

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 19, 2023  
**Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church**

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK**

**February 21<sup>st</sup>** 12:00pm – Lenore Paffumi (SI)

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** 12:00pm – Michael Stamba (RIP) | 6:30pm – Stanina Family (SI)

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** 12:00pm – Gabriela Soeherman (SI)

**February 24<sup>th</sup>** 12:00pm – Denise Cerice (RIP)

**February 25<sup>th</sup>** 12:00pm – Arleen Wong (RIP) | 4:00pm – Robbie West (RIP)

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** 8:00am – Mary Paffumi (RIP) | 10:30am – Vita Stamba (RIP)

**HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS:** Tuesday-Friday, 12:00pm | Saturday, 12:00pm, 4:00pm  
Sunday, 8:00am, 10:30am, 2:00pm (Spanish)

**BILINGUAL EUCHARISTIC SERVICE:** 6:30pm every Tuesday

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Tuesday-Saturday 11:15am | Sunday 9:00am | Wednesday 5:30pm

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Following Mass for 30 minutes: Tuesday-Friday | Wednesday at 5:30pm

**HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Weekdays: Tues-Friday 11:20am | Weekends: Saturday and Sunday, 30 minutes prior | 20 Decade Rosary: Wednesday 10:30am

**FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS:** 9:00am every Sunday in the Parish Life Center

**LEGION OF MARY:** 10:00am in Parish Life Center Library every Tuesday

**FATHER BEAN'S BOOK CLUB:** 10:00am in Martin Hall every Thursday

**FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER CENACLE:** 1:30pm every Tuesday, following Mass and Adoration

**DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY:** 6:00pm Every other Sunday. Schedule on the back of the bulletin!

# LENT 2023

Ash Wednesday Schedule | February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:00am, 5:30pm | Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: 12:00pm, 6:30pm  
Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 6:00pm, starting February 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Saint Thomas Aquinas, Mediation on Fasting

1. We fast for three reasons.

(i) To check the desires of the flesh. So St. Paul says in fastings, in chastity (2 Cor. vi. 5), meaning that fasting is a safeguard for chastity. As St. Jerome says, "Without Ceres, and Bacchus, Venus would freeze," as much as to say that lust loses its heat through spareness of food and drink.

(ii) That the mind may more freely raise itself to contemplation of the heights. We read in the book of Daniel that it was after a fast of three weeks that he received the revelation from God (Dan. x. 2-4).

(iii) To make satisfaction for sin. This is the reason given by the prophet Joel, Be converted to me with all your heart, in fasting and in weeping and in mourning (Joel ii. 12). And here is what St. Augustine writes on the matter. "Fasting purifies the soul. It lifts up the mind, and it brings the body into subjection to the spirit. It makes the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of desire, puts out the flames of lust and the true light of chastity."

2. There is commandment laid on us to fast. For fasting helps to destroy sin, and to raise the mind to thoughts of the spiritual world. Each man is then bound, by the natural law of the matter, to fast just as much as is necessary to help him in these matters. Which is to say that fasting in general is a matter of natural law. To determine, however, when we shall fast and how, according to what suits and is of use to the Catholic body, is a matter of positive law. To state the positive law is the business of the bishops, and what is thus stated by them is called ecclesiastical fasting, in contradistinction with the natural fasting previously mentioned.

3. The times fixed for fasting by the Church are well chosen. Fasting has two objects in view: The destruction of sin, and the lifting of the mind to higher things.

The times self-indicated for fasting are then those in which men are especially bound to free themselves from sin and to raise their minds to God in devotion. Such a time especially is that which precedes that solemnity of Easter in which baptism is administered and sin thereby destroyed, and when the burial of Our Lord is recalled, for we are buried together with Christ by baptism into death (Rom. vi. 4). Then, too, at Easter most of all, men's minds should be lifted, through devotion to the glory of that eternity which Christ in His resurrection inaugurated.

Wherefore the Church has decreed that immediately before the solemnity of Easter we must fast, and, for a similar reason, that we must fast on the eves of the principal feasts, setting apart those days as opportune to prepare ourselves for the devout celebration of the feasts themselves.

### **ONE DAY THROUGH THE ROSARY AND SCAPULAR I WILL SAVE THE WORLD**

These are the words said to Saint Dominic by The Blessed Mother over  
800 years ago.

Join us on Saturday, February 25 for a Lenten retreat, learning more  
about this promise and devotion to the Blessed Mother.

#### **SCHEDULE**

11:00am | Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:00pm | Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

1:00pm | Talk on Marian Devotion with Father Mark Mary,  
MFVA

2:00pm | A Dominican approach to The Most Holy Rosary with  
Sister Mary Juliana, OP

3:00pm | The Brown Scapular with Sister Rita Marie, SSEW

### **DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY**

DTS is for high schoolers and young  
adults. Our time starts at 6:00pm in the  
Martin Hall with a meal followed by a  
discussion of the Saint and topic for the  
day. We end with a guided meditation.

Hope to see you there!

**February 26 | Saint Therese of Lisieux  
– The Incarnation**

**March 5 | Saint Juan Diego  
– Mary, Mother of God**

**March 19 | Saint Gianna Molla  
– The Public Ministry of Jesus**