	Tuesday
Jim Grogan	Wednesday
Raymon Crite	Friday

## *Tottings from Fr. J. J.*

**SET SOME GOOD GOALS:** Every Ash Wednesday, we often put the same old Lenten practices to the test. We attempt to eliminate some nonessential elements from our life for forty days. We begrudgingly avoid bacon and cheeseburgers on Fridays. We boast about our loyalty to fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We seem to easily rise to the challenge of sacrifice during Lent. However, our main problem lies in the fact that our sacrifice is often misguided. Lent requires a redefinition of the word "sacrifice." We assume that the word "sacrifice" means giving something away or denying ourselves of something. Lent should raise our awareness of the things we take for granted. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ makes us realize that what we possess is even more powerful than what we are giving away. In this year of Mercy, we should remember that the abundant nature of God's love outweighs sin, selfishness and even death.

It isn't enough for us to slide through Lent just observing the fast and abstinence laws or giving up chocolate. We should all undertake the Lenten process, an inward cleansing and purification, for oneself and the family. The process needs to be planned and organized, i.e. set SMART goals. SMART is an acronym meaning that our goals are: S – Specific, M– Measurable, A– Achievable, R– Realistic and/or Relevant & T – Time based. Try asking the question: What shall I and my family do this year for Lent? Goals and activities should be realistic and reasonable, and parents should make sure that their children know why these practices are being adopted, rather than merely forcing them upon them.

After deciding our goals, both individual and family's, we need to arrange our schedules, plan the different events and adjustments to our life to put these resolutions into practice. Our daily life doesn't stop just because Lent is here. The challenge is to observe the spirit of Lent and perform the works of Lent while living in a secular culture. We need to remain in the world but not become a product of it. It may be helpful to read Pope Francis's Message for Lent 2016 for inspiration. This year's theme is "He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor 8:9).

There are three principal works for Lent, as taught to us by Christ: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. More categories from Catholic tradition can be added, such as Good Works, Education, and Self-Denial. All are linked to each other. It is through prayer though that we know Christ and more clearly understand His Will for us. Through our prayers we open ourselves to charity, generosity towards others and self-denial to ourselves.(continued)

**1. Prayers: "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God" (St. John Damascene). In prayer we communicate with God and work on our relationship with God. There are many forms of prayer that we can practice: Daily Mass is amazing, but if this is not possible, read over the readings from the Mass as a family. Reception of the sacrament of Penance is transformative. Attend the Stations of the Cross in our parish. Included in our "Prayer" category we can add our "education and reading". We all need spiritual enlightenment and we can find this through spiritual reading, both individually and as a family.**

**2. Fasting and Abstaining: We can fulfill the minimum requirements of the Church for fasting and abstinence, but there are other forms of abstaining and fasting. We should remember that when we do "give up" something, it should be completely, not saved for later. The money we save from not buying a cup of coffee should be given as a donation to charity. The time we don't watch TV should be spent doing spiritual reading, or family time. How about these?: Refrain from complaining, gossiping, grumbling or losing one's temper. Reduce or eliminate time surfing the Internet or playing video games and so something more productive. Abstain from favorite drinks, desserts or foods to be healthier. Give up smoking, caffeine, beer and/or liquor. Eat less at meals, or eat fewer snacks between meals. Try doing all this without complaining.**

**3. Almsgiving and Good Works: In the opening Gospel of Lent on Ash Wednesday, Matthew 6:1-6; 16-18, we are told to pray, fast and give alms. Almsgiving is not a thing of the past, but still a necessity in becoming saints. Almsgiving is also tied closely with fasting. Whatever we give up, the money we save should go to the needy. It should be given away to the missions, the Church or a worthy charity. In a family with small children it helps to make this a visual practice by, for example, having a jar or box in the center of the table as a reminder and measure of progress. Under this category we also include good works. It is also considered "almsgiving" to give one's time and goods to those who are in need, i.e., donating time at the parish, giving clothes to charity, visiting the shut-ins and elderly, driving those without transportation and other similar practices.**

**Blessings on your journey!**

**God Bless,**

*Fr. J.J.*