

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Join in prayer with those who have requested Masses be offered for their loved ones, living or deceased.

SUTTON

Mon.	Mar 14	8:30am	Blessings upon Rick & Lucy req. M.M. Grellette
Tues.	Mar 15	8:30am	Blessings upon Deacon Milan & Maria req. M. M. Grellette
Wed.	Mar 16	8:30am	Special Intentions req. Lou Conte
Sat.	Mar 19	<u>5:15pm</u>	<u>Short – Stations of the Cross</u>
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Sun.	Mar 20	<u>8:15am</u>	<u>Short – Stations of the Cross</u>
		8:30am	Parishioners (Pro Populo)

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Thurs.	Mar 17	8:30am	+Julius & Elizabeth Hancko
Fri.	Mar 18	8:30am	Special Intentions req. Lou Conte
Sat.	Mar 19	<u>3:45pm</u>	<u>Short – Stations of the Cross</u>
		4:00pm	+Helen & Joseph Thompson req. John & Mara Dzisiak
Sun.	Mar 20	<u>10:15am</u>	<u>Short – Stations of the Cross</u>
		10:30am	Special Intentions req. Mr. & Mrs. Attanasio

CATHECISM CLASSES 1ST Holy Communion – March 26/27 **Confirmation:** April 2nd / 3rd Immediately following all Masses (duration 30 minutes)

Further details and information about classes and dates of interest are on parish website. Keep yourself informed.

Dear Parents: At registration for 1st Holy Communion some of your children did not know all prayers. Please ensure your children know them and remember the registration fee, if owed.

March 25th – FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD. You are invited to a morning of prayer at **Our Lady of the Lake Church** starting after the 8:30am mass ending with the 2nd Mass at noon with Consecration to Jesus Through Mary. (A visiting priest will be available for Confession from 10am to 12noon.

MUSICIANS NEEDED for both churches. If you are interested, please contact the parish office to meet with Father.

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SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes.

During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God.

The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners.