

THE RECTOR'S REFLECTION

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
Behold, as the eyes of servants
Look to the hand of their master,
As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
Till he have mercy upon us.
Psalm 122/123: 1-2

The two verses above make up the tract for the Third Sunday of Lent. The psalm only contains an additional two verses, so this is most of it. On a recent podcast about the Sunday readings at Mass entitled, *Sunday School*, Dr. Scott Powell observed a difference between how many of us conceive God in thought and how writers of people of Israel understood God.

He instructed the others on the podcast to fill in the blank: "God is _____." The responses, as he anticipated, were more abstract. God is love, invisible, omnipresent, merciful, and so on. In contrast, we find in the Old Testament, the psalms for example, very concrete images of God. God is a rock, a fortress, a shepherd, and so on. While not quite using concrete language about God in this instance, the psalmist adopts a simile to describe our attitude toward the Lord God and our relationship.

We are servants or maids. The Lord God is a master or mistress. Even if the Lord God be enthroned in the heavens, we still look to him, with the attentiveness of one as the service of another. The servant's gaze at the hand of the master is unbroken, awaiting the slightest motion to address his need, as is the maid on her lady's. They are there to serve, but another reason that they stare in focused manner upon the master and mistress is that they possess the ability to aid the servant and mistress. By a simple gesture, they can dismiss them for the evening, instruct them to sit down, or give a gift of appreciation. And thus we look resolutely to the "hand" of the one enthroned in

heaven "till he have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us" (vs. 2b-3a).

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, March 7 – St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 AM – Holy Mass (1962) – Mass will be sung followed by First Saturday devotions

Thursday, March 12

7:15 PM – Dante Reading Group (Canto 15) – Note that the meeting will start later than usual.

Friday, March 13

4:45–5:45 PM – Adoration

5:15–5:45 PM – Confessions

6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross followed by soup and bread in Pryor-Hubbard Hall

Sunday, March 15

2:00-5:00PM – St. Patrick's Day Dinner (see flyer and website)

Thursday, March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph

8:30 AM – NO MORNING MASS

There will be an evening Sung Latin Mass for the feast at either 6 PM or 7 PM. Time is still being determined.

Friday, March 20

8:30 AM – NO MORNING MASS

OFFERTORY

- **March 1 & 2**

- **Sunday Offertory** **\$1,851.00**
- **Second Collection** **\$754.00**
- **Online Giving** **\$508.36**
- **Total** **\$3,113.36**

MASS INTENTIONS

March 7 – March 15

Saturday, March 7

8:30 AM – Int. of Patricia Taylor

4:00 PM – Int. of Santiago and Daniel Calderon

Sunday, March 8

9:00 AM – Int. of Brian Piekarski

10:30 AM – Mary Ann Murtha +

12:00 PM – Victor Luis Quispe +

Tuesday, March 10

8:30 AM – Int. of Jennifer Piekarski

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 PM – Enrollees of the Society of St. Margaret of Cortona

Thursday, March 12

8:30 AM – Lucielle LaPastina +

Friday, March 13

8:30 AM – Int. of Karja Ferreira

Saturday, March 14

8:30 AM – Mary W. Fox +

4:00 PM – Josephine Nazareth +

Sunday, March 15

9:00 AM – Int. of Elizabeth Piekarski

10:30 AM – Donna Knoche +

12:00 PM – Mary W. Fox +

PRAYER INTENTIONS - Each week in the Oratory Bulletin we include the names of those who need our particular prayers. Please contact the office if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

Kathy Romano, Joe and Lucille Faugno, Anna DeLuca, Susan Brown, Timothy & Elise Burns, Emily Dexter, Jorge Chiavirria, Gerald Owczarczak, Matthew Krakowiak, Michael Majoris, David Knapp, Brian O'Donnell, Ralph Nilson, Michael Jansen, Andrew B. Slagle, Jim Jogodinski, David Whitehead, Sr., Gina & Matthew Bouvier

Repose of the souls of Nancy Define, Michael Peloso, Ryan Yannalfo, Lucy Procaccini, Gabriella Patterson, Michelle Leigh Gray, Edith Wald, Michael Rossi, Michael Tejada, Madeline Hanusovsky, Nikolaos Soukeras, James Crawford Grace, Michael Marushak, James Lomuscio, Monsignor Joseph W. Pekar

ORATORY NEWS

FRIDAYS IN LENT – STATIONS & SOUP

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays in Lent at 6 PM. All are invited to gather in Pryor-Hubbard Hall after Stations for soup and bread, provided by the generosity of our members. Please signup in the hall to bring a large container of soup and/or bread to share. Confessions will be heard prior to Stations from 5:15-5:45 PM. Special Masses will be offered on Friday, February 27 (Ember Friday) and March 6 (First Friday) at 7 PM.

ST PATRICK'S DINNER TICKETS

Tickets will be sold at Friday Soup & Bread, after all weekend Masses in the vestibule, and in the Parish Office. \$25 for ages 17 & UP; \$15 Ages 8-16 and Free for Ages 7 & under. Cash or check only. **No Tickets at the door and cutoff for tickets is March 10.**

ST. PATRICK'S VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to bring a dessert, set-up, serving and clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule, church hall and parish office.

WEBSITE & ONLINE GIVING

The website is up and running: georgetownoratory.org
Check it out. It's a work in progress. You can also signup for online giving on the website by following the GIVING link at the top of the page of the picture closer to the bottom. You can also scan the QR code below.



GEORGETOWN FOOD PANTRY

We are still accepting food donations. Please drop off in the bin outside the glass doors of the Parish Office.

CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Friendly reminder to set clocks ahead 1 hour this Sunday.

RECESSIONAL

**Refrain: *Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
For we have sinned against thee.***

- 1 To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
Listen O Jesu, to our supplications.**
- 2 O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls of all defilement.**
- 3 God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.**
- 4 Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.**
- 5 Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced:
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.**

Words: Lent Prose
Tune: ATTENDE, DOMINE

Mass Readings:
Glory & Praise #789
RCDM pg. 359

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Intentions
of Teresa Tura as requested by Resi Williams



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**Dominica III in Quadragesima
/ Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026**

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

4 PM (Saturday Vigil) 9 AM 10:30 AM 12 Noon (1962)

Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 AM

Wednesday

6 PM (1962)

Friday & Saturday

8:30 AM (1962)

ADORATION

First Friday 9 AM – 8 PM

CONFESSIONS (in the oratory)

Wednesday 5:15 – 5:45 PM

Saturday 7:00 – 8:15 AM

By request at any convenient time

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 9 AM – 1 PM

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