

# St. James Basilica Lenten Calendar 2021

## *The urgency of conversion*

It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God's mercy has been bestowed upon us. [...] Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. *Hos 2:14*), so that we can at last hear our Spouse's voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

-Pope Francis



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## Lenten Regulations

The penitential days for the Universal Church are each Friday of the entire year and the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. This season is an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for the highest feast of the year, Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Universal Church and the Diocese of Fargo provide the following regulations:

### **Abstinence**

Catholics 14 years of age and older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

### **Fasting**

Catholics between the ages of 18-59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. *Fasting means eating only one full meal a day, with two smaller meals permitted. The two smaller meals combined are not to be greater than the full meal.*

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

All the faithful who have reached the age of reason are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once per year. Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion without previously having been to sacramental confession.

### **Holy Communion**

Catholics who have received First Holy Communion are obliged to make a worthy reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season. In the United States, this reception of Holy Communion may take place from the first Sunday in Lent (February 21) through Trinity Sunday (May 30).



## Ash Wednesday Mass Times

February 17

### St. James Basilica:

7am, 12:10pm, 5:15pm, 7pm

10am (SJA Staff and Students ONLY)

St. Mathias: 7pm

*(Ashes will be sprinkled on the faithful's heads.)*

## St. James Basilica Lenten

### Daily Mass Schedule

*(February 18-April 2)*

**Monday-Friday: 7am & 12:10pm**

*The priests will make an effort to keep  
Daily Mass to a half hour in length.*

**Saturday: 8:00am**

*During this season of Lent, could you make time  
to attend daily Mass? Even once per week?*

## Area Penance Services

Cooperstown – March 7, 7pm

Carrington – March 14, 7pm

Hope – March 18, 7pm

St. James Basilica – March 21, 3pm

Valley City – March 28, 7pm

## Holy Week Confession

### Schedule

Sunday, March 28 – 3pm-4pm

Monday, March 29 – 11am-12pm, 4-6pm

Tuesday, March 30 – 7pm-8:30pm

Wednesday, March 31 – 11am-12pm,  
4pm-5pm, and 7pm-8pm

Holy Thursday, April 1 – 11am-12pm

## Lenten Spiritual Opportunities

✦ **Theology on Tap** – Father Kuhn will offer a basic theological introduction to the Sacraments. The Sacraments are essential to our Catholic Christian identity. Christ instituted the Sacraments for our Salvation, and we share in his Divine life and grace when we fully participate in them. Theology on Tap will meet at the KC Hall beginning Thursday February 18th at 7pm. The first session will be a double session (1.25 hours) and will offer a General Introduction/Review of the Sacraments followed by a deeper look at the Sacrament of Baptism. All other Theology on Tap sessions will last 30 minutes. Session dates and times will be posted in the bulletin and announced when we meet.

✦ **“Consecration to St. Joseph”** – Join Deacon Kirk Ripplinger on a 33-day journey through the book, Consecration to St. Joseph – The Wonders of our Spiritual Father. You can participate in person or via email. The in-person meetings will be held Mondays at 7pm, February 15 & 22, and March 1, 8 and 15 at the Basilica. Consecration will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Deacon Kirk at 269-6942 or [kpar67@yahoo.com](mailto:kpar67@yahoo.com) to sign-up. *(Open to both men and women.)*

✦ **Examining the Hard Teachings of the Church** – Our seminarian, Andrew Meyer, will examine some of the hot button topics facing the culture today (abortion, same-sex marriage, religious freedom) and teach how to argue rhetorically and offer some basic philosophical points that will help you understand the Church’s reasons for standing behind these issues. Classes will be on Tuesdays from 7-8pm in the Community Room. The first session, “How to Argue Well – Rediscover a Lost Art” will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. See the bulletin for the full schedule.

✦ **Virtual Lenten Accountability Group** – Whatever spiritual exercise or sacrifice you decide to add or give up this Lent, join this virtual group to share your Lenten experience and help keep yourself accountable throughout your journey. Two sessions will be offered via Zoom – Tuesdays at 7am and Wednesdays at 8pm. Contact Kristen in the parish office or at [liturgy@stjamesbasilica.org](mailto:liturgy@stjamesbasilica.org) to sign-up. *(Internet access required.)*

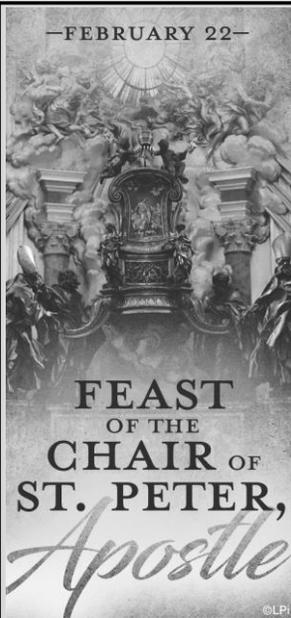
✦ **“An Ignatian Prayer Adventure”** – This is an adapted version of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises and can be accessed for free online. *(A book is available, but it is not required.)* The eight-week retreat provides daily reflections, Scripture readings, and themes for focusing your thoughts. Choose to commit to a regular period of prayer each day, or start with only one day a week. [ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-spiritual-exercises/an-ignatian-prayer-adventure/](http://ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-spiritual-exercises/an-ignatian-prayer-adventure/)

✦ **It’s not what you give up this Lent, it’s who you become.** Sign-up at [dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html](http://dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html) to receive daily emails and video reflections focused on prayer.

✦ **Word on Fire Lenten Gospel Reflections** – Sign-up to receive a daily meditation on the Gospel via email from Bishop Robert Barron at [www.lentreflections.com](http://www.lentreflections.com)

✦ **Spiritual Video Library** – See the Faith Formation tab on the parish website for a list of videos, or contact the FF Office at 252-0478.

—FEBRUARY 22—



**The Feast of the Chair of  
St. Peter, Apostle**  
**February 22<sup>nd</sup> • 12:10pm Mass**

This Feast is one that we, as a Basilica, are obliged to celebrate with particular care in order to make clear the particular bond of communion by which the minor basilica is united with the Roman Cathedra (chair) of Peter. Please join us for this special celebration of the Mass!

Lunch will be served following Mass. The meal will be packaged for those who need to grab-and-go.

**Parish Rosary and Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Thursday Afternoons**

**Exposition** following 12:10pm Mass

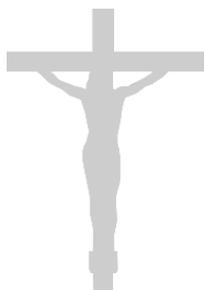
**5:00pm Rosary**

**5:15pm Benediction**

**First Friday Adoration**

March 5 – 8pm-8am

April 2 – No First Friday Adoration



**Stations of the Cross**  
**Fridays at 5:30pm**

**February 19-March 26**

*There will be no simple suppers this  
year due to COVID precautions.*

This year, as we approach Lent, we are in a unique position. The COVID pandemic has caused much disruption in our lives. When public Masses were cancelled last year, we were early in the Lenten Season. Though the Resurrection of the Lord is always a glorious day, last year we missed out on the joy of celebrating it together as a faith community. We have experienced a sort of 'wandering in the desert', as we made, and continue to make, sacrifices for the common good. Though this year has been daunting and tiresome, take a moment to reflect on the Israelites who wandered in the desert for 40 years. At times, they lost their way and turned away from God, growing impatient, but time and again, God would answer their cries. Thinking back on this past year, how have you stumbled like the Israelites? Lent is a time for us to reflect upon and acknowledge our stumblings, and in doing so, turn back to the Lord. Fix your eyes on Him, trust in his Divine Providence, and have faith in His mercy, and He will bring you out of the desert and into His glorious light.

**Men of the Cross**

**Tuesday, March 9 – 5:30pm**

A "Band of Brothers" with the common mission of growing in their love of Jesus and to share that love of the Lord with others. All men are welcome.

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**FIND GOD  
IN THE DESERT**

**Note from the Liturgist:** Since Bishop Folda has lifted the restriction on congregational singing, we will be returning to the Latin Chant Mass throughout Lent. Father Pfau has also requested that we incorporate additional Latin hymns and chants, as they are an important treasure of the Church. *Sacrosanctum Concilium (the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)*, one of the documents from the Second Vatican Council, says "the treasure of sacred music is to be preserved and fostered with great care", that "Gregorian chant [...] should be given pride of place in liturgical services", that "it is desirable also that an edition be prepared containing simpler melodies", and that "steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them." (114, 116, 118, 54) This Lenten season, you will hear some Gregorian Chants, some Simple English Propers, and some Latin hymns, along with traditional Lenten hymns with which you will be more familiar. Ask the Lord for His guidance in opening your heart and mind to appreciate the richness of the musical traditions of the Church.

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# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## **Palm Sunday Mass, March 28**

5pm (Sat. March 27), 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 4:30pm

## **Daily Mass – March 29-April 2**

7am Mon, Tues, & Wed – 12:10pm Mon and Wed ONLY

## **Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral – Tuesday, March 30 – 11am**

(No 12:10pm Mass at St. James Basilica)

At this Mass, Bishop Folda will bless the Sacred Oils that will be used throughout the diocese and the priests renew their vows.

## **Holy Thursday, April 1**

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (no other Masses this day)

Eucharistic Adoration following Mass until Midnight (in Community Room)

**There WILL be Incense at this Mass**

*7:00pm at St. Mathias, Windsor*



## **Good Friday, April 2**

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

*5:30pm St. Mathias, Windsor*

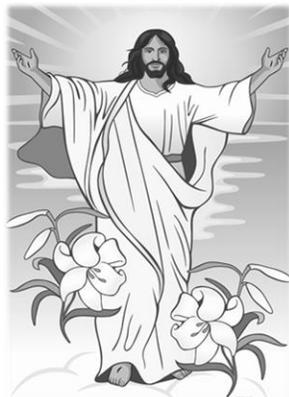


## **Holy Saturday, April 3**

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass (no other Masses, no confessions)

This Mass fulfills your Sunday Obligation

**There WILL be Incense at this Mass**



## **Easter Sunday Mass, April 4**

7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am ONLY

**There WILL be Incense at 9:30am Mass**

*8:30am St. Mathias, Windsor*

*10:30am St. Margaret, Buchanan*