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## MASS TIMES

**SATURDAY**  
**4PM**

**SUNDAY**  
**9AM & 11AM**

For Weekday Mass Times see inside.

## SACRAMENTS

### Confessions

Saturday 3PM - 3:45PM

For more information about booking baptisms, weddings, marriage preparation, or other inquiries, please contact us.

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# Welcome

As we journey through this holy season of Lent, we are reminded that we are called to be **disciples**, people who follow Jesus more intentionally, more deeply, and more faithfully. Whether you are here every week or visiting for the first time, we are **grateful** that you are with us. Faith is a journey, and what matters most is not where you are, but that you are walking it. We simply ask that you walk with us and be open to what **God** is calling you to. We believe that God calls each member of our parish to **worship**, to **grow**, to **serve**, to **connect** and to **give**. Let's walk this season together.

**TODAYS READINGS:** ① 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 ② Ephesians 5:8-14 ③ John 9:1-41

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Wednesday, March 18**  
 5:30PM + Fr. Collins Okafor

**Thursday, March 19 - Solemnity of St. Joseph**  
 12:10PM + Maurice Doucett

**Friday, March 20**  
 11:00AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 12:10PM + Fr. Collins Okafor

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, March 21**  
 4:00PM + Peter Angello Jr.

**Sunday, March 22**  
 9:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)  
 11:00AM + Fr. Collins Okafor

"Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life." - Pope Leo XIV



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### About the Paschal Candle

Each year our parish prepares a new Paschal Candle for the celebration of Easter. This large candle represents the risen Christ, the Light of the World. At the Easter Vigil it is carried into the darkened church, and from it the light spreads as the faithful light their own candles. It is a powerful sign that the light of Christ cannot be overcome by darkness.

Throughout the Easter season the Paschal Candle burns near the altar as a reminder that the risen Lord is present among His people. The candle is also lit whenever the Church celebrates Baptism and at every Funeral. At Baptism the newly baptized receive the light of Christ, and at a Funeral the Paschal Candle stands beside the casket as a sign that the light first given in Baptism now leads us to eternal life.

If you would like to help provide this year's Paschal Candle, you are invited to contribute toward its purchase. Stop by the Welcome Desk after Mass for more information. Those who contribute \$50 or more will receive a small portion of last year's Paschal Candle to take home as a reminder of the light of Christ that shines in our lives.

*May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.*

### TODAY IS LAETARE SUNDAY!

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church shifts to rose vestments as a sign of joyful anticipation—Easter is drawing near! The name "Laetare" comes from the entrance antiphon (Isaiah 66:10-11): "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her..."

This Sunday offers a moment of encouragement as we journey toward the solemn days of Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It reminds us to hold onto the joy of Easter, when Christ rises from the dead and our hearts are filled with hope!

### NEXT LENTEN DINNER AND A MOVIE

Join us on **March 28th** right after the 4PM Mass for an evening of dinner, fellowship, and faith as we watch a powerful portrayal of the Passion of Our Lord. **Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance at the Welcome Desk after weekend Masses.** We hope you will join us for this special Lenten evening together.

### SOUP & STATIONS

Join us on Fridays during Lent for Soup & Stations. Soup is served at 5:15PM in the Church Basement, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6PM in the church.

### CONFESSIONS

Whether it has been 10 years, or 10 months or 10 days, God is waiting for you. Come experience the mercy of a Father who loves and forgives you. Make a plan to go to Confession this Lent. Fr. Jerry is available to hear confessions every Saturday from 3 - 3:45PM. **Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service followed by Confessions (last chance before Easter) will take place on Wednesday, April 1st at 5:30PM.... No joke :)**

### LAST SUPPER/HOLY THURSDAY DINNER

Join us for our 5th Annual Holy Thursday Dinner on April 2nd, our 'last supper' before the Holy Triduum. Tickets can now be purchased after Mass on the Weekend or through the Parish Office. Two Can Dine for \$35! Menu included in this bulletin.

### LENTEN FISH & CHIPS DINNER

Join the Knights of Columbus for a Fish & Chips Dinner on Friday, March 27th at 5:30PM, following the Stations of the Cross at 5PM. Tickets \$15 are available after Weekend Masses or at the Parish office. (Limited gluten-free option available - please request when purchasing).

### EASTER INVITE

Holy Week is a journey of faith that leads us to the joy of Easter - the celebration of Christ's Resurrection! This is the perfect time to invite friends and family to encounter the hope and renewal of this sacred season.

A simple invitation can open the door to something life-changing. Many are just waiting to be asked! To make it easy, we've put together a helpful resource at [spta.church/easterinvite](http://spta.church/easterinvite). Share the joy of Easter!

### OVERNIGHT ADORATION

Jesus asked His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" During Lent we invite you to spend time with the Lord in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. **Overnight Eucharistic Adoration will begin Friday, March 20**, following Stations and continue through the night until Saturday, March 21 at 2PM. Come and spend an hour watching and praying with the Lord. Jesus asked His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" During Lent we invite you to spend time with the Lord in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

### PRAY FOR OUR OCIA CANDIDATES

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish journeying through the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). During this Lenten season they continue preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Some will celebrate these sacraments at the Easter Vigil, while others will continue their preparation in the months ahead.

### EASTER DECOR

Envelopes are available at the church doors for donations to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Gifts may be made in memory of loved ones, whose names will be published during the Easter season.

### CHRISM MASS

All are invited to the Chrism Mass at 2PM on Monday, March 30, at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. During this diocesan liturgy, Bishop Miehm will bless the holy oils used in the sacraments throughout the coming year, and the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises.

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