

DESTROY THIS TEMPLE AND IN THREE DAYS
“ I WILL RAISE IT UP. ”

JOHN 2:19





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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 7, 2021

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Mass of Anticipation for the 3rd Sunday of Lent
 4:00PM Albert Catanio—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

The Third Sunday of Lent
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00AM Phyllis Dailey—1st Anniversary
 10:30AM Patricia Moran—15th Anniversary

MONDAY, MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday; St. John of God, Religious
 7:30AM Alfred Luciano—Memorial
 12:05PM Louis Costa—Memorial

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday; St. Frances of Rome, Religious
 7:30AM Evelyn & Fred Buoro—Memorial
 12:05PM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday
 7:30AM John Baxter—Memorial
 12:05PM Robert Bucci—Memorial

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday
 7:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial
 12:05PM David Baribault—Memorial

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday
 7:30AM Bernard Gannon, Sr.—Memorial
 12:05PM John Edward "Jack" Sullivan, Jr.—Memorial

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday
 8:30AM Eileen F. McAuliffe—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for Fourth Sunday of Lent
 4:00PM Barbara Ingram—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
 7:30 AM Joseph Masso—Birthday Remembrance
 9:00AM Gloria L. Mollis—Memorial
 10:30AM Michelino Paolino, Sr. —Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

The crucifix is always given prominent placement in any Catholic Church, and Catholic home. But it isn't merely an object of devotion or a piece of beautiful art. The cross is a call to us for conversion to Christ. As our Savior tells us: *"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."*

Such conversion, we are taught in the Catechism, is done *"in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defense of justice, by the admission of faults, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, and endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance."*

Each of us is called to conversion in our daily lives. Penance and conversion are major themes in the Bible. The prophets, St. John the Baptist and St. Peter preached about the call to conversion. Jesus began his public ministry with the words, *"The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."*

The Lord's first words were a call to repent and convert. For Jesus, we are all in need of repentance. We all must recognize our failings and need to place our trust in God's merciful love. We are all called to believe in the Truth of the Gospel of Christ, no matter if it's inconvenient or unpopular. The Season of Lent helps to do so. Lent helps us refocus upon the

cross as we take up our own cross with greater prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

We welcome our Parish Lenten Mission Preachers, Dominican Friars, Fr. James Mary Sullivan, OP, and Fr. Justin Mary Bolger, OP. They are here this weekend to begin the Parish Mission. They are preaching a Mission Talk each night on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Confessions begin at 6:00 pm with four priests available, including two Dominican Friars.

I have known Fr. Sullivan for many years, and he is an outstanding preacher and holy priest. He serves as the Pastor of St. Pius V Parish in Providence. He hails from Boston, and has a wicked accent!! You may remember him when he preached our St. Joseph's Day Mass a couple of years ago.

Fr. Bolger is a newly ordained Friar who hails from Maryland. He is a talented musician, and had a musical career before entering the Dominicans. He is a member of the band called the Hillbilly Thomists. It is a bluegrass band comprised of Dominican Friars. They have several recordings available online, and they are well worth a listen. Father will be playing some bluegrass for us during the Mission.

The Mission is entitled *"Living for the Other Side,"* which is also the newest album by the Hillbilly Thomists. Each night at 7:00 pm, a Mission Talk is offered on faith, hope, and charity. The Mission Talks will be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend.

I urge you to make the Parish Lenten Mission this week.

Come every night, or just one night, if that's what your schedule allows, but do come. It is sure to change your life and help you convert your heart more fully to Christ. Also, I urge you to come to Confession before the Mission Talk.

Please support the Annual Catholic Charity Appeal this year. It is a great way to give alms. It funds the charitable work of our Diocese. Such work includes feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, ministering to prisoners, the sick, dying, and welcoming refugees and immigrants.

Last year due to COVID, OLM did not reach our parish goal. In fact, 137 OLM families who normally support the Appeal did not do so last year. The entire Appeal fell almost \$3 million short of its goal.

This year I ask every parish family to prayerfully consider a pledge of at least \$300 to the Appeal. Such generous support is our almsgiving and directly helps the poor, the needy, and the stranger served by our Church here in Rhode Island. St. Angela Merici teaches: *"Reflect that, in reality, you have a greater need to help the poor than they have of your help."*

Make the Parish Mission this week and begin *"Living for the Other Side!"* Stay safe. Be well. Do good. God Bless! Pray, fast, and give alms! Welcome Friars! See you at the Mission!!!!

Ask Father

Are Sundays a part of the Lenten Fast?

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday. So that would mean that Sundays are included as a day of fasting right? Well with or without the Sundays, the days of Lent do not equal 40. So do we get rid of the Sundays?

Well, not exactly. Sundays are technically part of Lent. Liturgically speaking the Sundays of Lent give us the foundation of all Lenten liturgy building up to Holy Week. Furthermore, the number of days is not really a deciding factor. So do we fast?

Code of Canon Law 1247: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body." Since the beginning the Church has viewed Sundays as a day of celebration and remembrance of the Resurrection. Yet even this needs qualification, since we omit the "alleluia" and the "Gloria" on Sundays during Lent.

Furthermore, the Church has never required fasting on Sundays, and the only abstaining on Sundays, as we saw in the Code, is to "abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God." Yet, at the same time, prayer, fasting and almsgiving are essential spiritual practices that enable us to properly worship God. You can't worship God if you are attached to food/drink/possessions after all. So it would seem implied as part of the worship of God even on Sundays to fast, pray and give alms (after all we fast for an hour before mass, we pray during the Mass, and we give alms during the Mass).

We need to combine two things: As I mentioned the Sundays of Lent are still part of Lent. Second, Sundays have a different character than the rest of the weekdays. So my answer is a combination: Yes Sunday is a Feast Day, wherein you may forego your more intense prayer, fasting and almsgiving, while maintaining your regular prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Being a part of Lent, they serve to characterize the rest of the week, our meditations, and our focus. You may choose to continue your more intense prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, but that is up to you.



Lent is a good time for sacrificing.
Let us deny ourselves something
every day to help others.

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES

Weekly Collection

February 28, 2021

Weekly.....	\$9,434.00
EFT.....	\$4,340.00
	Total=\$13,744.00
Outreach.....	\$412.00

March 1, 2020

Weekly.....	\$15,856.00
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Thank You for Your Generous Support!



**Please remember Our Lady of Mercy
Church in your will or estate.**



2021 OLM Parish Goal= \$190,000

2021 Pledged (to date)=\$70,425

2021 Total of Pledges (to date)=153

2020 Goal= \$200,000

2020 Amount Pledged= \$131,236

Total Number Parishioners Pledges=290

**Please support the Catholic Charity
Appeal, make your pledge today!**

Thank you for your support.

Our Lady of Mercy Lenten Parish Mission

March 7-10, 2021



“LIVING FOR THE OTHER SIDE”

Fr. Justin Mary Bolger, O.P.

& Fr. James Mary Sullivan, O.P.

*Dominican Friars of St. Pius V Church, Providence, RI,
Mission Preachers*

The Friars will preach all weekend Masses

Monday, March 8, 2021 • Mission Talk at 7:00PM

*“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say:
Faith & Why I Listen to the Lord”*

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 • Mission Talk at 7:00PM

“The Jericho Blues: Hope & Why I Trust in the Lord”

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 • Mission Talk, Exposition
& Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00PM**

“The Weight of Eternal Glory: Charity & Why I Love the Lord”

Confession each night of the Mission with four confessors beginning at 6:00PM

The Mission will be livestreamed each night at olmparish.org
and also feature the music of *The Hillbilly Thomists*,
a Bluegrass Band of Dominican Friars.



Fr. James Mary Sullivan, O.P., is a Dominican priest of the Province of Saint Joseph. He is a native of Boston, Massachusetts and graduated from Providence College in 1989. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1995. Father has served as Pastor at St. Dominic Church in Youngstown, Ohio and St. Louis Bertrand Church in Louisville, Kentucky. He has also taught theology at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, New York and Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio. After serving as Novice Master for the St. Joseph Province for four years and directing 65 novices, he was assigned in 2014 to serve as the Director of the Priestly Sabbatical Program at the Pontifical North American College, Rome, Italy. Since 2019 Father Sullivan has served as Pastor of Saint Pius V Church in Providence. He also serves as adjunct Spiritual Director at Our Lady of Providence Seminary.



Fr. Justin Bolger, O.P. hails from Maryland where he grew up in a big Catholic family. He graduated from the University of Baltimore and then played music professionally with his sister Maggie. After a career in the music business he worked and studied at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD where he earned a masters in philosophy. He then joined the Dominicans in 2012. He obtained a Licentiate in Sacred Theology and was ordained to the priesthood in May 2020. He now serves as Associate Pastor of St. Pius V and in campus ministry at Providence College. His bluegrass band of Dominican Friars, The Hillbilly Thomists, have just released their newest album, “Living for the Other Side.” Fr. Justin will be preaching and playing tunes from this album.

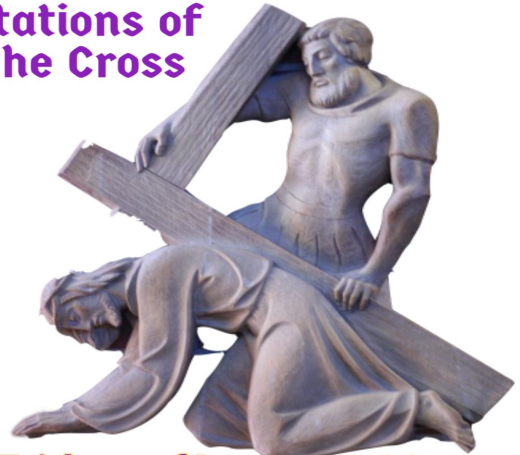
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Stations of the Cross



Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

O Merciful God

By St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)
Doctor of the Church

O merciful God,
grant that I may
ever perfectly do Your Will
in all things.
Let it be my ambition to work
only for Your honour and glory.
Let me rejoice in nothing
but that leads to You,
nor grieve for anything,
that leads away from You.
May all passing things
be as nothing in my eyes
and may all that is Yours
be dear to me
and You, my God,
dear above them all.
May all joy
be meaningless without You
and may I desire nothing
apart from You.
May all labour and toil delight me
when it is for You.
Make me, O Lord, obedient
without complaint,
poor without regret,
patient without murmur,
humble without pretense,
joyous without frivolity,
and truthful
without disguise.
Amen

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The Light is ON  for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession Times at OLM

Monday—Friday: 11:45am-12:00pm

Mondays: 6:00pm-6:45pm

with 2 Priests including Guest Confessor

Saturdays: 3:00pm-3:45pm

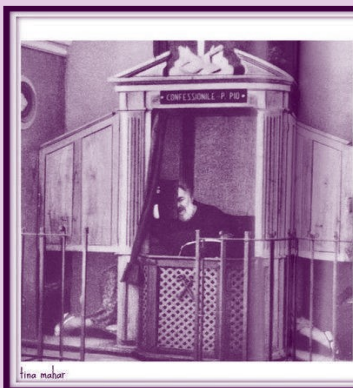
CONFESSIONS DURING THE MISSION

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (March 8-10)

6:00PM—6:45PM

4 Priests available including

2 Dominican Friars



Confession is the soul's bath. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again! St. Pio of Pietrelcina



•**OLM Food Pantry** is continually in need of food and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated **non-perishable foods only and paper goods** in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House.

Thank you for your support!

•For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



Striving to be Saints & Scholars!

- **Monday, March 8:** Confessions for Grades 7 & 8 at 1pm
- **Tuesday, March 9:** 9AM School Lenten Mass for Grade 7 (*no livestream*)
- **Wednesday, March 10:** PTG Zoom Meeting at 6pm
- **Friday, March 12:** School Stations of the Cross at 9:00am
- **Saturday/Sunday, March 13 & 14:** RI Science & Engineering Virtual Fair

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www.olmschool.org



First Confession for First Communion Class
Saturday, March 20th at 1:00PM: Students M—Z

Guest Confessor is available at First Confessions for parents and family members.

Confirmation Program

Sunday, March 21: Mass at 5pm & Class following Mass. Topic: *“Celebrating the Sacred Triduum.”* Mass is for Confirmation students & their families only.

LENT
 Pray + Fast + Give