

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 23 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish;
Readings: Micah 7:14-15, 18-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 24 – 10:30am Mass; **Third Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intention for Jim and Helen Gangloff;
Readings: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12;
Luke 13:1-9

Monday, March 25 – No Service. **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**; Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10;
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, March 26 – No Service

Readings: Deuteronomy 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 27 – No Service

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 28 – 7:00pm Mass;

Mass Intention for Francis Massarella
Readings: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 29 – No Service; **7:00pm Way of the Cross**

Readings: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 30 – 6:00pm Mass;

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish;
Readings: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 31 – 10:30am Mass;

Mass Intention for Jim and Thomas Strassell;
Readings: Joshua 5:9, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 24

Lectors – Jon T., Theo

Distributors – Laura, Claudette, Eulalia, Amanda V., Michael

Servers – Irving, Patience, Benediction

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 31

Lectors – John H., Spes

Distributors – Myles, Simeon, Hilda, Juan B., Shirley

Servers – Henry, Laniece, Theresa

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PRAY FOR OUR PARISH PARTNERS

In deepest gratitude for their most generous contributions of time, talent and treasure to St. Leo's, this week please keep in prayer Price Hill Will.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Please keep in your prayers all those listed in our Parish Petition/Special Prayer Books. Please call the Parish Office if you are hospitalized and wish to be visited. Hospitals no longer share that information.

VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is kind and merciful, and calls us to proclaim his name.

LET US PRAY

Jesus, help me to dispose my heart to be "good soil," by listening, receiving and living out your Word, and thus bearing fruit. Unite me to yourself through prayer, sacred Scripture, the Eucharist and the sacraments so there will grow in me the joy of cooperating with you in the service of the kingdom of mercy and truth, of justice and peace.

Important Dates to Remember

- March 24** Middle School Youth Field Trip
- March 29-30** High School Retreat
- Fridays of Lent** Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm

Bulletin information is always welcome! Articles must be in the office by 10am the Monday prior to publication, provided there is still Room. Please call Casey at 921-1044X30 or email to cbetzstleo@aol.com

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Third Sunday in Lent – March 24, 2019

From Fr. Jim . . .

One of our responsibilities on the Lenten journey is to walk with the catechumens and candidates in this time of preparation in order to receive the Easter Sacraments. We have one adult who has been baptized Christian (candidate) in another faith and who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year and we have one adult (catechumen) who will be fully initiated into the Catholic faith with Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

We want to show our prayer support for them and for all the catechumens and candidates in our partner parishes who will be baptized or received into full communion with the church at the Easter Vigil this year. Their names are already included in our prayer wall and in our book of intentions. We have also sent them each a personal letter offering them our continued prayers and support and encouragement in this time of purification and enlightenment.

On the Third Sunday of Lent, the catechumens or the Elect, as they are now called, celebrate the First Scrutiny. Whenever the Rite of Scrutiny is celebrated, the Cycle A readings can be used. We are currently in Cycle C. The Cycle A reading for the First Scrutiny is the Woman at the Well. The Elect examine their lives under the lamp of this Gospel for a deeper purification of their call and a deeper awareness and enlightenment of the Faith they are receiving. The woman at the well invites them to conversion and to accept the Lord, Jesus Christ as living water for their lives. It also provides understanding for the Sacrament of Baptism that they want to receive and the life they are being called to live. We pray for them so that they can know the Lord as well as the Samaritan Woman and that they will allow the Lord to know them as fully and deeply as possible. We are not celebrating the Rite of Scrutiny with our catechumen here at St. Leo but as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter and to support and walk with those who are celebrating The Rite of Scrutiny, we examine our lives with the Cycle C Readings.

In the Cycle C Readings, in the gospel, Jesus tells the story about the fig tree that produced no fruit and the gardener was told to cut it down, but the gardener asked to give the tree one more year to produce fruit. During that year the gardener would cultivate the ground and fertilize the tree and then if the tree didn't produce, it could be cut down. As we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter, we examine our lives in light of this Gospel. Are prayer, fasting and almsgiving like fertilizer that cultivates your faith and helps you to produce fruit for the Lord? If so, what fruit is being produced with the Lenten disciplines you have chosen? Do you need a second chance at something? Do you know of anyone who does?

Parishioners Preparing for the Sacraments: In addition to our catechumen and candidate, we have over forty adults and children who have already been baptized Catholic and are preparing to receive Confirmation on May 5 at the cathedral with the Bishop and with members from other parishes in our Deanery. Please keep them in prayer. We pray for any of our parishioner children who are in Catholic schools, preparing for first Eucharist or Confirmation this year, also.

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Confirmation Meeting: April 7



YOUTH PROGRAM

March 29-30 High School Retreat
April 14 Meeting



Stations of the Cross:

7:00pm, all Fridays during Lent,
except Good Friday.

Santa Maria Community Services **Spring Health Fair, Sat., Apr. 13th 12-3PM, Price Hill Recreation Center, 959 Hawthorne Avenue, Free Health Screenings!** A1C, Blood Pressure, BMI, Cholesterol, Dental, Depression, Glucose, Hearing, Pregnancy tests, Prostate cancer, STI, Vision and More. Food! Prizes! Family Friendly. For more info or to schedule a mammogram call 513-557-7249.

LENTEN REMINDERS – FAST AND ABSTINENCE Ash Wednesday, March 6 and Good Friday, April 19, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97, 1252). "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind." (Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110)

With regard to the obligatory days listed above, however, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. To paraphrase Pope John Paul II: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

Love to play bingo? If so, St. Clement Parish/School invites you to attend their next Super Bingo scheduled for Saturday, March 30th. There will be \$6,000 in total bingo pay-out along with thousands more given away in instants, split-the-pot, raffles, and door prizes. Cafeteria doors open at 10:00 a.m. and games begin at 1 p.m. Location: 4534 Vine Street, St. Bernard. All profits to benefit the students. Hope to see you there!

*"In imitation of our
Master, we Christians are
called to confront the
poverty of our brothers
and sisters, to touch it, to
make it our own and to
take practical steps to
alleviate it."*

Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2014.

