

2024 Lenten Daily Devotional



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ASH WEDNESDAY

Gospel Reading: Mt 6:1-6, 16-18



“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.” (Mt 6:5-6)

As Lent begins, ask for God’s special guidance in your practice of prayer, fasting, and good works throughout the Lenten season.

February 15, 2024

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Gospel Reading: Lk 9:22-25



“If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.” (Lk 9:23-24)

Try to meditate on the daily Gospel readings or attend weekday Mass more often during Lent.

February 16, 2024

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Gospel Reading: Mt 9:14-15

“The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.” (Mt 9:15)



Observe the traditional fast today and consider abstaining from a favorite activity, as a small act of love for Our Lord.

February 17, 2024

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Gospel Reading: Lk 5:27-32

“I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners.” (Lk 5:32)



Seek God’s tender love and mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten season.

February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Gospel Reading: Mk 1:12-15



“The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.” (Mk 1:12)

Ask Jesus for an increase in strength and perseverance in resisting temptation, and in following God’s will for you.

February 19, 2024

Monday of the First Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Mt 25:31-46



“Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.” (Mt 25:40b)

Perform a small act of kindness for a stranger today to proclaim God’s greatness.

February 20, 2024

Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Mt 6:7-15

“If you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you.” (Mt 6:14)



Offer a prayer of your choosing on behalf of someone who has caused you pain, and strive to let go of persistent grudges.

February 21, 2024

Wednesday of the First Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Lk 11:29-32

“This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah. Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.” (Lk 11:29-30)



Abstain from a favorite food or activity today as a sign of your following the “Son of Man.”

February 22, 2024

**Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter,
Apostle**



Gospel Reading: Mt 16:13-19

“Simon Peter said in reply, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus said to him in reply, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.’” (Mt 16:16-17)

**Ask the Lord for courage so that, like Saint Peter, you may
proclaim the truth of Jesus and His Gospel to others.**

February 23, 2024

Friday of the First Week of Lent



Gospel Reading: Mt 5:20-26

“... go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” (Mt 5:24)

**If you need to ask someone for forgiveness,
consider doing so today.**

February 24, 2024

Saturday of the First Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Mt 5:43-48

“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you...’” (Mt 5:43-44)



Strive to imitate the love of God the Father, Who is full of compassion and forgiveness, by praying for those who have caused you pain or sorrow.

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

Gospel Reading: Mk 9:2-10

“Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, ‘This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.’” (Mk 9:7)



Make extra time before Mass today to read from the Gospels and prayerfully meditate on God’s Word.

February 26, 2024

Monday of the Second Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Lk 6:36-38



“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.’” (Lk 6:36-37)

Say the *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy*, or a prayer of your choosing, asking God to increase within you His mercy and compassion for others.

February 27, 2024

Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Mt 23:1-12



“Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven.” (Mt 23:9)

**Perform a charitable act of mercy or kindness today
in God’s holy name.**

February 28, 2024

Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Mt 20:17-28



“...whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
(Mt 20:26-28)

Say the *Memorare*, or a prayer of your choosing, for those who are poor, those who suffer, and those who are most in need of God’s mercy.

February 29, 2024

Thursday of the Second Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Lk 16:19-31



“Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’” (Lk 16:31)

Pray *Come, Holy Spirit*, or a prayer of your choosing, asking the Holy Spirit for an increase in wisdom and understanding.

March 1, 2024

Friday of the Second Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

*“Did you never read in the scriptures:
The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been
done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?”
(Mt 21:42)*



**Make an act of faith in Jesus Christ, the cornerstone,
and consider praying the *Nicene* or *Apostles’ Creed*.**

March 2, 2024

Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

*“But now we must celebrate and rejoice,
because your brother was dead and has come to
life again; he was lost and has been found.”
(Lk 15:24)*



**Petition Our Lady for the courage to surrender doubt,
and place your trust in God’s Providence in your life.**

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 2:13-25

*“Jesus answered and said to them,
‘Destroy this temple and in three days I will
raise it up.’” (Jn 2:19)*



Pause frequently throughout the day to offer prayers of thanksgiving to God in gratitude for His Love and the many blessings He has bestowed upon you.

March 4, 2024

Monday of the Third Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Lk 4:24-30

*“Amen, I say to you, no prophet is
accepted in his own native place.” (Lk: 4:24)*



**Pray a prayer of your choosing,
asking the Holy Spirit for an increase in hope and
trust in God’s infinite mercy and grace.**

March 5, 2024

Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent



Gospel Reading: Mt 18:21-35

“Peter approached Jesus and asked him, ‘Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.’” (Mt 18:21-22)

In reparation for past sins, pray the *Act of Contrition* today, focusing special attention on the meaning of the words.

March 6, 2024

Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent



Gospel Reading: Mt 5:17-19

“But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt 5:19)

Consider each of the Ten Commandments and make a firm amendment to change a habit in your life that leads you to sin.

March 7, 2024

Thursday of the Third Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Lk 11:14-23

*“Whoever is not with me is against me,
and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”*
(Lk 11:23)



**Consider making an anonymous donation of clothes or food to
your local parish church or shelter for those in need.**

March 8, 2024

Friday of the Third Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Mk 12:28-34

*“...Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord
alone! ‘You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart, with all your soul, with all
your mind, and with all your strength.’ The
second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as
yourself.’”* (Mk 12:29-31)



**Ask Our Lady to give you a heart like hers
to love God above all things.**

March 9, 2024

Saturday of the Third Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Lk 18:9-14

*“...everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be
exalted.” (Lk 18:14)*



**Recognize with humility that God is our Creator, and
give glory to Him by praying a *Glory Be*.**

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 3:14-21

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his
only Son, so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish but might have eternal life.”
(Jn 3:16)*



**Ask the Lord to grant you the graces you
need to inherit Eternal Life.**

March 11, 2024

Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 4:43-54

“The father realized that just at that time Jesus had said to him, ‘Your son will live,’ and he and his whole household came to believe.” (Jn 4:53)



Offer a prayer for the deceased and their loved ones who mourn their loss.

March 12, 2024

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 5:1-16

“The sick man answered him, ‘Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Rise, take up your mat, and walk.’” (Jn 5:7-8)



Call or pay a visit to a sick or elderly friend or family member to share the joy of the Gospel.

March 13, 2024

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 5:17-30

“Jesus answered the Jews, ‘My Father is at work until now, so I am at work.’ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the sabbath but he also called God his own father, making himself equal to God”
(Jn 5:17-18)



**Pray for those who oppose the message of the Gospel
and seek to silence the voice of God.**

March 14, 2024

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 5:31-47

“The works that the Father gave me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.” (Jn 5:36)



**Take time to prayerfully meditate on the
*Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.***

March 15, 2024

Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

*“... I know him, because I am from him,
and he sent me.” (Jn 7:29)*



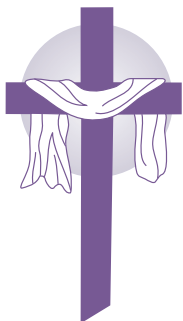
**Remember that all good comes from the Lord,
and give thanks to Him for those blessings.**

March 16, 2024

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 7:40-53

*“Nicodemus, one of their members who had
come to [Jesus] earlier, said to them,
‘Does our law condemn a man before it first
hears him and finds out what he is doing?’”
(Jn: 7:50-51)*



**Reflect on times you may have misjudged
the people around you and make a firm commitment to
avoid judging others harshly.**

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 12:20-33

*“Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and
dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it
dies, it produces much fruit.”*

(Jn 12:24)



**Pray the *Our Father* while meditating
on the gift of eternal life.**

March 18, 2024

Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 8:1-11

*“Then Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on do not sin any more.’”*

(Jn 8:11)



**Give thanks to the Lord for the forgiveness of your sins and
resolve to avoid occasions of sin.**

March 19, 2024

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH
HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**

Gospel Reading: Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” (Mt 1:20b-21)

Reflect on the trials endured by the guardian and earthly father of Jesus, asking Saint Joseph to teach you obedience and trust.

March 20, 2024

Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 8:31-42

“If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (Jn 8:31b-32)

Meditate on the *Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary* and ask God to help you prepare your heart for the celebration of the Death and Resurrection of His Son.

March 21, 2024

Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 8:51-59

“Jesus said to the Jews:

‘Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.’” (Jn: 8:51)



**Pray to adhere to God’s Word more faithfully
in your own life.**

March 22, 2024

Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 10:31-42

“Jesus answered them, ‘I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to stone me?’” (Jn 10:32)



**Pray or meditate on the *Stations of the Cross*,
and ask Jesus to teach you how to humbly
accept the crosses you bear.**

March 23, 2024

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading: Jn 11:45-56

“So the chiefs priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, ‘What are we going to do? This man is performing many signs.’” (Jn 11:47)



Make extra time today to quietly contemplate a passage from Sacred Scripture, and pray for an increase of faith, hope, and charity.

March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Gospel Reading: Mk 14:1-15:47

“The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days’ time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death.” (Mk 14:1)



Pray for the Holy Father and all religious brothers and priests, that they may remain faithful to their ministry.

March 25, 2024

Monday of Holy Week

Gospel Reading: Jn 12:1-11



“Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.” (Jn 12:3)

Consider the way in which Mary humbled herself before Jesus and ask God to inspire within you the virtue of true humility.

March 26, 2024

Tuesday of Holy Week

Gospel Reading: Jn 13:21-33, 36-38



“‘Master, who is it?’ Jesus answered, ‘It is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped it.’ So, he dipped the morsel and took it and handed it to Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot. After Judas took the morsel, Satan entered him.” (Jn 13: 25-27)

Provide kind words of encouragement to a friend or loved one who is experiencing a crisis in faith.

March 27, 2024

Wednesday of Holy Week

Gospel Reading: Mt 26:14-25



“One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, ‘What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?’ They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.” (Mt 26:14-16)

Pray for a true conversion of heart, so that you might turn permanently away from all that separates you from the love of God.

March 28, 2024

**Holy Thursday
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper**

Gospel Reading: Jn 13:1-15



“Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master,’ and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.” (Jn 13:12-15)

Spend time in church or in a quiet place, praying with Our Lord, and keeping Him company in the Garden of Gethsemane while He awaits the suffering He is to endure.

March 29, 2024

**Good Friday of the
Passion of the Lord**

Gospel Reading: Jn 18:1 — 19:42

“When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’ And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.” (Jn 19:30)



If you are able, attend a Good Friday service today, or offer an additional act of penance.

March 30, 2024

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil

Gospel Reading: Mk 16:1-7

“He said to them, ‘Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him.’” (Mk 16:6)



Abstain from frivolous activities and make an effort to focus your thoughts throughout the day on the death of Jesus for your Salvation.

March 31, 2024

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Gospel Reading: Jn 20:1-9

*“Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead.”
(Jn 20:8-9)*

**Celebrate the glory of the Resurrection and share
the joyful news of the Risen Christ!**



***Alleluia!
Happy Easter!***

2024 CALENDAR

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