

# Our Lady of Lourdes

Diocese of Covington's Latin Mass Parish

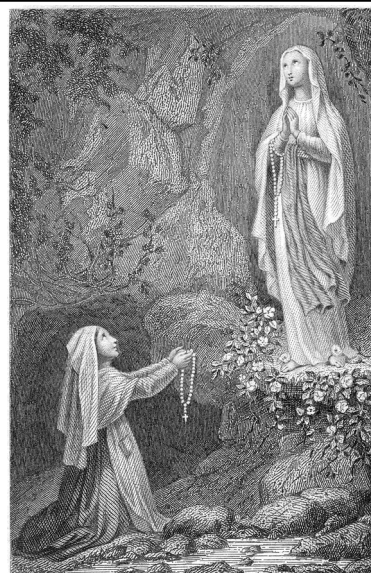
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"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"

## Sermon of St. Maximus, Bishop & Father of the Church



WE MUST ACCEPT WITH ALL REVERENCE, Brethren, the sacred days of Lent, and not repine because of the length of the season; for the longer the days of our fasting, the greater the grounds of our forgiveness; the longer the time of our self-denial, the greater the price paid for our soul's salvation; the severer the treatment of our wounds, the more sure the healing of our offenses. For God Who is the Physician of our souls has instituted an appropriate time; sufficient for the just to make reparation, and for sinners to ask for mercy; the one praying for peace, the other imploring pardon. For the days of Lent are suited to our purposes; not short, so that we may plead in prayer; not long, for our need to gain merit. For in this fast of forty days any offense may be wiped out, and the severity of any judge softened. The time may be long and tedious for the man who neither pleads for his sins, nor hopes for forgiveness. For he who despairs will neither confess his sin, nor hope in the mercy of the Judge. Holy and salutary therefore is the time of Lent, in which the Judge is moved to mercy, the sinner to repentance, and the just to peace. For in these days the Divinity is wont to be more merciful, the sinner to repent, and grace to be earned. All things are now prepared: the heavens to pardon, the sinner to confess, the tongue to plead. Mystical and salutary is this number, forty. For when in the beginning the iniquity of man covered the face of the earth, God, dissolving the clouds of heaven for the space of this number of days, covered the whole earth with a flood. For as it then rained for forty days to cleanse the world, so now it does also... For in these forty days, the good are divided from the bad: that is, the chaste from the unchaste, the temperate from the intemperate, the Christian from the heathen...the sinner from the just man, the devil from the saint, the heretic from the faithful. For those others are lost, as in the Flood, in the disaster of this world, while the Church alone, with all its virtues, is like the Ark sustained above the deep.



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Contact Fr. Cushing for any Sacramental needs such as Baptism, confessions, Holy Matrimony etc..

## Mass Calendar & Intentions

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 3: Third Sunday of Lent</b>
7:00 AM	Fr. Cushing's intentions
9:00 AM	For the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes
(Union)12:30 PM	Fr. Cushing's intentions
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 4: Feria of Lent</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 5: Feria of Lent</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 6: Feria of Lent</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 7: Feria of Lent</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 8: Feria of Lent</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 9: Feria of Lent</b>



Third Sunday of Lent

March 3rd, 2024

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1. *Teach me, when blamed, to silent be,  
that I may more resemble Thee.*
2. *O Lord, the cross Thou gavest me,  
I want to bear for love of Thee.*
3. *By the first fall for me was brought,  
Forgiveness for my sin of thought.*
4. *O Mary, my Mother, of Martyrs the Queen,  
How deep was thy sorrow; the sword, how keen!*
5. *'Tis by the cross I bear  
I shall obtain a crown to wear.*
6. *Within my soul, O Face Divine,  
Imprint Thy image, line by line.*
7. *This second fall obtains me grace,  
My sins of word, dear Lord, efface.*
8. *Jesus, teach me how to be  
Self-forgetful, just like Thee.*
9. *This third fall, Lord, I beg will plead  
Forgiveness for my sins of deed.*
10. *Dear Lord, from all the things of earth  
Detach me, show me their true worth.*
11. *Lord, hammer my pride and nail my will  
And bid my rebellious soul "Be still."*
12. *To die each day upon my cross  
For love of Thee is gain — not loss!*
13. *Pierced hands and feet — a thorn-crowned head.  
Thy triumph this! Love is not dead!*
14. *My sinful heart would refuge be  
For Thee, dear Jesus, all for Thee.*

**Weekly Financial Report**

**Week of Sunday February 25, 2024**

Sunday Collection:		
Checks		\$450.00
Cash & Coin		\$383.00
Online & Other Donations		\$1290.00
Candles		\$694.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2817.00</b>

† Sunday Collections will resume being taken up each Sunday Mass at St. Ann.



**M**AJESTIC 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.*

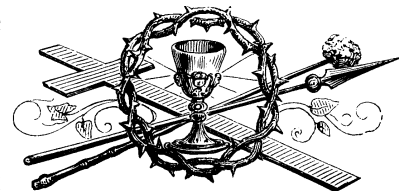
**All ye who suffer, come and learn its value...**

*by Saint Raymond of Penafort, priest & doctor (1175-1275).*



**T**HE PREACHER OF GOD'S TRUTH [St. Paul] has told us that all who want to live righteously in Christ will suffer persecution. If he spoke the truth and did not lie, the only exception to this general statement is, I think, the person who either neglects, or does not know how, to live temperately, justly and righteously in this world.

May you never be numbered among those whose house is peaceful, quiet and free from care; those on whom the Lord's chastisement does not descend; those who live out their days in prosperity, and in the twinkling of an eye will go down to hell.



Your purity of life, your devotion, deserve and call for a reward; because you are acceptable and pleasing to God your purity of life must be made purer still, by frequent buffetings, until you attain perfect sincerity of heart. If from time to time you feel the sword falling on you with double or treble force, this also should be seen as sheer joy and the mark of love.

The two-edged sword consists in conflict without, fears within. It falls with double or treble force within, when the cunning spirit troubles the depths of your heart with guile and enticements. You have learned enough already about these kinds of warfare, or you would not have been able to enjoy peace and interior tranquility in all its beauty.

The sword falls with double and treble force externally when, without cause being given, there breaks out from within the Church persecution in spiritual matters, where wounds are more serious, especially when inflicted by friends.

This is that enviable and blessed Cross of Christ, which Andrew, that manly saint, received with joyful heart: the Cross in which alone we must make our boast, as Paul, God's chosen instrument, has told us.

Look then on Jesus, the author and preserver of faith: in complete sinlessness He suffered, and at the hands of those who were His own, and was numbered among the wicked. As you drink the cup of the Lord Jesus (how glorious it is!), give thanks to the Lord, the giver of all blessings.

May the God of love & peace set your hearts at rest and speed you on your journey; may He meanwhile shelter you from disturbance by others in the hidden recesses of His love, until He brings you at last into that place of complete plenitude where you will repose forever in the vision of peace, in the security of trust and in the restful enjoyment of His riches.

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.