

SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The Scourging at the Pillar



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.

Manhattan, Illinois 60442

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

Feb. 28	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Noreen McAndrew req. by Marilyn Cieply Parish Family of St. Patrick
March 4	5:30pm	COMMUNION SERVICE.
March 6	6:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
March 7	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Patricia Quigley req. by Joyce Gregory Parish Family of St. Patrick
March 11	5:30pm	COMMUNION SERVICE
March 13	6:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
March 14	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Elanor Price req. by Ken & Cindy Wmith Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Feb. 28 - 5:45pm	Sherrie Ashley	C. Smith
March 1 - 5:45pm	Amy Pfeifer	P. Engler
March 14 - 5:45pm	Mark May	L. Cakora

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending

STATIONS OF THE
CROSS - 6:00PM
MARCH 6
LEADER:
DON NUGENT

Scripture Readings
For the Week of March 1, 2026

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Third Sunday of Lent Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Please Remember our sick;

especially: Greg Harnois, Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara Schriver, Leslie Lund, Joe & Carol Price, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken Smith, Laura 'Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard. Joe Hanson

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE A LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST.



During the Month of
Our Blessed Mother Candle
Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
2/22/2026

Sunday - \$1,957.00

Maintenance - \$150.00

Central & Eastern Europe - \$60.00

Central & Eastern Europe - \$10.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54

Thank you for your faith filled support.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR
MARCH

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.





**ST. PATRICK DAY
TUESDAY, MARCH 17
MASS WILL BE
CELEBRATED AT 5:00PM**



EASTER FLOWERS

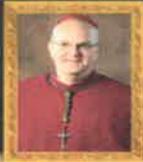
If you would like to honor a special person or make a donation in memory of a loved one please use the donation envelopes that are in the vestibule and returned by March 22 to be included in the Easter bulletin. Thank You



 **SUNDAY**
MARCH 1, 2026
Disabilities Mass

**OUR LADY OF
MERCY CHURCH
701 S. POLA RD.
AURORA, IL**

Reception to Follow


*Most Reverend
Dennis L. Spies*



*Scan to
Register!*

Second Sunday of Lent TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Olive oil looms large in the vocabulary of baptism. There are other oils in the pantry closet, from grapeseed to safflower to canola, but only olives yield the proper meanings. Olives don't just happen; they are cultivated, nurtured, pruned, and fussed over; they are a sign of human and divine cooperation. Olives can thrive in poor soil, but they cannot survive without human ingenuity, planting shoots and pruning branches. They can't be popped from a tree and munched like apples: they are inedible without long curing; neither do they yield their oil to hand pressure alone, but only to huge stone mills. Abundant patience is needed as sediment sinks to the bottom of storage barrels and pure oil rises to the surface.

Olive oil is a byproduct of peace: war keeps harvesters, planters, and pruners within city walls and turns millers into soldiers. To obtain oil from olives you need vast measures of hope, patience, faith, and ingenuity. Olive oil is a sign of God's bounty and the way we human beings collaborate with God to bring about impossibly wonderful results. It is creation at its finest. Some people give chocolate eggs for Easter; perhaps olive oil is a more appropriate gift!

—Rev. James Field

**COMMUNION SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED DURING LENT
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30PM**

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish goal of \$10,500. Every gift makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are still available in church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org

Remember, we receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

Listen to Him

Today's readings are pretty straightforward. Abraham is called by God, and he goes as the Lord directs him. The psalmist waits on God to watch over him and deliver him. Paul instructs Timothy to bear his share of hardship for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus is transfigured before the three Apostles, and the Father tells them to listen to Him. In each of these readings, God calls, and invites them to respond.

God calls, we respond - a very simple formula, but there is a deceptiveness to it. In each of these cases, it is a demanding call. Abraham is called to leave the land of his kinsfolk and go to a foreign land, one that he knows nothing about except that God will show it to him. When? He doesn't know. The psalmist prays to be delivered from death and to be shielded, implying that his situation is urgent. Paul's call implies that Timothy will undergo trials. And Jesus' Apostles will soon discover exactly what "listening to Him" means in their particular cases.

The act is simple, but the implications are complex. And this is the case for all of us. When God calls, we are invited to respond: "Yes," "Whatever the Lord wills, I will do," or "Speak, O Lord; Your servant is listening." But the consequences will echo for the rest of our lives, in ways seen and unseen. Abraham's acceptance of the call meant the birth of the Jewish people and, ultimately, the Messiah. The psalmist's response led to a lifetime of trust in and favor from God. Timothy's response led to a successful bishopric and a race ran well. The three Apostles' responses led to their far-reaching evangelical efforts and their martyrdom.

This can seem daunting, so the examples in today's readings help to calm us. Ultimately, it is good to know what their listening and following was founded on: unconditional trust in God. It is not always advisable to accept whatever someone proposes to us, but these men knew that God is not like others. He always knows what is best for us. Sometimes we may not understand His actions, but they are always trustworthy.

The readings remind us of the importance and the practical benefit of being docile to the will of God. When we know that God is calling us to something, when we are confident that the invitation comes from Him, the only sensible choice is to move forward. Just like Abraham did, as soon as we hear the call, may we pack up and be on our way.

By David Dashiell