

Our Lady of Victory - Liturgy and Prayer Opportunities

PLEASE NOTE ALL

Prayer/Exposition/Adoration/Masses/
Liturgy of the Word for Children are
livestreamed on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofvictorychurchtallmadge>
and uploaded to Vimeo

<https://www.vimeo.com> and YouTube

<https://www.YouTube.com> (simply search for
Our Lady of Victory Tallmadge to access the
videos).

Mass (weather permitting) will be celebrated
outdoors on the following days:

Sunday, February 21st – 11:00 AM (*the Rite of
Call to Continuing Conversion with our Candidate,
James Church, will also be celebrated at this time*).

Sunday, March 7th – 11:00 AM (**WATCH** for
information about the Knights of Columbus/Ladies
Guild "Spaghetti Dinner" – pre-orders required;
take-out only – coming soon!)

Sunday, March 21st – 11:00 AM

Sunday, March 28th – 11:00 AM (**Palm Sunday
– Palms will also be distributed, following
Mass until 1:30 PM outside.**)

**Sunday, April 4th/EASTER SUNDAY – 11:00
AM – Reservations, via Faith Direct, are
required to help us plan and in the event this
Mass needs to be moved indoors. Go to:
www.membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/6258
to reserve seating.**

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Ash Wednesday, February 17th: The journey
begins:

Mass w/ Distribution of Ashes:

8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Midday Prayer w/ Distribution of Ashes:

12:15 PM (*Outdoors, weather permitting*)

The manner for the distribution of ashes
during time of Pandemic

For **our** lifetime, we have devoutly marked the
beginning of the holy Season of Lent on Ash
Wednesday with the imposition of Ashes in the
form of a cross on our foreheads. The significance

of this ritual action has always been to provide an
"outward sign" of the "inward call, **and our "yes"**,
to conversion and penance", a constant call, in
particular, during the Season of Lent. **Still, it is
important to note that physically receiving
Ashes on Ash Wednesday, in this way, is not
required.**

A common practice of "distributing ashes" that has
been in place in most countries around the world
(including Europe and more specifically, the
Vatican), is to **sprinkle the Ashes on the crown
of the head of each individual wishing to
receive Ashes.**

A few weeks ago, Pope Francis directed that this
be the method of distributing Ashes in **ALL**
Catholic Churches throughout the world **this** Ash
Wednesday, given the health risks posed by the
current Pandemic with the direct contact that
would be involved if Ashes were imposed on the
forehead as has been done in the past.

Again, while **physically receiving Ashes on Ash
Wednesday is not required**, for those wishing
to receive Ashes this Ash Wednesday, the
following describes the ritual action:

Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

- ❖ The Priest will pray the prayer of blessing for
the Ashes (sprinkling these with Holy Water).
- ❖ He will then offer the following prayerful
admonition to all gathered: "**Repent, and
believe in the Gospel.**", to which all gathered
respond, "**Amen.**" (*This will be the only time
this prayerful admonition is spoken.*)
- ❖ After cleansing/sanitizing his hands and re-
masking, he will then (and if necessary,
assisted by other ministers) distribute Ashes,
**sprinkling these on the crown of the
heads of those who approach, following
which he** (or an assisting minister) **will go to
those remaining in their places in Church.**
- ❖ The Ashes are **sprinkled on the crown of the
head with no words spoken by either the
Priest, minister, or the recipient, at this
time.**
- ❖ **The recipient, when they approach to
receive Ashes, should do so as if coming
forward to receive Communion,
maintaining the proper distancing and
remaining masked. Once in position, they
should bow their head so that the crown
of their head is accessible/visible.**

Distribution of Ashes – Take Home for Homebound/Shut-Ins/those unable to be present in-person

In light of the continuing Pandemic, for those unable to be present this year for any of the Ash Wednesday observances, we will have Ashes available to pick-up at the Parish Center Offices **on Ash Wednesday only** during Office Hours. There will be a small amount in a zipped bag and include a prayer sheet to aid in giving/receiving the ashes at home.

PLEASE REMEMBER: These should only be used with those in the **same, physical household**, and, **since these have been blessed, should be appropriately disposed of as soon as possible following Ash Wednesday.**

Appropriate disposal includes: (1) Burning; (2) Burying; (3) Scattered outdoors.

Any who obtain Ashes in this way are **bound** by these protocols. **Thank you!**

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

Saturday, 5:00 PM-Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:30 AM

Weekday Exposition/Adoration/Evening and Night Prayer Schedule:

Eucharistic Exposition/Evening Prayer
Monday and Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 PM (*Live streamed*)

Eucharistic Adoration/Night Prayer
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 7:00 – 11:00 PM (*Live streamed*)

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

PRAY these at any time throughout the Season of Lent.

- A **pre-recorded** version of the *Stations of the Cross* will be found on the Parish Facebook page as well as on Vimeo and YouTube (see above for these links). Additionally, you may access these from the Parish Website.

Not only will you be able to pray these at any time throughout the Season of Lent, but, at any time of the day or night, whether at

home, work, or via a smartphone/tablet connection in your car as you drive.

A “*Mime Stations of the Cross*” will also be made available on our Parish Facebook page, Vimeo and YouTube.

Liturgy of the Word for children AND Bible Study opportunities: We *journey* with the Lord’s Word:

Liturgy of the Word for Children is live streamed on the Parish Facebook page each Saturday, 10:00 AM, (*then uploaded to Vimeo and YouTube*)

Bible Study is virtually offered each Thursday, 2-3:30 PM.

Contact Linda Herold, Pastoral Minister, at the Parish Center Offices to sign-up if you wish to join with those who gather virtually each week.

“*STAND IN THE GAP*” (in prayer), praying for any who are away from the Church. Join with others throughout the week from the comfort of your own home . . . *encourage* others to make a commitment to do this.

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HOPE PREVAILS!

Take advantage of a **2 hour** virtual gathering on **Sunday, March 28th**, from **2 PM-4PM**, enjoying this time with fellow parishioners from the comfort of your own home.

Miguel Chavez, the Director for the Diocesan Office of Missionary Discipleship will **lead** us in this inspiring time with prayer, music and song, reflection, art and other surprises as we take time to prepare for Holy Week.

There is no cost for this and, again, you can join in this from the comfort of your own home.

Watch for further details via an email blast, Bulletin, Facebook page, Website, and Church announcements. **The link to participate will be provided closer to March 28th, so, watch for that as well.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions: The *journey* is renewed:
Saturdays, 9-9:30 AM (*Note: There are no Confessions Saturday, April 3rd and Saturday, April 10th.*)

Saturday, March 27th, 9-10:00 AM (*with one additional Confessor available*).

(*Note: There are no Confessions Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday – April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd*)

Holy Week/Triduum/Easter Liturgies

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

Saturday, March 27th, Mass, 5:00 PM (*NO BLESSING/PROCESSION FROM THE CIRCLE*)

Sunday, March 28th, 8:30 & 11:00 AM Masses, (*with the 11:00 AM Mass being outdoors, weather permitting*)

(*In all celebrations, Palms will be Blessed during Mass and distributed **AFTER** Mass.*)

Chrism Mass: Tuesday, March 30th, at The Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist. (*Watch for details in upcoming bulletins.*)

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st
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 from the safety of your vehicles until 9:45 PM. This, as well as Night Prayer, will be live streamed on the Parish Facebook page.*)

Night Prayer, 9:45 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd
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

(Following this celebration, the Cross will then be taken outside, and put in place between the Church and the Parish Center, to afford an opportunity for Veneration from the safety of your vehicles for a period of time.)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3rd
Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM

(*Note: NO Confessions or 5:00 PM Mass*)
Blessing of Easter Food, 2:00 PM (*OUTDOORS*)

(*continuation of the Sacred Paschal Triduum*)
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night/Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, 8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4th
(*continuation of the Sacred Paschal Triduum*)
Masses, 8:30 and 11:00 AM (*with the 11:00 AM Outdoors*)

RESERVATIONS (via Faith Direct) are required for the Easter Sunday Masses with limited safe seating capacity – 110. Reservations must be in by WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31ST, 4:00 PM:

8:30 AM (INDOORS) –
www.membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/6257
to reserve seating.

11:00 AM (OUTDOORS, weather permitting) –
www.membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/6258
to reserve seating.

(*Please note: The Parish Center Offices will be closed Easter Monday, April 5th. There will be no 8:30 AM Mass on that day*)

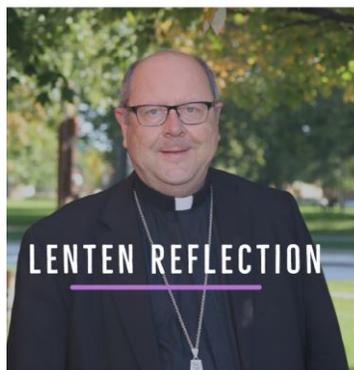
The *journey* takes us beyond Easter Sunday:

Exposition/Easter Evening Prayer:
Wednesdays (during the Easter Season):
Exposition/Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM

Additional Spiritual Opportunities to nourish the journey

On **Friday, February 19th** at **10:00 AM**, go to the *Catholic Community Foundation's* Facebook page for the livestream with Bishop Malesic.

www.facebook.com/CatholicCommunityFoundation



3 Ways to Grow During Lent

A 15-Minute Conversation
with Bishop Malesic

FACEBOOK LIVE | FRIDAY, FEB. 19
10:00 AM



The Diocese of Cleveland has made available a special *Lenten resource page* on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/lent. Included will be a daily Lenten reflection from Bishop Edward Malesic providing meaningful insight and focus for reflection during the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as well as links to relevant videos and other resources to help you observe Lent in a more meaningful way.

Additional 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 other resources) will be available at Parish Center Offices 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

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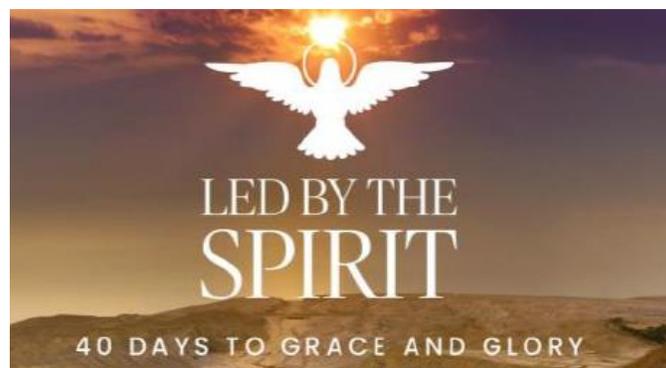
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Daily Lenten Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray. Go to the link printed below to sign up for these.

<https://formed.org/lent>

PRAY for our Candidate to be received into the Church along with our Candidates for Confirmation and the reception of First Communion throughout the Season of Lent.

Watch the Bulletin for the names of these individuals.

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

With the ongoing current Pandemic, we are unable to safely collect food and other items to benefit the *Blessed Trinity Food Pantry and Good Neighbors in Tallmadge*.

As happened this past Advent (*and “THANK YOU” for your overwhelming generosity*), we will collect ALMS to help these very worthy outreach efforts.

You may make a **monetary donation each week, or as frequently as you wish**. These monetary donations will be in place of any food/staple items that may have been collected in the past, as well as the weekly Alms that were collected at the doors of the Church. At the end of the Season of Lent, the total collected will be divided evenly between Blessed Trinity Food Pantry and Good Neighbors of Tallmadge, in support of their critical ministry in the communities they serve.

- ❖ If via check, make the check payable to Our Lady of Victory Church. Checks/cash should be placed in an envelope marked **Lenten Alms** and placed in the Collection Boxes located in the Church or dropped by the Parish Center Offices or mailed to the Parish Center Offices no later than **Thursday, April 1, 2021**.
- ❖ You may also support **Lenten Alms** via **Faith Direct** (which accepts credit cards). Go to: <https://church.faithdirect.net/org/appeals/669/41991>

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.*

EXCITING NEWS!!

We continue to seek ways to remain connected . . . to the Lord and to one another. Among many of our concerns is those who are still unable to return to “in-person” worship given the health risk they face.

We are now able to, in addition to livestreaming all Masses and weekly prayer experiences, and outdoor celebrations of Mass that have become part of our “norm”, broadcast via FM Station 93.7 weekend Masses that take place in Church!

What this means for those still not able to return to in-person worship is that you can **participate virtually (via facebook) and/or participate via your FM radio from the safety of your vehicle while in the Church parking lots!**

We will begin **broadcasting all weekend Masses (Saturdays at 5:00 PM, Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 AM, the weekend of February 20th/21st).**

THE FOLLOWING DOES NOT APPLY WHEN MASS IS CELEBRATED OUTDOORS.

As you **participate** from the safety of your car, at **Communion** time, an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** will come outside, taking a position under the **Canopy** that has been in place for our outdoor celebrations of Mass.

For those in the parking lot who wish to receive Communion:

- (1) Leave your car and approach the Minister once they are in place.
- (2) Remember, **all** are to remain masked and maintain 6 feet of physical distance from others who may be present.

(3) Receive Communion as you would normally do (during the Pandemic) please, make a throne for the Lord in the palm of your hand, and remain masked. Once you have bowed your head and responded Amen, the host is placed in your hand, and you may begin to safely move away from the Minister and others, raise your mask, consume the Body of Christ, and safely return to your vehicle.

(4) For any **not** able to leave their vehicles, we ask that once all have come forward, drive into the drive in front of the Canopy/Minister. The Minister will then move to you while you remain in your vehicle. As soon as you have received, you should safely move out of the drive to allow any others to come through. *Do remain in the parking lot until the Mass has been concluded.*

(5) A basket will be near the Minister for any who have brought their Weekly Contribution with them. When you come forward to receive Communion, please, place it in the basket **before** approaching the Minister to receive Communion.



Called For More

A collaborative effort with:

- The Diocese of Cleveland
- Priests of the Diocese
- Parishes of the Diocese



We are all "Called for More"

What is "Called for More"?

Prior to his departure, Bishop Perez (now, Archbishop of Philadelphia), in collaboration with other leadership in the Diocese, determined there was a need to:

- ❖ Design a process to support the Diocese in improving its care of

priests and parishes **especially during times of transition,**

- ❖ Create **an experience for priests** that will benefit their ongoing formation regardless of age or assignment,
- ❖ Provide **a resource to parishes** that can help them understand their unique role and opportunities as a faith community.

Bishop Malesic is continuing with this effort, in an initiative named, **"Called for More"**.

With the likelihood that Our Lady of Victory will be welcoming a new Pastor in the next 3-4 years, this initiative comes to us at a very appropriate time.

We need your input! Next Steps:

Each and every parishioner, **16 years of age or older**, is being asked to participate in a **10-15 minute online survey** between **February 20th - March 22nd**. The survey is intended to help you reflect on your own spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. The surveys will be administered by the *Catholic Leadership Institute* and **all responses will be confidential**. Our parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

The link for the online survey, **available beginning on February 20th**, is:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/d80k31pa23>

We will be communicating this information in various ways, including email, the Parish Website and Parish Facebook page.

If you prefer a paper copy of the survey, you may pick one up at the Parish Center Offices, Monday thru Friday, during normal office hours. A printable version of the survey will also be available on the Parish Website. To submit the completed paper survey, either mail it to the Parish Center Offices; place it in

a sealed envelope (mark: *Disciple Maker Index* on the outside of the envelope) and drop it in the Collection Boxes in Church; or, you may drop it off at the Parish Center Offices, Monday thru Friday during normal office hours. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact the Parish Center Offices at (330) 633-3637 to request a survey be mailed to you.

The information gathered will be invaluable to me, lay leaders who will help discern and interpret the information that is gathered, along with our various ministries, as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

The quality and usefulness of the information we will receive is **enhanced** when the highest rate of participation and response is achieved. Again, we are asking **ALL** parishioners, **16 years of age or older** to complete the survey online.

My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for helping to support this very important initiative. May God continue to bless you all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike

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(Lean on the Lord!)



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February 2021

Dear parishioner:

Catholics Returning Home is a great opportunity for any seeking to strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ, seeking encouragement in becoming more connected with Christ and the Church, and/or seeking to participate more fully in the Church. This invitation is also for any wishing to bring healing to their relationships, whether with God, His Church, others or even within their own hearts.

If you know of someone who we might extend an invitation to, inviting them to return home to the Catholic Church and draw closer to the Lord, please, cut the bottom portion of this letter off and pass it along to them, or provide their contact information on the form, and return it to the Parish Office. We will then reach out to them, letting them know that someone who cares deeply for them has asked that we extend this heartfelt and prayerful invitation to *Catholics Returning Home*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Linda Herold at (330) 633-3637 for any additional information or questions you or someone you know may have. In the meantime, let us pray together for all of us to draw closer to Christ, putting Him at the center of our lives, and taking our rightful place in His Holy Catholic Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike

An Invitation to

Catholics Returning Home - a VIRTUAL experience

(Tuesdays, beginning April 13th. Time to be determined and announced.)

No matter how long one has been away or for whatever reason, you are invited to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. You, and each and every person, are an important part of the faith community of **Our Lady of Victory**, and, without each member, the community is incomplete. Please join with others for informal sessions that we believe may help not only strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ but also renew and strengthen your relationship with the Catholic Church. Topics for these sessions are: **Sharing Stories of Faith; Pope Francis and the Catholic Church Today; All About the Mass; The Creed: What Catholics Really Believe, and, Reconciliation . . . Why Bother?**

The format will be different this year, due to the continued Pandemic, but promises to be relaxed, friendly and **SAFE**, as it will be conducted **VIRTUALLY**. If you are interested or just want some more information about “Catholics Returning Home”, please complete the information on this slip and either mail it to: Our Lady of Victory Parish, 73 North Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio 44278, or call and speak to either Fr. Mike Matusz or Linda Herold ((330) 633-3637), or email us at: mmatusz@ourladyofvictory.net; herold@ourladyofvictory.net.

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**It can be YOUR best Lent
ever!
(even in the midst
of a Pandemic?)**