



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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Saturday, March 22

5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CABRAL AND SULLIVAN FAMILIES

Sunday, March 23 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:00 BENEDICTA JAVID (deceased) by family

Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BRODEUR FAMILY by Keith Brodeur

6:00 FATHER PETER MONGEON (deceased)

Monday, March 24

12:00 JOSEPH BOX & VAL INNOCENTE (deceased) by Alan & Diane Costantino

Tuesday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

12:00 FLORA MOYO & FADZAI MHARAPARA (deceased) by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

Wednesday, March 26

12:00 VALENTINO POSA & CLIFFORD LEFEBVRE (deceased) by Alan and Diane Costantino

Thursday, March 27

12:00 EDWARD RYAN (deceased) by the Chicago Dolan family (Birthday Rem.)

Friday, March 28

12:00 ROBERT, THERESA & TREVOR CUSACK (deceased) by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

Saturday, March 29

5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Sunday, March 30 4th Sunday of Lent

10:00 WILLIAM F. KAVANAGH (deceased) by family

Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CABRAL AND SULLIVAN FAMILIES

6:00 FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Way of the Cross, also known as the Stations of the Cross, are a way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. It is divided into fourteen stations from the time He was condemned to his burial. This devotion has been long encouraged by the Church, and is especially useful during Lent and Good Friday. The devotion was developed during the Crusades when the knights and pilgrims began to follow the route of Christ's way to Calvary. This devotion spread throughout Europe and was promulgated by the Franciscan friars in the 14th and 15th centuries. Eventually, the Stations of the Cross became an important catechetical tool, and the popularity of this devotion inspired some of the greatest Christian art.

Join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent immediately following the 12PM Mass.

Practical Considerations for Confessions at the Cathedral

We are grateful that so many of the faithful avail themselves of the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance at the Cathedral, and it remains a pleasure for the priests to offer this service. Please note the following considerations to facilitate greater availability of the sacrament to as many as possible.

- ◆ Confessions begin one hour before each Mass, unless otherwise noted, for a period of 45 minutes. The priest must leave the confessional 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Please come early to avoid too many penitents at the end of confession time. It often happens that some are unable to go to confession due to the limited time and the number of penitents.
- ◆ Please be mindful of the number of penitents waiting and try to be direct and succinct when confessing your sins.
- ◆ It is recommended to use a good Examination of Conscience to be well prepared to identify and confess your sins. Copies will be made available on the table near the Divine Mercy image. Please return them to the table after your confession.

FROM THE RECTOR

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to share with you the following meditation:

The Grace of Repentance

Mark Twain once quipped, "Man is the only animal that blushes. He is the only one that has occasion to." He may have intended this only as a comment on man's immorality. But, perhaps inadvertently, he also pointed to man's dignity. Man's ability to blush—his shame—comes not just from his wrongdoing but, more importantly, from his recognition of it. We blush because, unlike the other animals, we are moral agents capable of virtue, vice and repentance. If we had no dignity, we would have no shame.

Shame and dignity work together to cause the prodigal son's conversion. *When he came to himself* (Lk 15:17) he realized that, although his sins had reduced him to the level of the animals, he still maintained a certain dignity. He realized the truth of himself, of his own worth, and also of his ability to repent. As with the prodigal son, so also with us: Shame reminds us of our dignity. It comes about when our conscience accuses us of sin and reveals that certain thoughts, words, or actions contradict our status as children of God. It is the moral nervous system alerting us of injury. It highlights the disconnect between our dignity and our behavior. And it thus enables us to come to our senses—better, to return to ourselves—and then return to our heavenly Father. As painful as shame can be, there is something worse: the silent conscience that fails to accuse and produces no shame. Such a conscience allows us to continue to sin. It produces men who cannot recognize good and evil.

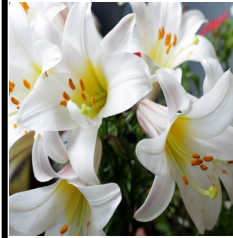
If shame reminds us of our dignity, repentance restores it. We ought to enter the confessional like the prodigal son, carrying not just shame for our sins, but also confidence in the restoration of our status as children of God. The father did not forgive his son begrudgingly. Nor did he ridicule or belittle him. On the contrary, he granted him more far more than the son expected: the finest robe, a ring on his finger, sandals on his feet, and the fattened calf.

We receive far greater gifts than these, and far more than we deserve, when we go to confession. We encounter the true Father in the confessional, where we kneel shameful and repentant to rise forgiven and restored. In fact, the glory of the confessional reaches all the way to heaven, where there will be *joy before the angels of God over one who repents*.

FATHER PAUL SCALIA

Father Scalia is a priest in the diocese of Arlington, Virginia, where he serves as Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and pastor of Saint James in Falls Church.

Peace,
Monsignor Mancini



Easter Flower Memorials for Departed Loved Ones

Special envelopes for **Easter Flower Memorials** will be available at the entrances to the Cathedral. Donations will help to defray the cost of the flowers that will adorn the Cathedral sanctuary for the Easter season and will be collected up until Palm Sunday, April 13th for publication. Each envelope has a space to inscribe the name(s) of your departed loved ones, we ask that **no more than three names** be included with each donation. Names will be published in the Easter bulletin and placed upon the altar to be remembered in prayer throughout the Easter season. A donation of \$25 is suggested, but any amount contributed will be greatly appreciated.

Gold Memorials \$100 and above; Silver Memorials \$50 to \$99; Bronze Memorials \$25 to \$49.

Thank you for your generosity.

Religious Education

Teenagers Confirmation Program Grades 9-12:
Monday, March 24th @ 6pm (Hall)

Children's Program Grades 1-8:
Saturday, March 29th @ 10:30am (Hall)

Faith Formation

R.C.I.A.: Wednesday, March 26th @ 7pm (Hall)
Bible Study: Wednesday, March 26th @ 7pm (Hall)

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CATHEDRAL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

**SATURDAY
MARCH 29, 2025**

Beginning at 10:45am & Concluding with 5pm
Mass

Sacred Scripture Reflections - Adoration -
Holy Rosary - Confessions - Vespers - Holy Mass

Speakers

**Monsignor Anthony Mancini, Rector
Sister Elizabeth Castro, HMSP**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Please contact the Parish
Office at 401-331-2434 to register by
March 26th.