

# Our Lady of Lourdes

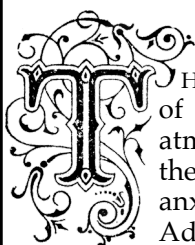
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"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"

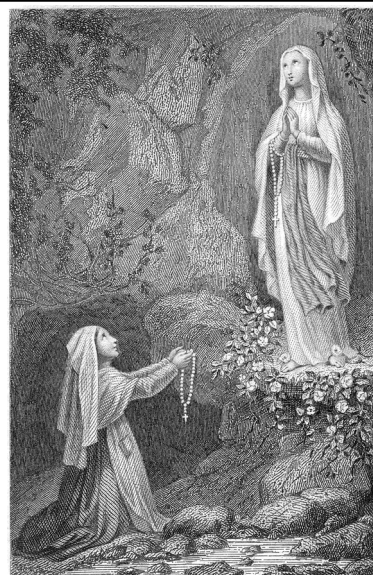
On SEPTUAGESIMA – from *The Liturgical Year*



THE JOYS OF CHRISTMASTIDE seem to have fled far from us. The forty days of gladness brought us by the Birth of our Emmanuel are gone. The atmosphere of holy Church has grown overcast, and we are warned that the gloom is still to thicken. Have we, then, for ever lost Him, we so anxiously and longingly sighed after, during the four slow weeks of our Advent? Has our divine Sun of Justice, that rose so brightly in Bethlehem, now stopped His course, and left our guilty earth?

Not so. The Son of God, the Child of Mary, has not left us. *The Word was made Flesh* in order that He might dwell among us. A glory, far greater than that of His Birth, when Angels sang their hymns, awaits Him, and we are to share it with Him. Only, He must win this new and greater glory by strange countless sufferings; He must purchase it by a most cruel and ignominious death: and we, if we would have our share in the triumph of His Resurrection, must follow Him in the Way of the Cross, all wet with the Tears and the Blood He shed for us. The grave maternal voice of the Church will soon be heard, inviting us to the Lenten penance; but she wishes us to prepare for this laborious baptism, by employing these three weeks in considering the deep wounds caused in our souls by sin. True, - the beauty and loveliness of the Little Child, born to us in Bethlehem, are great beyond measure; but our souls are so needy, that they require other lessons than those He gave us of humility and simplicity.

Our Jesus is the Victim of the divine justice, and He has now attained the fullness of



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## Baptism and Marriages

All Sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes are performed according to the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite, with the 1962 liturgical books being normative. Contact the pastor for any sacramental needs.

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## Mass Calendar & Intentions

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 16: Septuagesima Sunday</b>
7:00 AM	Jerome Gruen
(Union) 7:00 AM	Jenna Brueggemann
9:00 AM	Ed & Jenny Miller
11:30 AM	Pro Populo
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 17: Votive of the Most Holy Trinity</b>
6:30 AM	Shelley Shannon
12:10 PM	Noah Wise
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 18: St. Simeon, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>
6:30 AM	Private intention
12:10 PM	Mary Lou Lynch
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 19: Votive of St. Joseph</b>
12:10 PM	(+) Francis Ryan
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>February 20: Votive of the Holy Ghost</b>
6:30 AM	(+) Monsignor David Michael Gallivan
12:10 PM	Christ is King Action Ministries
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>February 21: Votive of the Sacred Heart</b>
6:30 AM	Fr. Lawrence Carney
12:10 PM	Kaden Ryan Trujillo
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 22: Chair of St. Peter</b>
(Union) 9:00 AM	John Paul Downes



Septuagesima Sunday

February 16th, 2025

his age; the altar, on which he is to be slain, is ready: and since it is for us that he is to be sacrificed, we should at once set ourselves to consider, what are the debts we have contracted towards that infinite Justice, which is about to punish the Innocent One instead of us the guilty. The mystery of a God becoming Incarnate for the love of his creature, has opened to us the path of the *Illuminative Way*; but we have not yet seen the brightest of its Light. Let not our hearts be troubled; the divine wonders we witnessed at Bethlehem are to be surpassed by those that are to grace the day of our Jesus' Triumph: but, that our eye may contemplate these future mysteries, it must be purified by courageously looking into the deep abyss of our own personal miseries. God will grant us His divine light for the discovery; and if we come to know ourselves, to understand the grievousness of original sin, to see the malice of our own sins, and to comprehend, at least in some degree, the infinite mercy of God towards us, - we shall be prepared for the holy expiations of Lent, and for the ineffable joys of Easter.

The Season, then, of **Septuagesima** is one of most serious thought. During these days, therefore, we must do what we do at all seasons of the Year - only, we must do it more earnestly and fervently: we must sigh and weep after our country, from which we were exiled in consequence of having indulged in sinful pleasures; we must redouble our efforts in order to regain it by compunction & weeping of heart... Let us now shed tears in the way, that we may afterwards be glad in our country... From all this it is evident, that the Christian, who would spend Septuagesima according to the spirit of the Church, must make war upon that false security, that self-satisfaction, which are so common to effeminate and tepid souls, and produce spiritual barrenness. It is well for them, if these delusions do not insensibly lead them to the absolute loss of the true Christian spirit. He that thinks himself dispensed from that continual watchfulness, which is so strongly inculcated by our Divine Master, is already in the enemy's power. He that feels no need of combat and of struggle in order to persevere and make progress in virtue, (unless he have been honoured with a privilege, which is both rare and dangerous), should fear that he is not even on the road to that Kingdom of God, which is only to be won by *violence*. He that forgets the sins, which God's mercy has forgiven him, should fear his being the victim of a dangerous delusion. Let us, during these days, which we are going to devote to the honest unflinching contemplation of our miseries, give glory to our God, and derive, from the knowledge of ourselves, fresh motives of confidence in Him, who, in spite of all our wretchedness and sin, humbled himself so low as to become one of us, in order that he might exalt us even to union with Himself.

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.

## FROM THE NOTES OF ST. BERNADETTE:

"I want to follow You and be like You, O my Jesus; I would rather be crucified with you than enjoy all the pleasures of this world without you."

"Anyone who is not prepared to suffer all for the Beloved and to do His will in all things is not worthy of the sweet name of Friend, for here below, Love without suffering does not exist."



"Why must we suffer? Because here below pure Love cannot exist without suffering. O Jesus, Jesus, I no longer feel my cross when I think of yours."

"O Virtue! How rarely we see you, yet how real you are!"

"O Jesus, light of my soul, enlighten me during times of tribulation; but since these trials are useful to me, pay no heed to my fears or my weakness."

## Weekly Financial Report Week of Sunday February 9, 2025

Sunday Collection:	
Checks	\$3545.00
Cash & Coin	\$1136.00
Online & Other Donations	\$200.00
Candles	\$119.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budgetary Needs</b>	<b>\$4,208</b>



**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.*

† Catechism class on Monday evenings at 6:30pm.

† One of our parishioners is raising funds for a bench in memory of Emma Haacke. Her parents have selected a beautiful St Therese quote to adorn the bench, and it will be near the town flagpole area & facing OLOL Church. Contact us at [secretary@ololparish.org](mailto:secretary@ololparish.org) if you would like to contribute.

† 40 Days for Life is assembling a 24/7 prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood. Contact Adam at (513)442-6449 to help.

† On Sunday, March 2nd, we will have a 5am Mass at Holy Family Oratory. No 7am Mass that day.

† Starting the first Sunday of Lent, March 9th, the 9am Sunday Mass at OLOL is being moved to 9:30am.