



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 24 & 25, 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent

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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

3rd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading—Exodus 20:1-17

2nd Reading—1 Cor 1:18,22-25

Gospel—John 2:13-25



Events - News - Information

2nd Sunday of Lent

Introduction: The common theme of today's readings is challenge for metamorphosis or transformation, especially during this Lent season. How? We have to transform our dull and sleepy spiritual life into dynamic Christian life during Lent. Again, how? By cooperating with the grace of God and the strengthening of the Holy Spirit through prayer, fasting, and sharing our blessings with those in need. Result expected? A renewal of our spiritual life during Lent, as our Spirit-filled lives begin radiating Christ's love and mercy around us.

Life Messages

1) **The transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength:** In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar are changed into the crucified and risen, living body and blood of Jesus. Just as Jesus' Transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our source of heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our holy Communion with the living Jesus should be the source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do more good by humble and selfless service to others.

2) **Each time we receive one of the Sacraments, we are transformed:** For example, Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of Heaven. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness.

3) **A message of encouragement and hope:** In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, the thought of our transformation in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son." Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord so that, through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses, we may grow closer to him in his suffering, may share in the carrying of his cross and may finally share the glory of his final "transfiguration," his Resurrection.

4) **We need "mountain-top experiences" in our lives:** We share the "mountain-top experience" of Peter, James and John when we spend extra time in prayer during Lent. Fasting for one day will help the body to store up spiritual energy. This spiritual energy can help us have thoughts that are far higher and nobler than our usual mundane thinking. The hunger we experience puts us more closely in touch with God and makes us more willing to help the hungry. The crosses of our daily lives also can lead us to the glory of transfiguration and resurrection.

5) **We need transformation in our Christian lives** so that we may seek reconciliation instead of revenge, love our enemies, pray for those who hate us, give to the needy without expecting a reward, refuse to judge others and make friends with those we don't naturally like. This transformation will also enable us to hold back on harsh words and let love rule so that we may seek reconciliation rather than revenge, pray for those who give us a hard time, avoid bad-mouthing those we don't agree with, forgive those who hurt us, and love those who hate us.

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Lenten Penance

An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers. The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone and orders three more. As this continued every day the bartender asked him politely, "The folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?" "It's odd, isn't it?" the man replies, "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank." Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. As this continued for several days, the bartender approached him with tears in his eyes and said, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know the two beers and all..." The man ponders this for a moment, and then replies with a broad smile, "You'll be happy to know that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent. Now I am drinking for the other two!"

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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 looking for parishioners to donate non-perishable food items and other items during Lent. They are collected at the back of the church and given to Missionaries of Charity on 167 Aikins Street. *Items Donation List* is available at either entrance and on our website.

CWL NEWS

March 3, 2024 is CWL Sunday with a short meeting to follow after the 9:30 Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited to come.

Just a reminder that on Friday, March 22, at 6:00 p.m. the CWL will be leading the Way of the Cross. All are invited to come, not only on the 22nd, but each Friday during Lent.

Ministers Schedule and Bulletin

Minister's Schedule is found on our website under the *Ministries Section*. Please visit that to see March's schedule.

Bulletin can also be found (without pictures/graphics) under the *Other Section*.



Coffee Sunday



None of our success would be without donors. Coffee Sunday team would like to thank everyone for their donation and support, your generosity is very much appreciated. Funds raised are for the needs of the church.

Again, thank you everyone for the continued support and May God bless us all.

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

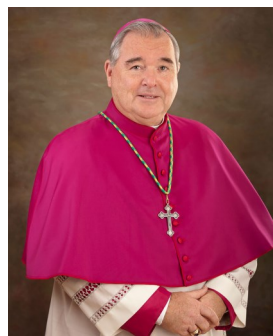
OLVMP: March 20th : 7:00 pm

Check Out These 4 Apps to Help Quench Your Thirst for More Catholic Content

1. Catholic Answers (Free)
2. EWTN (Free)
3. Amen (Free, check out the 4 audio dramas)
4. Formed (Paid)
5. Hallow (Free/Paid)

Not Catholic but Christian

Angel Studio (free/paid video streaming, check out *The Chosen*)



His Grace, Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg will pay a visit to OLVMP on Sunday, March 17 (5th Sunday in Lent).

We are all invited to give a warm and cordial welcome to our Pastor, by taking an active part in the Concelebrated Mass scheduled at 9:30 am.

