#### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Kevin Shemuga, Pastor Deacon David Govern, Permanent Deacon Deacon Donald Butkovic, Retired Deacon Jacqueline Cackowski, Administrative Assistant Matthew Griffith, Director of Religious Ed Donald Grabowy, Director of Music Ministry Karen Scolaro, Maintenance

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Monday: 6:30 p.m. during PSR months Tuesday & Thursday: 12:00 p.m. Wednesday & Friday: No Mass

#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Dean Constantine, Ken DiPippo, Sr., Greg Knapik, Ruth Lewicki, Terrry Lubrano, Randy Miller

#### **Parish Finance Council**

Eugene Bittner, Nick Cannell, Daniel Higashi, Kathy Jellison, Joe Kost, Bill Wall

#### **Parish School of Religion Program**

The Parish School of Religion (PSR) meets weekly. For details call Matthew Griffith at 330.468.2194, ext. 131

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation**

For details on formation, call Deacon David Govern at 330.468.2194, ext. 103

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday and Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday and Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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# Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

## Lent 2023

## Welcome to Lent!

Every year we are called to a renewal of mind, heart and spirit. We call this renewal, **Lent**, a time to put on in a more concentrated way the "*good works*" of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three "*pillars*" of Lent draw us into a deeper understanding of who we are; that is, a baptized and faithful follower of the Lord. They urge us to repent and return, to reconcile and renew ourselves once again in the spirit of Christ!

## These are the "pillars" that guide us in the Holy Season of Lent:

## Fasting

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: How do we fast? When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
Abstinence is for those 14 years and older from meat on Fridays.

## Giving alms

Two primary ways here at our parish. **Blessing Bags** are our parish Lenten Project: Blessing Bags are goods collected and distributed to the Peter Maurin, VA Hospital and Battered Women Shelter. Contributions are made to Ministry for Those in Need along with the

#### Catholic Charities Appeal. Prayer and Study

Sunday Mass is primary along with Weekday Mass Sacrament of Penance is celebrated every Monday at 5.30 pm. Diocesan wide Evening of Confession: Wednesday March 8th—5-8pm Tetelestai: The dramatic presentation of The Lord's Passion: March 17-19, Presentation on the Sacraments with Father Jerry Bednar: Monday February 27 & March 6 following the 6:30pm Mass Stations of the Cross: 7pm Fridays





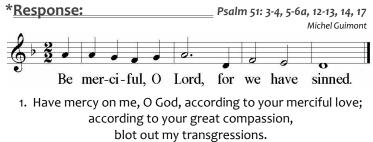
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Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out

of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die."" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD.



Wash me completely from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

 My transgressions, truly I know them; my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

 Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence; take not your holy spirit from me.

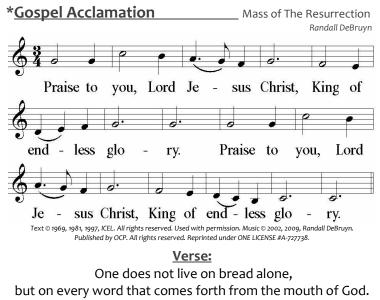
4. Restore in me the joy of your salvation; sustain in me a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth sha Il proclaim your praise. Music: Michel Guimont, © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #A-727738.

#### \*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Romans 5: 11-19 or 5: 12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD.



(Matthew 4:4b)

\_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 4: 1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.** 

\*<u>Homily</u>

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

From the Pastor's Desk



#### Dear Friends,

As we begin Lent, we look to God! God is mercy. We have sinned and turned away from the Creator. The reality of sin was illustrated in the Garden of Eden . Adam and Eve turned from God by making themselves the center and grasping for power and pleasure. They got lost and found themselves in darkness. So do all of us! God does not desire our loss. In mercy, he sent Jesus, the crucified and risen One.

Jesus entered the desert today to show us the way to God. In overcoming the temptations, Jesus trusted in the Father. Jesus invites us to share in his trust. Jesus gives a new heart and spirit. We share in mercy!

Our **Confirmation Candidates**, this evening, will celebrate the Sacrament of Confession/ Penance and do penance by walking the stations of the Cross. They give us a splendid example of celebrating the Sacrament during this holy Lent season and doing penance for our sins and those of the community. Please pray for them as they continue their formation and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May. Please take advantage of times to celebrate the **blessed sacrament of Penance**.

On two successive Mondays, February 27 and March 6, following the 6.30 pm Mass in Church, Father Jerry Bednar will help us understand the sacraments of the Church. Father Jerry is a great theologian and former vice-rector of St Mary Seminary in Cleveland. He is a classmate and friend. I invite you to deepen our faith in Christ's presence in the seven sacraments (*Baptism*, *Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Marriage*) and the Church. Don't miss this opportunity!

Father Kevin



#### Sunday, February 26

Mass, CH	8:30 am
PSR (All Rooms)	. 9:30-10:30 am
Blessing for First Communion Mass	10:30 am
Mass, CH	10:30 am
Cub Scout Troop 280, CRR	2:00-3:30 pm
Boy Scout Troop 882B & 882G, TE, TI	
Confirmation Classes-Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm
AA Mtg., RR	8:00 pm

#### Monday, February 27

Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel	
Confessions, CH	
Evening Prayer, CH	6:15 pm
Evening Mass, CH	
Presentation of Sacraments, CH	
Nordonia Family First Night	•
NOPSR	

#### **Tuesday, February 28**

Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel	9:00 am-4:00 pm
Mass Live Streamed on FB, CH	
LITE Bible Study, TE	
Guadalupe Ringers, SC	

#### Wednesday, March 1

Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel	
Young at Heart, RR	11:00 am
Welcoming Committee Mtg., TE	
Rosary, CH	
MFTIŃ, TE	
Tetelestai Mtg	

#### Thursday, March 2

Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel	9:00 am-4:00 pm
Mass Live Streamed on FB	12:00 pm
Blood Drive, CRR	1:00-7:00 pm
Magnificat Choir, SC	

#### Friday, March 3

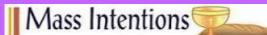
Eucharistic Adoration,	Chapel	9:00 am-4:00 pm
Stations of the Cross,	СН	

#### Saturday, March 4

Padre Pio, CH	8:00 am
Vespers 1 of Sunday	4:15 pm
Mass Live Streamed on FB	
Confessions CH	5.30 pm

#### Sunday, March 5

Mass, CH	8:30 am
PSR (All Rooms)	9:30-10:30 am
Blessing for First Communion Mass	10:30 am
Mass, CH	
Boy Scout Troop 882B & 882G, TE, TI	6:00 pm
Confirmation Class 8th Grd., RR	6:00 pm
Confirmation Class 9th Grd., CR	6:00 pm
AA Mtg., RR	8:00 pm



6:30 pm	Monday, February 27 George Fejko
12:00 pm	Tuesday, February 28 Don Rettberg, Sr.
12:00 pm	Thursday, March 2 Poor Souls
4:30 pm	Saturday, March 4 Joseph Rock, Sr.
	Sunday, March 5 Denise Mazzeo People of OLG

#### Readings for the Week of February 26, 2023

Sunday Monday Tuesday	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

## **VBS FUNDRAISER**



#### STOP!! Don't throw away your

**old tennis shoes!!!** Beginning in March, there will be a bin in the narthex to place tennis shoes that you don't wear anymore. We will collect the shoes and then bundle them and ship them to GotSneakers, an organization that recycles shoes. OLG VBS will get money for each pair, with the amount determined

by the brand and condition of the shoes.

Now is a great time to clean out your closet! Unfortunately, only sneakers can be collected- no sandals, dress shoes, or boots. We will collect donated shoes from March 1-31.

Sick & Shut-in



Ahern, Michael Ballard, Tom Bee, Jackie Bell, Cathy Best, Lynn Billy, Shawn Bina, Zach Blackwell, Joan Blaze, Amanda Blaze, Olivia Boley, Ken Brower, Jean Brower, Lynn Carroll, Bobby Christian, Pat Citraro, Joseph Citraro, Kathleen D'Angelo, Sharon Dannug, Jamie Dannug, Cecilia Das, Tulsi Delgrosso, Tyler

Drager, Greg Ellison, Blaise Ferrara, Michelle Friedman, Molly, Dr. Frosty Funk, Bill Gaeth, Kate Gallagher, Braylon Gliha, Danny Grgdak, Renee Hoon, Noah Johnson, Tania Johnson, Vikki Kane, Alex Karduck, Amanda Kisley, Eva Kopkas, Andrea Lebree, Juli Lee. Jim Ley, Wert & Sue Malusky, Boomer Mikolay, Shirley Miller, Randy Monday, Richard Mosso, Laurie Oster, Paige Perry, Hunter Petronek, Tom, Fr. Phillips, Pam Piontkowski, Matt

Piontkowski, Zach Podoail. Mitchell Pongonis, Carol Prochaska, Jim Reeves, JoyceAnn Rezabek, Pat Riley, Patrick Roxas, Ceasar Rypinski, Deanna Sandy, Pam Schiavone, Anna Seminsky, Martha Skinner, Kathie Skyler Sobolewski, Brad Sopata, Margaret Stachulski, Larry Stoll, Joe & Karen Subjack, Sydney Toronski, Diane Triggiani, Joe Triggiani, Frank Turek, Frank Whalen, Terry Williamson, Emily Wills, Patrick W., Emily Zangara, Karen Zolata, Larry

## Diocesan Wide Sacrament of Penance Wednesday, March 8th 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Parent Session**- Come and talk with other OLG parents about parenting in the Catholic faith in today's world. It's a great opportunity for fellowship and discussion. These sessions take place during PSR classes. On Sunday 3/5, we will meet from 9:30-10:30 in the Castilian room. On Monday 3/6, we will meet from 6:30-7:00 in the Castilian, then you are welcome to attend Fr. Bednar's talk on the sacraments in the church. All are welcome!

	Liturgical Minister - March 4/5, 2023		
	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTOR	SERVERS
4:30 PM	Pearl Metzger, Denise Milewski, Cathie & Jim Perusek, Rose Triggiani	Roy Reeves	Luke Misener Dean Constantine
8:30 AM Madison Bohacek, Joan Dirmyer, Helen Smith, Monica Vana Ronald Reichwein		Cooper Anquillare	
10:30 AM	Elzbieta Gitiforooz, Robin Griffith, Gregory Knapik	Joy Volpi	Ava Kinsella Isaac Walcher

## Collection Report

#### February 19, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$3,838.00
Sunday Offering Vanco (EFT) General Offertory (2/13-2/19)	\$3,853.00
Total Offertory	\$7,691.00
<i>Rejuvenate, Replace, Repair</i> Vanco (EFT) RRR (2/13-2/19)	\$1,216.00
Vanco (EFT) RRR (2/13-2/19)	\$691.00
Total RRR donations	\$1,907.00

Mail In/Drop Off Collection Week of 2/16/23.....\$0

#### Total Collections: \$9,598.00

158 Vanco EFT participants

Thank you for sharing that which God has so generously shared with you!

Anyone wishing to enroll in EFT may do so by visiting donations.olg.cc



This Lent the Ministry For Those in Need will again be sponsoring the Lenten Blessing Bag Project. A Blessing Bag is just a simple way to be a blessing to those who are in need. It is a gallon plastic bag that contains an assortment of small items

that can have a huge positive impact on the daily life of someone in need this Lenten Season.

Our goal is to assemble a total of 375 bags that will benefit the Peter Maurin Center, Battered Women's Shelter and the Louis Stokes VA Hospital.

The bags will be available after masses the weekend of March 4th & 5th.

How it will work:

- » Take an empty bag which will contain a list of items to be purchased and placed into the bag. They are color coded for the organization.
- » Each organization has a specific list so please only purchase items listed.
- » Enclose the items in the gallon bag along with the completed list.
- » Return the completed bags by March 26. There will be boxes to collect the bags that are color coded to match the color of the list.
- » Any "extra" items may be placed in the Peter Maurin Collection bin.

During this Lenten Season remember that Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks upon the earth, yours are the feet by which He goes about doing good, yours the hands by which He blesses.

Thank you for being the Hands and Feet of Christ and showing that together we can make a difference for Those in Need. T&tik mt%s%wjfysl&mj%nzrfs%fhj% | mgji&mfy&fs%fsi& nkj&mtzqi&gj%tsjk pjjuk j%wf~ks%fgtsi%k%sxjufwfggj&f{j% ymtxj& mt%wj&snyji%s&mj%t{jsfsy%t% R fwrfljk xt&mfykfx%tz% fpj&mjn%df{j%wznkzqk ymj~%f~%gjhtrjkg~%tzw&lwfhjk nsjxxjx&t% hmfwy~%yxjd%% Ymwtzlm%Hmvnxy%tzw&Qtwi% Frjs%

## Tetelestai is 3 Weeks Away! March 17<sup>th</sup> – 19th

We need your help with greeters, bakers (cookies), hospitality/clean up. If anyone is interested in shuttling the cast members from Good Shepard Church to OLG, let me know. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex if you can help out. Students, you can earn community service hours. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Holub at Cindy @olg.cc or 330-468-2194. Thanks for volunteering.



EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead on March 12th at 2AM!

## Do it TODAY!

We're preparing the Liturgical Ministers Schedule for April 1st through June 25th and need your availability. *Ministry Request Forms* are due in the office by **Monday, March 6th.** REMEMBER: if you don't turn a form in, the

scheduling software presumes **you are available** for every weekend—and schedules you accordingly.



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