

# *Holy Family Traditional Roman Catholic Church*

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## *First Sunday in Lent*

*March 9, 2025*

We gladly welcome visitors and newcomers.

At the same time, we respectfully remind you that to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion, one must be:

A baptized Catholic free from any mortal sin committed since one's last Confession.

Fasting for three hours from any food and/or alcoholic beverage.

One hour from any other beverage except water.

Praying in  
Silence

**Kindly maintain prayerful silence both before and after all Masses.**

Please respect the needs of fellow parishioners to spend time quietly in the church in uninterrupted prayer. Everyone is asked to take all conversations outside the building or into the church hall where conversations are welcome.

**Mass Intentions will be posted in the bulletin once daily Mass resumes.**

All Mass Intentions that are put in the designated container at the back of the church will be collected by the priests and said at their daily Masses.

### **HOLY MASS SCHEDULE**

Sundays: 4:00 PM

Weekdays: TBA

Holy Days of Obligation: TBA

CONFESSIONS - Before Each Mass

ROSARY - Before Each Mass

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

at the communion rail after Mass

### **NOVENAS**

Miraculous Medal - TBA

Sacred Heart - TBA

### **COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Sundays after Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE - Sundays before the Mass

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## First Sunday in Lent

**GOSPEL Matt. 4:1-11** At that time, Jesus was led by the spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry. And the tempter coming said to Him: "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." Who answered and said: "It is written, not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, and set Him upon the pinnacle of the temple, And said to Him: "If You are the Son of God, cast Yourself down, for it is written: That He hath given His angels charge over You, and in their hands shall they bear You up, lest perhaps You dash Your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him: "It is written again: Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

Again, the devil took Him up into a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, and said to Him: "All these things will I give You, if falling down You will adore me." Then Jesus said to him:

"Begone, Satan: for it is written: The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and Him only shalt thou serve."

Then the devil left Him; and behold angels came and ministered to Him.



**The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste or The Forty Holy Martyrs** were a group of Roman soldiers whose martyrdom in 320 for the Christian faith is recounted in traditional martyrologies.

They were killed near the city of Sebaste, in Lesser Armenia (present-day Turkey), victims of the persecutions of Licinius, who after 316, persecuted the Christians of the East. The earliest account of their existence and martyrdom is given by Bishop Basil of Caesarea in a homily he delivered on their feast day.

According to Basil, forty soldiers who had openly confessed themselves Christians were condemned by the prefect to be exposed naked upon a frozen pond near Sebaste on a bitterly cold night, that they might freeze to death. Among the confessors, one yielded and, leaving his companions, sought the warm baths near the lake which had been prepared for any who might prove inconstant. Upon immersion into the cauldron, the one who yielded went into shock and immediately died. One of the guards was set to keep watch over the martyrs and beheld at this moment a supernatural brilliancy overshadowing them. He at once proclaimed himself a Christian, threw off his garments, and joined the remaining thirty-nine. Thus, the number of forty remained complete. At daybreak, the stiffened bodies of the confessors, which still showed signs of life, were burned and the ashes cast into a river. Christians, however, collected the precious remains, and the relics were distributed throughout many cities; in this way, veneration of the Forty Martyrs became widespread, and numerous churches were erected in their honor.

To this day, the devotion to the Forty Martyrs is extensive all over the East. In Syria, the Armenian Cathedral of Aleppo and the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Homs are dedicated to the Forty Martyrs.

The feast day of the Forty Martyrs falls on March 10th. In Orthodox Churches that follow the Julian calendar, this day is intentionally placed so that it will fall during Lent. There is a purposeful play on the number forty, being both the number of martyrs and the days in the fast. Their feast also falls during Lent so that the endurance of the martyrs will serve as an example to the faithful to persevere to the end (i.e., throughout the forty days of the fast) in order to attain heavenly reward.

A prayer mentioning the Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste is also placed in the Orthodox Wedding Service to remind the bride and groom that spiritual crowns await them in Heaven also if they remain as faithful to Christ as these saints of long ago.

Special devotion to the Forty Martyrs of Sebaste was introduced at an early date into the West as well. Bishop Gaudentius of Brescia (d. about 410 or 427) received particles of the ashes of martyrs during a voyage in the East and placed them with other relics in the altar of the basilica which he had erected, at the consecration of which he delivered a discourse, still extant.

The Church of Santa Maria Antiqua in the Roman Forum, built in the fifth century, contains a chapel, built like the church itself on an ancient site, and consecrated to the Forty Martyrs. A sixth or seventh-century mural there depicts their martyrdom. The names of the confessors, as we find them also in later sources, were formerly inscribed on this fresco.

Acts of these martyrs, written subsequently, in Greek, Syriac and Latin, are yet surviving, also a "Testament" of the Forty Martyrs.

**DRESS POLICY** ~ If this is the first time you have attended the Traditional Latin Mass you may have noticed that our parishioners do not dress casually in the church. Since the changes of Vatican II in the Church, few parishes have had any kind of dress code: we still believe that modesty and appropriate attire are necessary, especially in Church out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance

**and to receive communion at the communion rail:**

Women and girls must cover their heads. (Chapel veils or mantillas are available for loan or purchase in the vestibule.)

Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, jeans, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.

It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass.

Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **On Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of this week, there is daily Mass at 9 AM.**
- **During the month of March, we will pray the Litany of St. Joseph at the end of Mass.**
- **On Fridays during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held at 7 PM.**
- **Join fellow parishioners every Tuesday at 3 PM** in the church to recite fifteen decades of the rosary. Our intentions are to ask God and his Blessed Mother for their protection of our country and our church against the force which is trying to destroy us.
- **In your kindness, please remember to pray for those listed on the Memorial Page,** and all deceased members of the chapel.
- **New to the Tridentine Mass,** you may find the grey or green paperback missals found in the pews helpful in following the Mass.
- **We are a smoke free church.** No Smoking or Vaping Within 25 Feet of the church and school buildings is allowed.
- **Visit our websites.** Both the church and school web addresses can be found in the bulletin.



Lent is the 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday.

It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; 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.

The Belgian priest and physicist, Monsignor Georges Lemaître died in 1966 after receiving news that his theory of the birth of the universe—what he called the “hypothesis of the primeval atom”—had been confirmed by the discovery of cosmic microwave background radiation. Albert Einstein was slow in coming around to Lemaitre’s hypothesis of an expanding universe, now popularly called the “Big Bang”—a term that was first meant in subtle mockery, but then he commended it to further research.

Over time, scientists published evidence of the almost instantaneous expansion of all matter from an infinitesimal particle. The scale and volume of this stuns the human mind, but at least if the mind cannot grasp this, it can acknowledge it, along with the fact that there was no time or space before that “moment.” It fits well with the record in Genesis of the voice of the eternal and unlimited God uttering light and all consequent creatures into existence.

Here one must be careful in attributing to physical science an explanation of the “why” as well as the “how” of creation, and theology—equally the highest science—must not confuse itself with physics. In the sixteenth century, Cardinal Baronius said, “The Bible was written to show us how to go to heaven, not how the heavens go.” In a moment of unguarded enthusiasm in 1951, Pope Pius XII said that Lemaitre’s theory proved the existence of God. He humbly backed off when Lemaître told him that a physical hypothesis could do no such thing.

No human hypothesis can tell us what God alone can reveal: that he made the world and all that is in it for his delight. When we delight God by doing his will, his delight infuses his sentient creatures with joy.

The composer Gustav Holst may have employed some fanciful theology in giving personalities to seven planets in his famous symphony, but the “jollity” of Jupiter is a compelling metaphor for the joy of the saints.

Laetare Sunday, which is coming soon, is not so much an interruption of the penitential season as it is an encouragement not to lose the focus of Lent and life itself on the joy that God offers us in Heaven, where there is no time or space, as it was before the world began.

The Church goes “up” to Jerusalem in an earthly sense as a metaphor for moving toward the Heavenly Jerusalem which “has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb” (Revelation 21:23). This is a wonder more daunting and challenging than the most abstruse hypotheses of the most brilliant physical scientists. It moves beyond the pleasure of speculation into the purest happiness of encounter. “Rejoice, O Jerusalem; and come together all you that love her.”



*Remember, also, Lord, Your servants and handmaids below who are gone hence before us, marked with the sign of faith, and sleep the sleep of peace. To them, Lord and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we implore You a place of happiness, light and peace through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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# Confirmation

Bishop Pivarunas will be here on Sunday, March 23rd  
 to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation.  
 Mass will be at 9:00AM.

Please join in a potluck breakfast reception  
 in the church social hall to  
 congratulate the confirmands and  
 visit with His Excellency.



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Less than 50 Members of the Chapel - \$100  
 Less than 50 Non-members - \$150  
 Greater than 50 Members of the Chapel - \$200  
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## SUGGESTED DONATIONS

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