

# Second Sunday of Lent

## Masses and Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, February 17 Violet

Second Sunday of Lent, *I Class*

7:30 AM Steve and Terri Kist & family

10:30 AM Pro populo

### Monday, February 18 Violet

Feria of Lent, *III Class*

8:00 AM Rob and Michelle Lanning & family

12:00PM Private Intention

### Tuesday, February 19 Violet

Feria of Lent, *III Class*

12:00 PM Don S. Cisle +

7:00 PM Private Intention

### Wednesday, February 20 Violet

Feria of Lent, *III Class*

8:00 AM Private Intention

12:00 PM Mary Hayeb

### Thursday, February 21 Violet

Feria of Lent, *III Class*

8:00 AM Bridgette Schutzman

12:00 PM Private Intention

### Friday, February 22 White

Chair of St. Peter, *II Class*

12:00 PM Josephine Wolfe

7:00 PM Emily Norquest Land

*Stations of the Cross at 6:30.*

To honor the dignity of the Prince to whom Jesus committed the power of the keys, the Church instituted the feast of the Chair of St. Peter which is found in the Roman calendar at this date since 354. The cathedra (chair) is the throne established where the bishop resides, hence the name cathedral given to the church where his seat is placed. Metaphorically, it represents the episcopal authority itself. The Chair of St. Peter means, therefore a memory of St. Peter's episcopate and his primacy as the head of the Church.

### Saturday, February 23 Violet

Feria of Lent, *III Class*

*Commemoration of St. Peter Damian, Confessor/Doctor*

7:15 AM Mike and Debbie Vilkoski & family

### Sunday, February 24 Violet

Third Sunday of Lent, *I Class*

7:30 AM Special Intention

10:30 AM Pro Populo

## First Communion Classes Begin

First Communion classes begin this morning from 9:30-10:15 First Communion is currently scheduled for Sunday, May 4, at the 10:30 High Mass. If there is a question about a child's eligibility, please contact Fr. Saguto.

## Catechetical Series

Fr. Saguto will present a four-week series *Eight Parables* on Monday evenings beginning tomorrow, February 18, from 7:00-8:30, providing an in-depth study of eight selected parables of our Lord. Classes will meet in the library rather than the schoolhouse due to the construction work. This week's selection: *The Sower and the Seed* and *The Talents*.

## Second Collection Today

There will be a second collection next Sunday for Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe. Donations go in support of seminaries, service programs, education, and church construction.

## Stations of the Cross - Fridays

Stations of the Cross will be conducted every Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 in the church and followed by the usual 7:00 Mass.

## Please Keep in Your Prayers...

Archbishop Buechlein; Patricia Wycislo; Annie Oelker; Ted Knight; Bridgette Schutzman; Neal Miller Family; Bischel Family; Tom Peter; Joseph Shake; Rosie Rolfes; Virginia Mendel; Brett Feller (Iraq); closure of Planned Parenthood in Bloomington; Donald Farwick +; James Peter +; Ed Lachman +; Shirley Heppner +; Martha Deller +; Christine Rosfeld +

## Contributions – Thank You!

February 10	\$1391.50	
Window Fund	\$24837.00	(54%)

## Calendar of Events

February 17	First Communion Classes begin
February 18	Catechetical Series (1st of 4)
February 20	Children's Choir/Young Ladies' Group
February 20	Boys' Group
February 22	High School Classes/Stations
February 23	Married Men's Solidarity
February 28	Evening of Recollection
March 1	Mothers' Solidarity

## A Final Thought...

I should like to say something more immediately

practical now on how we can pray the Mass more effectively. Let me make these recommendations.

First, understand the Mass. The wisdom of learning to understand the Mass, know it better, its mysterious meaning and profound significance through periodic reading, meditation, and study beforehand. The Mass is, indeed, a mystery. But mysteries are not only to be believed, they are with God's grace to be ever more clearly understood. We must come to better understand the Mass. A single expression like that of St. Leonard of Port Maurice can affect our whole life. "Except for the Mass," he said, "being daily offered on thousands of altars, the world would long ago have been destroyed because of sins." I would summarize this first recommendation by using the imperative verb "meditate". *Mediate* on the Mass.

Second, plan your Mass. If the Mass is the important action that faith tells us it is, we should plan for it. It is common knowledge and experience that we plan for things according to the importance we attach to them. Unimportant things we hardly plan at all. Important things we plan for at length and with care. This planning can mean different things. It can mean looking ahead to know what Mass is to be said. It can mean that I read the [readings in the missal] beforehand, the orations, know what or whose feast is to be commemorated in the Mass. It can mean that I have given some thought before Mass to what will be said during Mass. I have taught too many classes not to know, and on occasion I have had to walk into class quite unprepared. An unprepared class I might just as well have called off. It should always mean that I have a definite intention or intentions for which I will offer my Mass. Since the Mass is of infinite value, do not hesitate to multiply the intentions. I would summarize the second recommendation by saying: *anticipate* the Mass.

Third, be attentive during the Mass. [...] It is attention not only to the verbal forms being heard or said or the actions of the priest being performed, it is what I call internal attention to the mystery of faith that is being enacted before my eyes, I would compare attention at Mass to the recitation of the Rosary. In both cases there are vocal prayers and silent reflection and the two should not conflict but harmonize. What I mean is that it would be well for

us to mentally place ourselves - and we have many options - at the Last Supper, or the Garden of Gethsemane, or with Christ before Herod, or before Pilate, or before the Sanhedrin, or on His way to Golgotha, or being nailed or dying on the Cross. Each one of us, according to our own devotion, should unite ourselves in spirit with Christ now as He was then in body. Let us remind ourselves that the time when He offered His Mass, His first Mass, He had us in mind. Should we not repay Him in kind and now have *Him* on our mind in return? I would summarize this third recommendation as *concentrate*.

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