

Our Lady of Victory - Liturgy and Prayer Opportunities

Ash Wednesday, February 14th: The *journey* begins:

Mass w/ Distribution of Ashes:
8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Midday Prayer w/ Distribution of Ashes:
12:15 PM

Weekend/Weekday Mass Schedule: The *journey* continues:

Saturday, 5:00 PM-Sunday, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30 AM

Wednesdays (February 21st, March 14th, 21st, 28th),
6:30 PM (*Note: There is no 8:30 AM Mass on these
Wednesdays. See Wednesday, February 28th - Diocesan Evening
of Reconciliation, and Wednesday, March 7th - Joint Parish
Mission (with Holy Family)*)

Stations of the Cross: We *journey* the way of the Lord:

Wednesdays (February 21st, March 14th), 7:00 PM

RETURNING this year, MIME Stations of the Cross (with our youth):

Wednesday, March 21st, 7:00 PM. You will be inspired and moved.

Bible Study opportunities: We *journey* with the Lord's Word:

Men's Bible Study: Every other Wednesday (beginning Ash Wednesday), 6:30 AM, Room 100 of the Parish Center

Open Bible: Each Thursday, 2-3:30 PM, Room 101 of the Parish Center (currently studying the Gospel of Mark)

"STAND IN THE GAP" (in prayer), praying for any who are away from the Church. Join with others on: Mondays, 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM; Tuesdays, 4:30 PM; Wednesdays, 1:00 and 6:00 PM; Thursdays, 1:00 PM; Fridays, 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Or, stop by the Church at any time to offer prayer for these individuals.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions: The *journey* is renewed:

Saturdays, 9-9:30 AM (*Note: There are no Confessions Saturday, March 31st or April 7th*).

Additional times/opportunities:

Diocesan Evening of Reconciliation (part of a Diocesan wide annual event):

Wednesday, February 28th, 5-8 PM. (*Additionally, a representative from the Diocesan Tribunal will be present for any who wish to find out more information about Annulments in the Church (Tribunal)*)

Communal Reconciliation Celebration (area Churches): Sunday, March 18th, 4:00 PM, at Saint Joseph Church in Cuyahoga Falls.

Tuesday, March 27th, 10-11:00 AM (*Our Lady of Victory*)

Wednesday, March 28th, 5-6:00 PM (*Our Lady of Victory*)

(*Note: There are no Confessions Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday - March 29th, 30th, 31st*)

Holy Week/Triduum/Easter Liturgies

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: The *journey* leads to Easter joy!

Saturday, March 24th, 4:45 PM Blessing of Palms and Procession from Tallmadge Circle to the Church - Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 25th, 9:00 & 11:00 AM Masses, beginning in Finnerty Hall for Blessing of Palms and Procession into Church.

Chrism Mass: Tuesday, March 27th, 7:00 PM, The Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, Cleveland - all the faithful of the Diocese are invited to participate.

HOLY THURSDAY, March 29th
Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM

Beginning of the Sacred Paschal Triduum:

The *journey* brings us here:

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM

(The Blessed Sacrament is then carried in procession to the Altar of
Repose in Room 101 of the Parish Center, at the end of Mass, for
silent/prayerful watch until)

Night Prayer, 9:45 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30th

Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM

(continuation of the Sacred Paschal Triduum)

The Passion of the Lord (includes Veneration of the Cross
and Communion), 3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross (depicted by our 7th/8th Grade Youth,
and will include an additional opportunity for Veneration of the
Cross), 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, March 31st

Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM

(Note: NO Confessions or 5:00 PM Mass)

Blessing of Easter Food, 2:00 PM (in Church)

(continuation of the Sacred Paschal Triduum)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night/Full Initiation
of our Elect and Reception of our Candidate into
the Church, 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1st

(continuation of the Sacred Paschal Triduum)

Masses, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

(Please note: The Parish Center Offices will be closed
Easter Monday, April 2nd. There will be no 8:30 AM
Mass on that day)

The *journey* takes us beyond Easter Sunday:

Emmaus Mass/Social:

Wednesday, April 4th, 6:30 PM (Note: There is no
8:30 AM Mass this day. Join with others to share reflections of the
Paschal Triduum and meet our fully-initiated Neophytes and
Candidate)

Rosary and Easter Evening Prayer:

Wednesdays (during the Easter Season): Rosary
at 6:30 PM; Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM - April 11th, 18th,
25th, and May 2nd, 9th, and 16th

Additional Spiritual
Opportunities to nourish
the journey

Lenten Resources for all ages, from our youngest to our
oldest, (old favorites, the "Little Black Book" for adults;

the "Little Purple Book" for children and youth, and
several others) will be available at the entrances of the
Church and all that is asked is a "Free-Will Offering".

"Best Lent Ever", sign-up on-line at
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/> and receive
daily helps in your Lenten spiritual journey.

*Check the Bulletin weekly for additional
opportunities or changes to this schedule*

Prayer Cards are available on tables at the entrances of
the Church to pray for our Elect and Candidate for full
initiation into the Church (at the Easter Vigil); our
Candidates for Confirmation; our Candidates for the
Reception of First Communion (and write them a note of
prayerful support as well). Additionally, there are Prayer
Cards with names left off, allowing all an opportunity to
pray for any who you wish to grow in their relationship
with the Lord or return to the community of the Church!

*Remember also, the "40 days for Life" that begins
February 14th (through March 25th) and join with others
for Prayer, Fasting and a Peaceful Vigil on Saturday,
March 3rd from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (Prayer Vigil in
half-hour time slots) and praying the Rosary at 4:30 PM
(prior to the 5:00 PM Mass).*

Time and Talent to enrich
the journey

Palm Braiding, Tuesday, March 20th, 7-8:30 PM in
Finnerty Hall, will take place again, this year, as it has
in the past. A time to gather as a community and help
prepare palms that will be used for the Church
environment. (NOTE: NEW to Palm Braiding, or need
a refresher? COME EARLY (6:00 PM), and some great
folks will get you going before others join at 7:00 PM)

Corporal Works of Mercy (Alms) to bear fruit of the journey

Food for the Hungry, in particular “non-perishable items” may be brought to the Church each week. *For the First Sunday of Lent, February 17th/18th*, place these items near the baptismal font in the Sanctuary, and they will be provided to the Blessed Trinity Food Pantry for distribution to the needy in North Hill. *Subsequent weekends of Lent*, place these items in the front vestibule of the Church and they will be provided the Tallmadge Good Neighbors for distribution to the needy in Tallmadge.

Weekly Alms will be collected by our Ushers as we go forth from Mass to “Proclaim the Gospel of the Lord by our lives”. These alms will be provided to the Blessed Trinity Food Pantry who, in addition to food distribution, along with Catholic Social Services, provides hot meals each week to those in need. *(Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Victory)*

Fast and Abstinence Discipline for the journey

Fasting binds all Catholics who have completed their 18th year through the day of their 59th birthday to one full meal and two small (amounts) meals.

Abstinence for all Catholics over 14 years of age from all meat and meat products.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of FAST and ABSTINENCE. ALL Fridays during Lent are days of ABSTINENCE.

NOTE; 1) *These rules are considered a MINIMAL response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. We should seek to do MORE rather than less--in the Spirit of spiritual sacrifice.* 2) *Priests may dispense those whose medications or medical/physical conditions might be jeopardized by these rules.*



"SIGNED AND SEALED WITH THE CROSS"

(Begins Monday, March 5th - Wednesday, March 7th - 7-8 PM, followed by a Reception)

*(a joint **Parish Mission** with Holy Family and Our Lady of Victory Parishes) presented by
Father Albert Haase, OFM**

As early as the 3rd century, Christians started to sign themselves with a cross. Eighteen centuries later, we continue the practice of making the sign of the cross when we start to pray, when we celebrate the sacraments, and when we enter a church. Done so often and usually out of habit, has this ancient gesture lost its meaning for us?

Over 3 nights, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, will lead us in a parish mission entitled SIGNED AND SEALED WITH THE CROSS. We will explore the identity of our God proclaimed in the ancient gesture of being signed with a cross. We will also explore the challenges and responsibilities we accept when we seal our lives with the sign of our salvation.

Monday, March 5th - 7:00 PM: "We sign ourselves in the name of the Father to be reminded that God is unconditionally loving and challenges us to love all people as our brothers and sisters."
(Presented at Our Lady of Victory Church)

Tuesday, March 6th - 7:00 PM: "We sign ourselves in the name of the Son to be reminded that God wants our trust and love."
(Presented at Our Lady of Victory Church)

Wednesday, March 7th - 7:00 PM: "We sign ourselves in the name of the Holy Spirit to be reminded that we are called to be Dream Keepers."
(Presented at Holy Family Church in Stow)

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