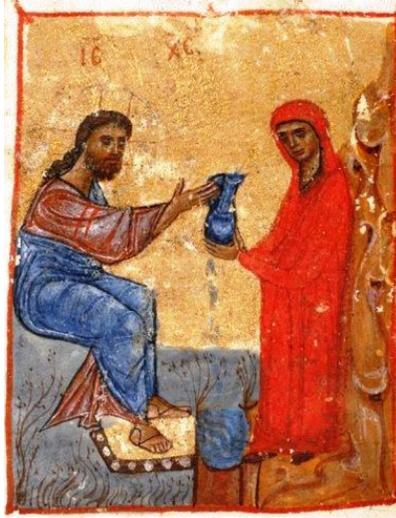


# Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

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- Deacon Angel Pérez
- Deacon Joe Rivera
- Dolly Garzón, Spanish Pastoral Minister
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- Marion Johnson, Pastoral Council Chairperson
- 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, 186

## MAR 7-15, 2026



## MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

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
Monday	March 9	12:10 p.m.	†Dr. Dominic DeMello
Tuesday	March 10	12:10 p.m.	
Wednesday	March 11	12:10 p.m.	
Thursday	March 12	10:00 a.m.	<b>Pro Life Vigil / Vigil for the Unborn</b>
Thursday	March 12	12:10 p.m.	
Friday	March 13	12:10 p.m.	†William Dailey
Saturday Vigil	March 14	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	March 15	8:30 a.m.	†Sister Margaret McNaughton
Sunday	March 15	10:00 a.m.	†Carmen and Charles Liston
Domingo	15 de Marzo	11:45 a.m.	Legión de María †Olga Rivera
Sunday	March 15	4:00 p.m.	†Benjamin Gardner and †Etherlinda Gee

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

†Mary Ellen French      †Christine Robinson

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral**



- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Readings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, The Gospel According to John,

**John 4:5-42**, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030826.cfm>

### **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

FEB 28-MAR 1, 2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

All Masses: (\$4,096.00); Fuel (\$288.00)

### **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.



**FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:**

**THE SECOND DEADLY SIN IS LUST:** Lust is more than a personal weakness or a private struggle—it's a direct assault on the sacredness of the human person, on marriage, on family, and ultimately, on the very image of God. It darkens the mind, hardens the heart, and distorts our ability to love. Lust is not about sex — it is a *distortion of love*. The Catechism (2351) calls lust a “disordered desire for or inordinate enjoyment of sexual pleasure.” That disorder happens when desire is separated from the dignity of the person and the responsibilities of love. Lust makes the other into a means to an end, where the body becomes an object, and the value of the person is ignored. Lust wounds our self-image, our capacity for trust, and our ability to see ourselves and others as God does. When lust enters, it ruptures God's plan for our lives. It turns *self-gift* into *self-gratification*, disconnecting love from responsibility. It separates sex from its sacred context, reducing it to a transaction or a mere thrill. In marriages, lust lays the foundation for conditional love: “*I love you as long as you satisfy me.*” In a marriage rooted in lust, there is little room for sacrifice or suffering. When the spark fades, so does the commitment. Lust is especially devastating to human relationships because of the plague of pornography. Science confirms what the Church has always taught: porn rewires the brain, deadens the heart, and ruins the ability to form real relationships, leaving users numb, ashamed, and often isolated. It also feeds a billion-dollar industry built on exploitation and trafficking. The Western world is littered with marriages where attachment to pornography has destroyed these unions. When sex is divorced from its unitive and procreative purposes, children become unwanted consequences and abortion becomes an option. Lust trains a person to avoid commitment and responsibility, and this mindset ultimately leads to the rejection of life itself. The hundreds of millions of children murdered by surgical and chemical abortion reveal another ugly face of lust. Lust darkens the soul. Over time, the person caught in its web begins to see themselves as broken, dirty, or beyond redemption. The devil uses these lies to deepen the cycle: sin, shame, hiding, sin again. This despair can be crippling, keeping one from healthy relationships and even putting one's eternal salvation in jeopardy.

If lust has been a problem in your life, and you're doubting you can break free, fear not. There is a way out. God does not merely want to forgive you—He wants to *heal you*. The Sacraments of the Catholic Church are not empty rituals; they're encounters with Jesus that bring about real transformation. In Confession, Jesus meets us at our lowest and lifts us with His mercy. He removes the guilt of sin *and* pours in grace to begin again. The confessional isn't a courtroom -it's a hospital for the soul. Lust is an attachment that is not easily defeated. Don't get discouraged if you find yourself returning to confession frequently. This is OK. As many times as you return seeking mercy you will receive His mercy. Such acts of humility are offerings of love, and you will be picked back up to enter once again the battle for true love. The devil wants you to believe that your sin defines you. But that's a lie. You are not your mistakes. You are not your temptations. You are not your past. You are a son, a daughter. You were made for love. You were made for freedom. You were made for glory. In Jesus, you can begin again—not just by trying harder, but by receiving His grace, engaging the Sacraments, and learning to love with a redeemed vision and heart. Pray for and live the opposing virtue to lust which is CHASTITY.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent



**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday evening at 6:30 in the Cathedral rectory.

**TEACHING MASS:** This coming Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Gary will conduct a TEACHING MASS at 7pm in the Cathedral Church. This will be an actual Mass of the day and Fr. Gary will break down the parts of the Mass and explain each part. There will be an explanation of the vestments the priest wears as well as the sacred vessels used for Mass. All are welcome.

**YOUNG ADULT HOUR:** Young adults from the area are gathering for a Eucharistic Holy Hour in the Cathedral Church on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7pm. All young adults are welcome to join us.

**MASS FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:** Please come and join Bishop Byrne for a Mass for Priestly Vocations at 4pm this coming Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Many young men from across the diocese will be joining Bishop for Mass and a light reception and talk following the Mass in the Bishop Marshall Center.

**LENTEN PROGRAMS:** **Please attend these events and invite a friend.**

- Mondays of Lent through March 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 Thursday, 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. Maximilian 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)

**AN EVENING WITH THE EXORCIST:** Fr. Sean O’Mannion, Pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish in Turners Falls and Exorcist for the Diocese of Springfield will give a talk on Angels and Demons this coming Thursday evening at 7pm in the Bishop Marshall Center. Please come and join us and bring family and friends to hear about this important spiritual topic.

All our welcome to a **Parish Mission at Holy Cross Parish**, 221 Plumtree Road in Springfield. The 3-day mission will be held Monday, March 9 - Wednesday March 11, at 7pm. Entitled On the Road: Walking through the Gospels and through Life, the Mission will be given by Brother Michael Moran, C.P. from the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT. Please call (413) 364-9553 with questions.

### **Cathedral Parish Food Pantry**

Please remember our parish food pantry during the season of Lent. Here are some non-perishable food items that we could use in our Cathedral Parish Food Pantry:

- Chef-Boyardee Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Goya Pigeon Peas – Gandules Verde
- Mixed Fruit (cans)
- Goya Pink Beans – Habichuelas Rosadas
- Quake Oatmeal
- Rice
- Ritz Crackers
- Saltines Premium Crackers
- Spaghetti
- Sazón Goya -Spanish Seasoning
- Spam (canned ham)
- Townhouse Crackers
- Tuna Fish (Albacore)
- Vienna Sausages (in can)
- Candy Bard and Protein Bars