

Corner Cont.

Penance in itself is necessary for salvation: "For unless you shall do penance, you shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3). This penance is more than just being sorry for the sins, but correcting that life. In the words of St. Paul "But I chastise my body, and bring it into subjection: lest perhaps, when I have preached to others, I myself should become a castaway." (1 Cor. 9:27).

To be clear, we do not sin if we only perform the minimum required: abstinence from meat on Fridays and fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. However, we will need to do *some* penance if we wish to save our souls. And according to the Spirit of the Law, all 40 days of Lent should be penitential days where we do some kind of penance. Remember, the Church would relax the *fast* on Sundays and Holy Days in order to support our human nature lest the fast take too much of a toll on us. But no meat until Easter. While you do not sin if you use Sundays and Holy Days as "cheat days" for your Lenten resolution, remember: Our Lord did not take snacks during those 40 days in the desert.

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. David Franco, FSSP

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Online Giving

Thank you for your continued and very edifying generosity; the Parish depends on it. See stjosephrichmond.weshareonline.org to create an account. For help or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

See A Maintenance Problem?

Report any facility issues via our Maintenance Request form available outside the parish office. Simply complete the form and leave it on the clipboard. Our maintenance team will address the problems during the week.

Corporal Works of Mercy

St. Peter's shower program for the homeless needs volunteers. The shower ministry and the Food Pantry are still in need of various items. Please take a list, available on the bin in the main vestibule.

Crisis Pregnancy Help

A 24-hour helpline offers peer counselling and referral to local recourses; operated by Heartbeat International. optionline.org or 800-712-HELP (4357)

"Every kingdom divided against itself, shall be brought to desolation, and house upon house shall fall."

(Luke 11:17)



March 7, 2021

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Schedule for Holy Mass

Sunday 8:30 am (Low)
11 am (High)
4:30 pm (Low)
Monday 7 am & 9 am
Tuesday 7 am & 9 am
Wednesday 7 am & 6 pm
Thursday 7 am & 9 am
Friday 7 am & 6 pm
Saturday 9 am

Holy Days of Obligation: see calendar
Confession: ½ hour before all Masses,
Saturdays - 10 am to 12 noon

Devotions:
- 1st Sat. Rosary & Meditation after Mass
- Miraculous Medal Novena after Wednesday evening Mass
- Adoration: Wednesday 7 pm-8 pm
Fridays 8 am-9 am

| MASS SCHEDULE | INTENTIONS | REQUESTED BY |
|---|--|----------------|
| Sun. March 7 Third Sunday of Lent (1st Cl.) | 8:30 am Lynn Smith 11 am Magdalen Fitzpatrick 4:30 pm Pro Populo | MM SVF — |
| Mon. March 8 Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) | 7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Roxanne Escobar † & Family | — KB |
| Tues. March 9 Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) | 7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am The Holy Souls | — PM |
| Wed. March 10 Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) | 7 am Private Intention 6 pm Vicky E. Johnson † <i>1 hr. Adoration after 6p. Mass</i> | SL GJH |
| Thurs. March 11 Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) | 7 am Bernadette K. Woods † 9 am William Colberg | JE WC |
| Fri. March 12 Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) | 7 am The DeSimone Family <i>1 hr. Adoration after 7a. Mass</i> 6 pm Elizabeth Blake | GF BF |
| Sat. March 13 Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) | 9 am Fr. James Kauffmann † | JAM |
| Sun. March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent (1st Cl.) | 8:30 am Marvin Matkins 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Celebrant's Intention | TD — — |
| Mon. March 15 Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) | 7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Carolyn Knestout † | — UK |
| Tues. March 16 Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) | 7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am John Pete Schweak | — LA |
| Wed. March 17 Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) | 7 am Fr. Gerard Maria 6 pm Ann Smith † <i>1 hr. Adoration after 6p. Mass</i> | MAH LF |
| Thurs. March 18 Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) | 7 am Michael C. Liberatore 9 am Isabella Piccininni | ML BP |
| Fri. March 19 St. Joseph (1st Cl.) | 7 am G. Michael Rowland † <i>1 hr. Adoration after 7a. Mass</i> 10 am Pro Populo 6 pm Ginny Heredia | NSL — PW |
| Sat. March 20 Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) | 9 am Lorise M. DeSimone | SDF |

PRAYER INTENTIONS

John Calhoun, Valentino Simoncelli, Bill Madigan, J.W. Stephens, James Wigand, Joanne Leach, Bruce Douglas, Don Jones, Barbara Farmer, Trevor Nacey, Michael & Carol Smart, Peter & Joan Marie Osborne, John, Michael, & Tom Osborne, Lisa & Alexandra Kovatch, David Alsobrook, Kimberley H., Brian Pickral, Barbara Swan, Ginny Franklin, Dan S., Ken Diman, Carrie Wilson, Charlie Adams, Kenny Montgomery, Clarence Proffitt, The D'Aconti Family, Andrew Priddy, Charles Furlough, Ed Peters, Angela Rhys-Sonnenschein, Bob Martin, Patricia Willard, Elizabeth Storm, Jeanette LaPaglia, Cathy Van Pelt, Barbara Reith, Gerard Lajoie, Julie Trexler, Theresa Trexler, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin.

In your charity, please remember the souls of all the faithful departed. Requiescant in pace.

Limited Office Hours

Parish Office hours limited March 1—12. Thank you for your patience.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent following the 6 pm Mass.

Easter Flower Donations

Those who contribute online and would like their loved ones remembered in the bulletin may submit a list of names to the office.

Feast of St. Joseph

Fri. 19 March In honor of our patron, St. Joseph, we have three Masses scheduled: 7 am, 10 am, & 6 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available from 8 am to 9 am. Stations of the Cross will follow the 6 pm Mass.

Live Streaming

We livestream Mass daily. The link is available on: www.stjosephrichmond.org Experiencing issues with the livestream? Please email livestream@stjosephrichmond.org to let us know.

Upcoming Events

March 17—Parish Vigil for 40 Days for Life

March 19—St. Joseph's Feast Day: Masses at 7 am, 10 am, & 6 pm

March 20—Abortion Clinic Rosary
Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests

Confirmation 2021

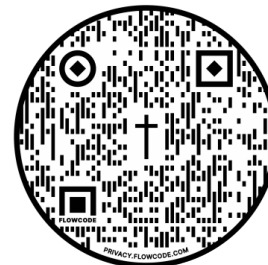
If you have a child being confirmed this year and did NOT receive an email from Mrs. Hichborn concerning prep books and other information, please contact her ASAP as you are either not on her list or we don't have a good email address for you. edu@stjosephrichmond.org

Pray to End Abortion—40 Days for Life

The Richmond campaign for 40 Days for Life is conducting its 27th vigil from Feb 17 - March 28. Our parish has volunteered to cover all the prayer vigil hours on **Wed. March 17** at the Planned Parenthood located at 201 N Hamilton Street. Please commit to a time to come and pray so that we can make a strong showing as a parish for the protection of innocent life! Info & registration: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/richmond/>. Sign ups also available on the bulletin board near the Pieta statue in the main vestibule.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

This year's Annual Appeal is being conducted online. There is a brief instructional video available on our website explaining how to contribute. Scan this QR code with your phone camera to access the diocesan giving site directly. Contact the online giving vendor, Faith Direct, for assistance: 866-507-8757 or info@faithdirect.net.



Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

As we move further into Lent, hopefully you have been able to keep your Lenten resolutions intact and are growing in grace and holiness. But let's face it, if we picked the thing we needed to give up, our fallen nature will constantly tempt us to "dispense" ourselves. Around this time of year, we priests get plenty of questions like "Is it a sin if I break my Lenten resolution?" or "Am I allowed to do X on Sundays and feast days?"

First of all, what exactly is a Lenten resolution? It is a free decision to give up something licit or take on additional practices (getting to bed on time, Holy Hour of Adoration, etc). The key word here is *free*: you are not obliged under pain of sin to choose this specific penance. If after several days you realize you bit off more than you can chew, then it is possible to modify or even change that discipline to something else. For example, if you gave up coffee for Lent, you might get crippling headaches which prevent you from performing your duties at work. True, these will eventually pass once you get all that caffeine out of your system, but you can't call in sick to work just because you voluntarily took on this penance. Perhaps you might start by limiting yourself to one cup a day, then decreasing that to half a cup, etc. achieving complete freedom from caffeine addiction by Holy Week.

Next, we need to consider why we do these penances in the first place. As mentioned previously in a sermon, the Lenten discipline from Apostolic times until very recently consisted in complete abstinence from all meat for the full 40 days as well as fasting every day except Sundays and Holy Days. The abstinence used to include not only meat, but also dairy products such as milk and cheese as well as eggs. *[Sarcasm alert]* Since modern man suffers far harsher living conditions with physically exhausting bodily labor than any other generation including the Middle Ages, we have had to dramatically cut down these obligations to essentially nothing. *[End sarcasm]*