

PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, & almsgiving that ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture and holy writings; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent>

May these offerings promote your true inner conversion of heart this Lent.

All events are open to everyone regardless of parish affiliation

LENT 2024

Ash Wednesday Masses and Services—February 14

Morning

6:25 AM St. Leo the Great
 7 St. John
 8 Our Mother of Sorrows
 8 St. Charles
 8 St. Mark's *
 * Followed by Stations of the Cross
 8:30 St. Lawrence
 8:30 St. Leo the Great
 9 Holy Cross**
 **School Mass open to all

Midday

11:30 AM St. Charles
 12:00 PM Our Mother of Sorrows #
 12:05 St. John
 12:15 St. Lawrence #
 12:30 St. Mark's #

Evening

5 PM St. Charles #
 5:30 Our Mother of Sorrows
 5:30 St. Mark's
 6 St. John
 6:30 St. Lawrence
 6:30 Holy Cross
 7 St. Leo the Great

Service with Ashes; No Mass



Stations of the Cross

Holy Cross Church

- Thursdays after 5:30 PM Mass

Our Mother of Sorrows Church

- Wednesdays after 8 AM Mass

St. Charles Borromeo Church

- Fridays at 3 PM, 2/16 thru 3/22

St. Lawrence Church

- Fridays at 3 PM

St. Leo the Great Church

- Fridays at 3 PM

St. John the Evangelist Church

- Fridays at 5:30 PM, 2/16 thru 3/22
- Wednesdays after 8:15 AM Mass, 2/21 thru 3/27

St. Mark's Church

- Fridays at 7 PM, 2/16 thru 3/29; followed by confession
- Wed. after 8 AM Mass, 2/21 thru 3/20



The seven parishes of Charlotte, Greece and Hilton are jointly adopting the group name and logo to the left. Our association helps us remember we are one Catholic Christian family. Jesus prayed to his Father, "... that all may be one ... so that the world may believe you have sent me." (John 17:20-21)

Let us avail ourselves of Lenten opportunities to grow in holiness, so that we may be stronger witnesses to the world that Jesus was sent by God to save the whole world.



Day of Penance and Mercy—Thursday, February 22

A Day of Penance & Mercy will take place throughout the Diocese on February 22. Listed are times for the Sacrament of Penance in our churches this day.



Our Mother of Sorrows Church

- 1-6 PM

St. Charles Borromeo Church

- 9 AM-12 PM; 2-5 PM

St John the Evangelist Church

- 10-11 AM, 2-3 PM & 5-6 PM

St. Lawrence Church

- Noon-2 PM & 5-7 PM
- Adoration from 9 AM-7 PM

St. Mark's Church

- 1-3 PM; 4-7 PM
- **Additionally, Fridays** in Lent 2/16 thru 3/29, following 7 PM Stations of the Cross

St. Leo the Great Church

- Wednesday, March 20 from 1-7 PM

Family Program

St. Mark's Church in St. Michael's Corner "The Saints We Celebrate in Lent"

February Session

- Sunday, Feb. 18, 12:15-1:15 PM

March Session

- Sunday, March 10, 12-1 PM

Ignite: For Teens Grades 6—12

Holy Cross—begins in School gym, ends in Church

- Faith+Fun+Friendship
- Youth of all faiths welcome
- Parents/guardians asked to accompany youth inside to register if coming for the first time
- Friday, March 1 from 6:30-9:00 PM

Praying the Rosary

St. John the Evangelist Church (in front of tabernacle)

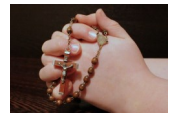
- Begins 1/2 hour **prior** to weekend Masses (Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday at 8 & 10 AM)

St. Charles Borromeo Church

- After 8 AM Daily Mass (Monday-Friday)

St. Lawrence Church

- Weekdays at 9 AM following 8:30 AM Daily Mass or Communion Service
- Sunday, February 18 & March 17 at 11 AM



Lenten Friday Nights at St. Mark's Church

Join St. Mark's for any or all of the offerings on each Friday in Lent (2/16 thru 3/29):

- Fish Fry (pg. 4), "Faith in 15" (pg.3), Stations of the Cross (pg. 1), Confession opportunity (above), and the "The Search" (pg. 3).

Catholic Moms' Group (ENDOW Study Meetings)

St. Leo the Great (Classroom 3): Thursdays, Feb. 22 & March 14 from 6:45-8 PM

- ENDOW (Education on the Nature and Dignity of Women) seeks to educate women toward a more profound understanding of their God-given dignity through study in small groups of faith and friendship.

Eucharistic Adoration Opportunities

Holy Cross Church

- Wednesdays 1-6 PM

St. Charles Borromeo Church

- Saturday, Feb. 17 & March 16, 5:15-6:15 PM

St. Lawrence Church

- Thursday, Feb 22 9 AM-7 PM
⇒ *During Day of Penance*
- Monday, March 4, 9 AM-3:30 PM
⇒ Benediction at 3:30 PM



St. Leo the Great Chapel

- Wednesdays 9 AM-8 PM

St. Mark's Church

- Sunday, March 3, 12:30-1:30 PM
⇒ Focus on praying for young Saints and peace in our world
⇒ Closes with Benediction
- Thursday, March 29; Noon-7 PM
⇒ Closes with Benediction

ROC Catholics Northwest Lenten Retreat

Held at Our Mother of Sorrows Church

- “The Spirituality of Change: Being with Jesus”
- Three days (**Save the Dates**)
 - ⇒ Sunday, March 17 at 7 PM
 - ⇒ Monday, March 18 at 1 PM and 7 PM (*program repeated*)
 - ⇒ Tuesday, March 19 at 1 PM and 7 PM (*program repeated*)
- Presenters: Damian Zynda, Michael Sauter, and Fr. Ed Palumbos
- **More information will be provided in bulletins during Lent**



Engage Your Mind And Your Spirit

Eucharistic Studies, Bible Studies, and More

St. Lawrence Church

- The Synoptic Gospels & the Eucharist
- Presented by Fr. Lee Chase
- Mondays 2/26, 3/4 & 3/11
- 6:30-7:30 PM

Faith in 15

St. Mark's Chapel

- 15-minute session that will focus on prayerful ways to reflect on your life and your faith throughout Lent.
- Program will center around “Worry, Anxiety, Mental Health and Peace”
- Fridays 2/16 thru 3/29
- 6:30 PM for 15 minutes



St. Mark's Old Church

- Beautiful Eucharist by Matthew Kelly
- Discuss the book that reminds us we have an open invitation to encounter the life-giving presence of Jesus in the Eucharist
- 2 sessions:
 - ⇒ Sundays 2/25 & 3/10: 9:45-10:45 AM
 - OR
 - ⇒ Mondays 2/26 & 3/11 after 8 AM Mass

“Lilies of the Valley” Lenten Retreat for Women (Ages 18-40)

St. Leo the Great

- Includes Mass, Adoration, and guest speakers: Dr. Angela Kristan, Mary Lou Rosien, & Fr. Peter VanLieshout
- Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 AM-3:30 PM
- **Registration deadline Feb. 14;** email danielle.hubbel@dor.org



“The Search”-for Young Adults

St. Mark's Church

- Are you looking for meaning & purpose again? Will your kids stay Catholic when they leave home? “The Search” is a video-based program that explores life's big questions.
- Fridays, 7:30-8:30 PM
 - ⇒ 2/16: What do you Seek?
 - ⇒ 2/23: Who Are You?
 - ⇒ 3/1: Why a God?
 - ⇒ 3/8: What's Our Story?
 - ⇒ 3/15: Who is Jesus?
 - ⇒ 3/22: Am I Saved?
 - ⇒ 3/29: What a Church?

Fish Fries / Soup Suppers

St. John's Parish Center (behind church)

- Fish Fry Sponsored by St. John's & the Knights of Columbus Council #3892
- Fridays beginning 2/16 thru 3/22
- 4-7 PM
- Take out and eat in offered



St. Mark's parking lot

- Fish Fries on Fridays beginning 2/16 thru 3/29
- 4:30-6:30 PM
- Take out only

Living Stations of the Cross

Offered by **St. Lawrence School at St. Lawrence Church**

- Friday, March 8 at 1 PM

St. Leo the Great Church

- Good Friday, March 29 at 7 PM

Holy Thursday Times for Church Visitation

Below are the times our churches will be open on **Holy Thursday, March 28**, for visitation following the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Our Lord, Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, will be present on each Altar of Repose

Our Mother of Sorrows

- After 7 PM Mass until 10:30 PM

Holy Cross Church

- *Note this church will NOT be open*

St. Charles Borromeo Church

- After 7 PM Mass until 9:30 PM

St. John the Evangelist Church

- After 7 PM Mass until 10 PM
- 10 PM Compline/Night Prayer is prayed

St. Lawrence Church

- After 6:30 PM Mass until 9:30 PM

St. Leo the Great Church

- After 7 PM Mass until 10 PM

St. Mark's Chapel

- After 7 PM Mass until 10 PM

Holy Cross Parish Center

- Lenten Soup Supper (teens' fundraiser)
- Friday, March 8; 5-7:30 PM

St. Leo the Great Church

- Lenten Soup Supper & Speaker
- Tuesday, February 20 at 6 PM



St. Joseph's Table

Holy Cross Parish Center

- Sunday, March 17
- After 10 AM Mass

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Hall

- Saturday, March 16
- After 4 PM Mass

St. Lawrence Deacon Hall

- Saturday, March 23 at 5 PM
- Bring a meatless dish to pass for 12-15 people
- See St. Lawrence bulletin for more details

St. Leo the Great

- Sunday, March 17
- 11:30 AM (after 10:30 AM Mass)



Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

Our Mother of Sorrows Church

- Saturday, March 30 at 11 AM

St. John the Evangelist Church

- Saturday, March 30 at 2 PM
- *Done in the traditional Polish tradition*

St. Leo the Great Church

- Saturday, March 30 at 9:30 AM

St. Mark's Church

- Saturday, March 30 at 12 noon



Holy Cross Church

4492 Lake Avenue

Our Mother of Sorrows

5000 Mt. Read Blvd.

St. Charles Borromeo

3003 Dewey Avenue

St. John the Evangelist

2400 West Ridge Rd.

St. Lawrence Church

1000 N Greece Rd.

St. Leo the Great

110 Old Hojack Ln., Hilton

St. Mark's Church

54 Kuhn Rd.
