



# Our Lady of Victory Memorial Parish

*"We, the people of Our Lady of Victory Memorial Parish, accept as our mission to be a welcoming, diverse parish family who shares our gifts and talents that God has given us to serve others in need as we grow in our Faith."*

## February 17 & 18, 2024

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

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**Matrimony:** Contact Father six months in advance.  
**Sacrament of the Sick:** Call Father as the need arises.

**Contact Father for the following:**

- Blessing of the Home
- Visiting the Sick
- Mass intentions

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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

SATURDAY—4:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY—9:30 A.M.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

TUES, THURS, FRIDAY—9:30 A.M.  
\*\*ROSARY AT 9:10 A.M.  
WED—10:00 A.M. AT RIVERVIEW

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

### Readings for Next Sunday

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

1st Reading—Genesis 22:1-18  
2nd Reading—Romans 8:31-35.37  
Gospel—Mark 9:2-10



# Events - News - Information

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Introduction:** The **primary purpose** of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection. The **second purpose** is to bring us to renew our Baptismal promises of rejecting Satan and accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior, allowing him to rule our lives. Both these aims demand purification of minds and hearts. The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to a metanoia or true "repentance," and by renewal of life through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, self-control, and practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. During Lent, we talk to God through personal, family, and liturgical prayers; we listen to Him by meditative Bible reading. We serve the Lord by giving alms, and we practice self-control through fasting. Since by Baptism we share the death and Resurrection of Jesus, today's readings refer to Baptism directly or indirectly.

### Life Messages

1) **Let us make Lent a time of renewal of life by penance and prayer:** Formerly the six weeks of Lent meant a time of severe penance as a way of purifying ourselves from our sinful habits and getting ready to celebrate the Paschal Mystery (the passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ), with a renewed commitment to follow Christ. Now the Church leaves the Lenten practice of penance to the good will and generosity of individual Christians. However, Lent should be a time for personal reflection on where we stand as Christians in accepting the Gospel challenges in thought, word, and deed. It is also a time to assess our relationships with our family, friends, working colleagues, and other people with whom we come in contact, especially those of our parish. We should examine whether we are able to make any positive contribution to other people's lives and to eradicate the abuses which are part of our society.

2) **Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by:** a) participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days in the week; b) setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; c) reading some Scripture, alone or, better still, with others; d) setting aside some money that we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment or clothes and giving it to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society; e) abstaining from smoking or alcohol; f) receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays; g) visiting the sick and those in nursing homes (when such visiting is again allowed), and h) doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy every day in the Lent.

3) **Let us use Lent as a time to fight daily against the evil within us and around us:** Repenting and fighting against temptations and evil is a lifetime's task. Jesus did not overcome Satan in the wilderness; he achieved that only in his death. Lent reminds us that we have to take up the fight each day against the evil within us and around us, and never give up. Jesus has given the assurance that the Holy Spirit is with us, empowering us, so that final victory will be ours through Jesus Christ.

**JOKE**  
OF THE  
**WEEK**

**A Pastor's Leprosy**

A pastor had a dread of getting leprosy. He had read that the early signs are loss of feeling in the limbs, and was always pinching his legs, and if it hurt, he was reassured. On one occasion at a dinner with the parishioners he reached under the table and pinched his leg. He couldn't feel a thing. He pinched it again – harder this time. Still no sensation. The pastor visibly blanched and blurted out, "Oh, no! I've got leprosy!" A young lady sitting next to him asked: "But how do you know?" "Well, one of the early signs is loss of feeling in the leg. I've just pinched my leg twice and I didn't feel a thing!" The young lady remarked, "It was my leg you were pinching, pastor." After the Sunday Mass a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money." "Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?" "Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."

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**Coffee Sunday**



Stay after 10am mass today and join others in fellowship. Being a part of a parish is about getting to know the community. Say hi, eat some food, and meet some people.



**CWL Spring Cookie Sale**

Come join us for our Spring Cookie Sale on February 18<sup>th</sup>. All of your favorites are returning. Just \$4.00 for a half dozen. Funds raised are for the needs of the parish.

**Stations of the Cross**

**Every Friday during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:00—6:30pm. Different groups will lead each week. Think about doing this for a Lenten Promise.**



**Lenten Reconciliation Services**

*OLV School: March 19th : 10:00 am*

*OLVMP: March 20th : 7:00 pm*

**40 Tins for Lent**

Are you looking for ways to fulfill your Lenten Promise? Are you looking to help those in need? We are looking for parishioners to help those less fortunate. We are asking those who can to donate non-perishable food items and other items during Lent. They are collected at the back of the and given to Missionaries of Charity on 167 Aikins Street. Items donation list is available at either entrance.



**THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE**

February 22

Put in a different way, we commemorate Christ choosing of Peter to sit in His place as the earthly leader of the church, its first Pope. Found in Matthew 16, Jesus describes Peter as the rock upon whom He will build His church and promises him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Peter has the unique status as the first disciple Jesus calls at the outset of his public ministry. Likewise, Peter is consistently called first among the 12 disciplines... to read more go to [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)

