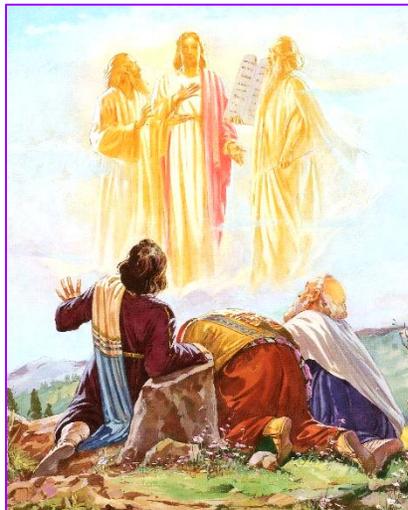


Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

2nd Sunday of Lent

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- Mary Jeanne Tash, Safety & Security Coordinator
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All Masses are celebrated in the Cathedral



Weekdays, M-F: 12:10 p.m.

Saturday, Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASSES: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m.

Misa en Español: domingo, 11:45 a.m.

Holy Day of Obligation: Please see Mass Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Please call the parish office to schedule your Mass Intention.

Mass Schedule

Cornerstone laid on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29, 1860 / First Mass celebrated on Christmas morning, 1861.

FEB 28-MAR 8, 2026



MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

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| Saturday Vigil | February 28 | 4:00 p.m. | |
| Sunday | March 1 | 8:30 a.m. | THE MEMBERS OF THE CATHEDRAL PARISH |
| Sunday | March 1 | 10:00 a.m. | |
| Domingo | 1 de Marzo | 11:45 a.m. | Bendiciones de Cumpleaños para Damaris Pérez †María Luisa Olmos |
| Sunday | March 1 | 4:00 p.m. | †Ann Lebrun |
| Monday | March 2 | 12:10 p.m. | †Chrissie Brennan |
| Tuesday | March 3 | 12:10 p.m. | |
| Wednesday | March 4 | 12:10 p.m. | |
| Thursday | March 5 | 12:10 p.m. | †Peggy Lavoie |
| Friday | March 6 | 7:30 a.m. | FIRST FRIDAY MASS |
| Friday | March 6 | 12:10 p.m. | |
| Saturday Vigil | March 7 | 4:00 p.m. | Religious Education Brown Scapular Mass |
| Sunday | March 8 | 8:30 a.m. | |
| Sunday | March 8 | 10:00 a.m. | |
| Domingo | 8 de Marzo | 11:45 a.m. | †Juan Rivera |
| Sunday | March 8 | 4:00 p.m. | †Beverly Horton |

Please pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters in Christ, marked with the sign of faith.

†Josephine Daigneault

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral



- 2nd Thursday of each month following the Pro-Life Vigil, before the 12:10 p.m. Mass.
- Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent, The Gospel According to Matthew,

Matthew 17:1-9, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030126.cfm>

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

FEB 21-22, 2026, 1st Sunday of Lent
All Masses: (\$3,791.50); Fuel (\$194.00)

MISSION STATEMENT / MISIÓN

Guided and protected by our patron Saint Michael the Archangel, the Cathedral parish is a welcoming, diverse community which embodies the mission of Christ who strengthens us by the sacraments.

Guiada y protegida por nuestro patrón San Miguel Arcángel, la parroquia Catedral es una comunidad acogedora y diversa que encarna la misión de Cristo quién nos fortalece a través de los sacramentos.

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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

Pride is known as the “Queen of Sin.” Scripture teaches us in the Book of Sirach 10:15, “For pride is the beginning of all sin.” It is the first sin of first parents Adam and Eve. It is the “DNA” of Satan and his legions. Pride hands the conquered heart over to her capital vices, and, as Gregory explains, each capital vice is like a general that leads an army of sins into the soul. For example, if anger is allowed to enter the soul, then it brings with it “strife, swelling of mind, insults, clamor, indignation, blasphemies” (Moralia 88). St. Isidore, teaches: “A man is said to be proud, because he wishes to appear above what he really is”. St. Thomas Aquinas comments that a man who uses his reason rightly acts “proportionate to him,” but pride causes a man to have a disproportionate understanding of who he truly is. Therefore, the self-understanding of the prideful man is contrary to his reason and sinful. It is here we may start to see how pride opens the soul to a host of sins. A misperception of one’s own excellence often leads one into further error. Aquinas notes that another way pride leads us into sin, even if indirectly, is that pride makes us less likely to adhere to God and his rule. The prideful person says to God, “I will not serve,” and disregards the moral laws that help lead the soul into virtue. Therefore, pride opens the human heart to a host of sins. As Aquinas summarizes: “Pride is said to be ‘the beginning of all sin,’ not as though every sin originated from pride, but because any kind of sin is naturally liable to arise from pride”. How do we guard our hearts against the queen of sin? Our *Catechism* reminds us that formation in virtue, especially as children, “prevents or cures . . . selfishness and pride” (1784). The antidote to Pride is HUMILITY. If pride tempts us to have an inordinate understanding of our own excellence, then may humility lead us to an understanding of who we are under the cross of Christ. If pride, the most grievous of sins, leads us to rebel against God and his rule, may humility teach us that the rule of Christ is gentle and brings rest. Let us combat the queen of sin and, by doing so, save our souls from her armies of sin.

LENTEN PROGRAMS: PLACE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

- Mondays of Lent – March 2, 9, 16 – Fr. Yerick’s Bilingual Bible Study at 6:30pm in the Bishop Marshall Center.
- Wednesday, March 11 – Teaching Mass with Fr. Gary – 7pm in the Cathedral Church.
- Thursday, March 12 – A Night with an Exorcist – Angels and Demons – 7pm in the Bishop Marshall Center (English only)
- Wednesday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 19 – Teaching on the Sacrament of Confession with Fr. Gary – 7pm in the Bishop Marshall Center. (N.B. – Same talk each night).
- Monday, March 30 – 7:00pm – Movie Night – Triumph of the Heart – Newly Released movie about St. Maximillian Kolbe. – Bishop Marshall Center
- Tuesday, March 31 – 11am – Chrism Mass – Cathedral Church – ALL ARE WELCOME. (N.B. There will be no 12:10 Mass that day)

LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE: THE CARDINAL VIRTUES

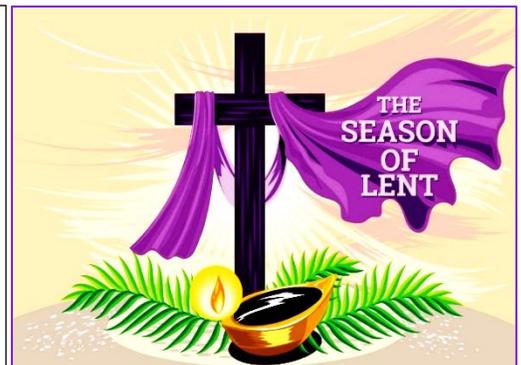
Please join Fr. Mendez for a **Lenten Bible Study** Series
(Bilingual English and Spanish)

Where: Bishop Marshall Center at Saint Michael’s Cathedral

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Dates and Topic:

- Monday, March 2—Prudence and Justice
- Monday, March 9—Fortitude (Courage)
- Monday, March 16—Temperance





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2026 Annual Catholic Appeal: “Love Your Neighbor as Yourself”

The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. Our theme is “Love Your Neighbor as Yourself”

The Annual Catholic Appeal is a vital expression of this Gospel call. It allows us, as a faith community, to unite our individual gifts to support ministries and services that no single parish or family could sustain alone. Through the Appeal, the Church serves the poor, educates and forms future leaders, supports clergy and religious, strengthens families, and provides pastoral care across the diocese

Feeding the hungry, protecting life at all stages, educating children and adults in the faith, and our future priests; your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal works right here western Massachusetts. Please prayerfully consider giving. You can make your gift online <https://diospringfield.org/aca> . Thank you.

I Believe Youth Rally

The Diocesan Youth Leadership Team invites all middle and high school teens to the I Believe Youth Rally on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 4:00–7:30 PM at Pope Francis Preparatory School in Springfield! Join Bishop William Byrne and everyone’s favorite four-legged friend, Zelig the Episcopup, for an evening full of fun, music, prayer, and community. Stick around for the Fun Zone from 7:30–8:30 PM with dinner and snacks included! Register and learn more at <https://westernmasscatholic.org/youthrally/>.

Rachel’s Vineyard offers healing through a weekend experience, as participants gather to pray, share spiritual exercises focusing on God’s forgiveness, compassion and mercy. The retreat includes a memorial service and a Mass of Resurrection. Retreat and registration are strictly private.

For further information, contact Joetta Dawson joettadawson@gmail.com (516) 457-2838.

For information on retreats in Spanish, contact Mabeline Burgos at marzola67@gmail.com or call (413) 219-2573

Local 2026 Retreats

March 13-15 (English); June 5-7 (English); and October 16-18 (Spanish)

Lenten Evening of Prayer

Join Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Springfield, for a special Lenten Evening of Prayer on Monday, March 9th. Confessions will be available from 6:15 - 6:45 p.m., followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 PM with a witness by Maureen Digan, whose healing was recognized as miraculous for the beatification of St. Faustina. After Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered individually. Refreshments will follow at 8:00 p.m. in the Center. Sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee and the Women’s Guild. All are welcome.

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Enjoy searching for the hidden word, name or phrase that is comprised of the remaining letters. Previous Hidden Message: The Kingdom of Heaven.

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