

Our Lady of Lourdes

Diocese of Covington's Latin Mass Parish

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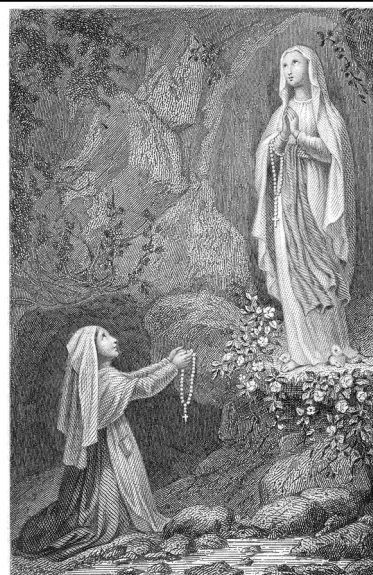
"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"

Dear Parishioners, Praised be Jesus Christ!



HIS WEDNESDAY OFFICIALLY STARTS the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence and fasting. Those 14 and up are obliged to abstain from meat. Those 18 to 59 are obliged to fast. The current fasting discipline is no eating between meals. You are allowed 2 small meals which cannot equal the 3rd meal. Medicine and water are always allowed. For the start of Lent, I thought I would offer this short reflection from St. Augustine on death:

"Virtually everyone fears the death of the body, so few the death of the soul. Everyone worries about the death of the body, which must happen sooner or later, and does everything possible to avert it....Yet all that one does to avoid death is in vain: at best one can only delay it, but never escape it. If instead one strives to avoid sin, he will not grow weary, and he will live forever. Oh, if we could only succeed in urging others – and ourselves together with them – to love eternal life at least as much as they love fleeting life! What will a man not do when faced with the danger of death? How many, under threats hanging over their heads, have preferred to lose everything in order to save their lives! And who would not do so to avoid being struck down? And perhaps, even after having lost everything, some still lost their lives. Who would not be willing to give up the necessities of life just to stay alive, preferring a life of begging



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Baptism and Marriages

All Sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes are performed according to the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite, with the 1962 liturgical books being normative. Contact the pastor for any sacramental needs.

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Mass Calendar & Intentions

SUNDAY	March 2: Quinquagesima Sunday
7:00 AM	For an ardent love of Jesus Christ
(Union) 7:00 AM	Stephen Brueggemann family
9:00 AM	Rebecca Evans
11:30 AM	Pro Populo
MONDAY	March 3: Votive of the Most Holy Trinity
6:30 AM	For an ardent love of Jesus Christ
12:10 PM	Lisa Scheper
TUESDAY	March 4: St. Casimir, Confessor
6:30 AM	(+) Ruth Mangin
12:10 PM	Isabella Scheper
WEDNESDAY	March 5: Ash Wednesday
6:30 AM	In reparation for sins against 2nd Commandment
12:10 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
7:00 PM	Parishioners of OLOL
THURSDAY	March 6: Thursday after Ash Wednesday
6:30 AM	(+) Ruth Mangin
12:10 PM	Christopher Scheper
FRIDAY	March 7: Friday after Ash Wednesday
6:30 AM	Amy Brueggemann
12:10 PM	Levi Mullins
SATURDAY	March 8: Saturday after Ash Wednesday
(Union) 9:00 AM	Mike & Jessica Brueggemann family



Quinquagesima Sunday

March 2nd, 2025

to an early death? If a man were told, 'If you do not wish to die, you must sail the seas,' would he even hesitate to do so? If a man were told, 'If you do not wish to die, you must work,' would he let himself be overcome by laziness? God commands us to do less burdensome things to give us eternal life, yet we neglect to obey" (Augustine, *Tractates on the Gospel of St. John*, 49, 2).

Let us use this time we have been given well to strengthen our relationship with the Lord. Let us use this time to focus on the things of Heaven rather than the things of this world which pass away. Let us focus on the health of our immortal souls, and meditate on the fact that our bodies are subject to death and will turn to dust. May the prayers, penances, sacrifices, mortifications, and alms that you give this Holy Season help you grow in love of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave up everything for us, who conquered death. Let us do everything for Him who wants us to be with Him forever in Heaven. God bless you, Fr. Matt

Weekly Financial Report Week of Sunday February 23, 2025

Sunday Collection:		
Checks		\$2865.00
Cash & Coin		\$1594.00
Online & Other Donations		\$300.00
Candles		\$114.00
<i>TOTAL</i>		\$4873.00
<i>Weekly Budgetary Needs</i>		\$4,208



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES:

6:30 am, 12:10 pm,
7:00 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF OBLIGATORY FASTING & ABSTINENCE.

MAJESTIC QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND MISTRESS OF THE ANGELS, thou didst receive from God the power and commission to crush the head of Satan; wherefore we humbly beseech thee, send forth the legions of Heaven, that, under thy command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence, and hurl them back into the pit of Hell. "Who is like unto God?" O good and tender Mother, thou shalt ever be our hope and the object of our love. O Mother of God, send forth the holy Angels to defend us and drive far from us the cruel foe. Holy Angels and Archangels, defend us and keep us. *Amen.*

GOD'S WILL IS THE SANCTIFICATION OF OUR SOULS. Always and everywhere, this is the work that exclusively occupies Him. It is the purpose underlying all the occurrences, great and small, which agitate in different ways nations, families and the lives of individuals. It explains why God wills that I should be sick today, contradicted, humbled, forgotten; why He has prepared this happy event for me, faced me with this difficulty, caused me to hurt my foot against this stone, exposed me to this temptation. It is His love for me, His desire of my happiness that regulates all His actions. With what confidence and docility we should submit and correspond to His guidance if we better understood His merciful ways! The more so when we remember that He has always infinite power and infinite wisdom employed in the service of His paternal goodness. He knows the particular end appointed for each soul, the degree of glory He has destined for her in Heaven, the measure of sanctity He has prepared for her. In order that she may attain her end and become perfect, He knows what paths she must follow, what trials she must endure, what humiliations undergo. His Providence has control of the myriad events which make up the course of our earthly existence, and directs them all to the appointed end. On the side of God, with Whom rests ultimately the disposal of all things, there is nothing but light, wisdom, grace, love, and salvation. Now, by reason of His infinite power He can do whatever He wills. He is the Sovereign Master "Who holdeth the power of life and death, Who leadeth down to the gates of death and bringeth back again." We experience alterations of sunshine and shadow, times of peace and times of affliction, prosperity and adversity; all this comes from Him...Everything falls out in accordance with His free ordinances. It is true that in disposing of His rational creatures He respects their liberty. They have consequently the power to oppose their own wills to His will and apparently to thwart it...but in the infinite resources of His omnipotent wisdom, He easily finds a way to change hindrances into helps, and to make the plots which demons and wicked men contrive for our ruin a means to our progress in virtue. Of what, then, can we be afraid?

Stations of the Cross prayed on Fridays in Lent at 6:30 pm with Benediction following. The Stations will replace the Holy Hour of Reparation.



- † Catechism class on Monday evenings at 6:30pm.
- † The annual St. Joseph & St. Patrick celebration/potluck will take place at OLOL on Sunday, March 16th, following the 11:30am Mass. Please come to enjoy the festivities and bring a hearty dish to share.

SUNDAY MASS CHANGE STARTING MARCH 9TH:



The 9:00am at OLOL will be
moved to 9:30am



To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please wear dresses and skirts that fall below the knee when sitting even with leggings (around mid-calf). With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.