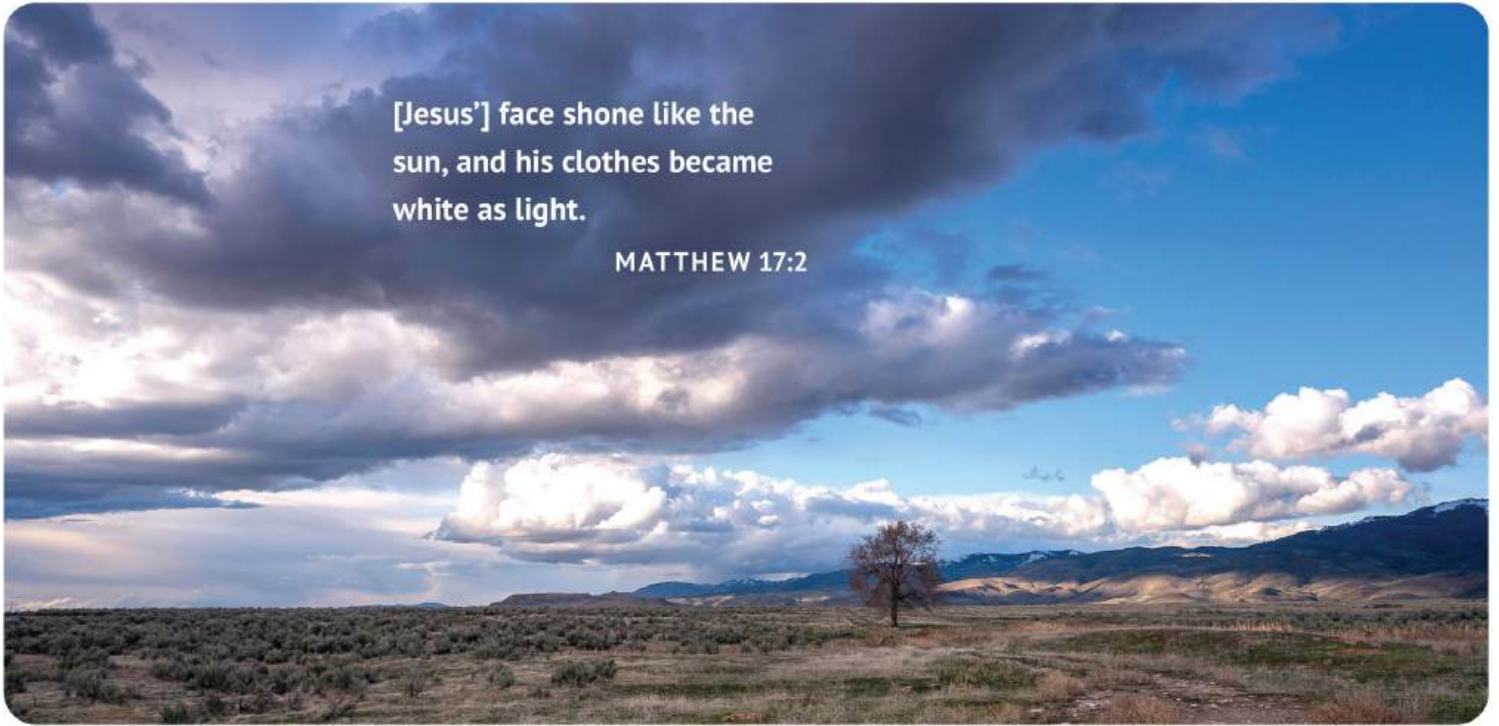




[Jesus'] face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2



## Where Heaven and Earth Meet

ANN M. GARRIDO

**H**ave you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of *his* closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●



LEARN ABOUT  
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OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

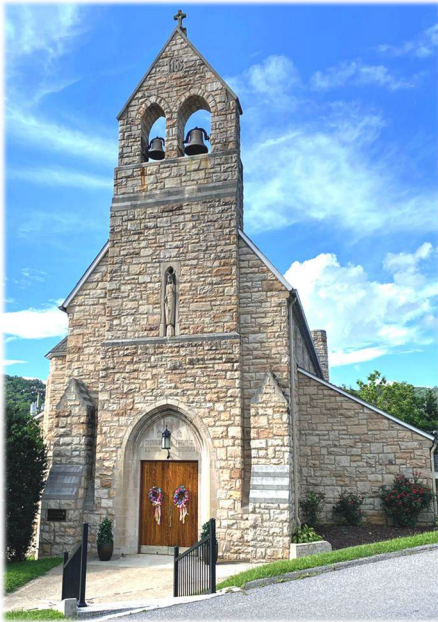
### Reflect

***What places or moments in my life have made me feel close to heaven?***

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1, 2026



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 28 - 6:00 PM

✠ Greg Garton by Amanda & Greg Butler

### Sunday, March 1 - 9:00 AM

✠ Maria Ciaccio by Ron & Sherry Ciccolini

### Wednesday, March 4 - 6:00 PM

#### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

### Thursday, March 5 - 10:00 AM

✠ Frances McKenzie by the McKenzie Family

### Saturday, March 7 - 6:00 PM

✠ People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

### Sunday, March 8 - 9:00 AM

✠ Terry Lampert by the Food Pantry

## Sacred Heart Princeton

### Mass Times

Tuesdays:

5 pm - Adoration &  
Confession

6 pm - Mass

Thursdays:

12 Noon - Mass

First Fridays:

12 Noon

Saturdays:

3:30 pm - Confession

4:00 pm - Mass

Sundays:

10:30 am - Confession

11:00 am - Mass

**Confession:** 8:30 AM on Sundays ~ 5:45 PM on Saturdays ~ 5:00 PM on Wednesdays ~ By Appointment

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 1:** Second Sunday of Lent

**March 1:** Centering Prayer Group 5 pm

**March 3:** OCIA: No Meeting/Attend Penance Service

**March 4:** Penance Service 6:00 pm

**March 6:** First Friday Mass 10:00 AM

**March 6:** Adult Grief Support Group 4:30 pm

**March 6:** Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm

**March 7:** First Saturday Social 7 pm

**March 8:** First Sunday Social 10 am

**March 8:** 2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests

**March 8:** 3rd Sunday of Lent

**March 8:** Centering Prayer Group 5 pm

**March 9:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 PM

**March 10:** OCIA Meeting 5 pm

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Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

**Food Pantry Hours:**

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

*To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.*



**Lenten Penance Service**

**March 4 - 6 pm**  
**Bluefield**

**March 3 - 6 pm**  
**Princeton**



## Stations of the Cross Schedule

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 6:00 pm during the Season of Lent.

### March 6 at 6:00 pm

Led by Fr. Joseph and the Centering Prayer Group

### March 13 at 6:00 pm

Led by Fr. Joseph and the Knights of Columbus

### March 20 at 6:00 pm

Led by Fr. Joseph and the Parish Pastoral Council


### March 27 at 6:00 pm

Led by Fr. Joseph and the Crusaders Youth Ministry

### April 3 at 6:00 pm



























Led by Fr. Joseph

Thank you to St. Anne's Altar Society for hosting this past friday.



## RETIREMENT FUND FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

*Collection Date: March 8, 2026*

 Most Rev. Frederick P. Anne	 Most Rev. Patrick L. Flynn	 Most Rev. Jeremiah E. McGovern	 Most Rev. Eugene S. Ostrowski	 Most Rev. Samuel S. Socci	
 Rev. William A. Anderson	 Rev. James C. Coyle	 Rev. Harry N. Cramer	 Rev. John V. DiBacco, Jr.	 Rev. Larry W. Dornich	
 Rev. John H. Fenell	 Rev. John R. Gallagher	 Rev. Patsy J. Inguanta	 Rev. Olen LeVesseur	 Rev. George St. Marjale	
 Rev. Thad Scott-Ryan	 Rev. Robert A. Prevela	 Rev. William J. Potts	 Rev. Joseph Daniel Puzan	 Rev. Ronald G. Puchler	
 Rev. T. Matthew Rowsh	 Rev. David J. Schmitt	 Rev. Douglas E. Sutton	 Rev. Anthony G. Thurston	 Rev. Lawrence Whinn	 Rev. Paul D. Younger

"I thank you for your lives given in service to the Kingdom, for your daily labors, for so much generosity in the exercise of the ministry, for all that you live in silence, and that at times is accompanied by suffering or misunderstanding." ~ Pope Leo XIV

# MARCH SOCIALS

**SATURDAY SOCIAL**  
**MARCH 7 AT 7:00 PM**  
JOIN US FOR MEATLOAF SANDWICHES  
BINGO & CARDS




**SUNDAY SOCIAL**  
**MARCH 8 AT 10:00 AM**  
JOIN US FOR  
COFFEE & DONUTS



**OCIA SCHEDULE**



**Wednesday, March 4:**  
Please Attend Penance Service 6 PM  
**Tuesday, March 10:**  
Meeting at 5:00 PM  
**Tuesday, March 17:**  
Meeting at 5:00 PM



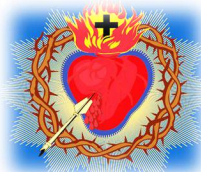
**Faith Formation**  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

**Faith Formation 2026**  
Every Sunday at 10:15 am  
in the School Building

**Schedule**

March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 ~ Regular Sessions

**Men's Prayer Group!**



All Men of the Parish are invited to our bimonthly Men's Prayer group meetings. The structure for the group consists of prayer, formation, and fraternity.

**Next Meetings**

**NEW TIMES: Now at 6:30 pm on March 10th**

**Sacred Heart Adult Grief Support Group**



*Our volunteer run Adult Grief Support Group is a chance to talk and not face grief alone. The group will be taking a break during the winter season and will resume meeting in March.*



**Centering Prayer Group**

What is centering prayer?

Centering prayer is a silent, contemplative prayer method rooted in Catholic tradition, aiming to foster a deeper relationship with God. It is a way to cultivate a deeper awareness of God's presence and action within oneself. **The Centering Praying Group gather every Sunday at 5 pm to converse and to participate in centering prayer.**

**St. Anne's Altar Society**

St. Anne's will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11 am after morning Mass. All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend!

**Next Meeting will be**

**March 12 at 11 am after morning Mass.**



**A Brief Centering Prayer**

On the first breath in, we let go of all of our problems, concerns, schedules and plans, and surrender into the love of God - here and now present.

Breathe out.  
Smile.  
Let go and relax.

On the second breath in, we welcome a moment of silence. This sacred silence ushers us into the contemplative dimension of our faith.

Breathe out.  
Smile.  
Let go and relax.

On the third breath in, we sink as deeply as we can into our hearts - into the depths of our hearts where we discover, as always, the sanctuary space that is our sacred meeting place with God. there we cry out to our merciful Lord to touch us in exactly those places where we need His tenderness, compassion, and healing love the most.

Breathe out.  
Smile.  
Let go and relax.

This is a powerful Spiritual practice. It may be done any time during the day or night. It is particularly useful as a starting point for any session of prayer of any typer, but most especially as a preparation for Holy Mass. Our intent to consent to God's Presence - and His activity within Us- is the key. We then allow God to do everything else. God is a transforming Presence within us. The "Three Breath Practice" is a unique prayer of consent to that transformation.



February Ministry Schedule								
Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters	Music
Sat. 2/28 6 pm	J. McCloud	V. Hager	1. A. Peretti 2. E. Peretti	1. D. Garton 2.M. Zalduondo	1.V. Hager 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard		Dan Gray
Sun. 3/1 9 am	M. Malamisura	TBA	1. R. Aiello 2. K. Wills	1.M. Rebuck 2.A. Rebuck	1. G. Aiello 2. W. Aiello	3. R. Albert 4. B. Buzzo 5. C. Asbury	The Aiello's	Jack Theresia

Sacred Heart Presents  
a volunteer runned...



# Adult Grief Support Group

A safe space to journey through loss together. You don't have to walk this path alone.

Every 1st Friday of the Month  
4:30 pm In Church Lounge  
Resuming March 6, 2026

**Led By**  
**Maryann Lijoi**



## March BIRTHDAYS

Sawyer	Black	1
Gail	Buzzo	1
Lisa	Neal	4
David	Kelley	5
Emilee	Husband	8
Sandy	Romeo	9
Margaret	Harless	12
Sandra Gail	Bays	13
Parker	Black	13
George	Bowling	14
Mary	Clark	14
D.J.	Javier	16
Adam	Umberger	18
Josephine	Bowman	21
Toni	Albert	22
Claire	Holt	22
Alexander	Rose	23
Charles	Steckline	23
Kylie	Oakes	26
Darla	Olson	26
Jessica	Havens- Starling	28
Laura	Zande -Taylor	28
Lilian	Brady	29
Bob	Buzzo	30

**Anniversaries**

**Steven & Patty Peebles March 17**

# First Friday Mass

All Parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend our First Friday Mass on Friday, March 6 at 10 AM with Adoration following Mass.



# MARCH 2026



SACRED HEART  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
1003 Wyoming St.  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
ph: 304-327-5623

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i></p> <p>Rosary/Confession 8:30 am Mass: 9:00 am Centering Prayer 5 pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>OCIA Attend Penance Service</p>	<p>4 Food Pantry 10-2</p> <p><b>PENANCE SERVICE 6:00 PM</b></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Mass: 10:00 am</p>	<p>6 <b>FIRST FRIDAY MASS 10 AM</b> ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP 4:30 PM Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm</p>	<p>7 2nd Collection: Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund Rosary/Confession: 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 pm FIRST SATURDAY SOCIAL 7 PM</p>
<p>8 2nd Collection: Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund Rosary/Confession 8:30 am Mass: 9:00 am FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL 10 AM</p>	<p>9 <b>Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm</b></p>	<p>10 OCIA Meeting 5 pm MEN'S PRAYER GROUP 6:30 PM</p>	<p>11 Food Pantry 10-2 Adoration/Confession 5:00 pm Mass 6:00 pm</p>	<p>12 Mass: 10:00 am <i>St. Anne's Meeting 11 am</i></p>	<p>13 Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm</p>	<p>14 Rosary/Confession 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 pm</p>
<p>15 <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> Rosary/Confession: 8:30 am <b>Children's Mass 9 AM</b></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 OCIA Meeting 5 pm</p>	<p>18 Food Pantry 10-2 Adoration/Confession 5:00 pm Mass 6:00 pm PPC Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>19 Solemnity of St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass: 10:00 am</p>	<p>20 Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm</p>	<p>21 Rosary/Confession 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 pm <i>St. Anne's Bake Sale</i></p>
<p>22 <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> Rosary/Confess: 8:30 am Mass: 9:00 am Centering Prayer 5 pm <i>St. Anne's Bake Sale</i></p>	<p>23 <b>Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm</b></p>	<p>24 OCIA Meeting 5 pm MEN'S PRAYER GROUP 6:30 PM</p>	<p>25 Food Pantry 10-2 Solemnity of the Lord Annunciation of the Lord Adoration/Confession 5:00 pm Mass 6:00 pm</p>	<p>26 Mass: 10:00 am</p>	<p>27 Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm</p>	<p>28 Rosary/Confess. 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 pm</p>
<p>29 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Rosary/Confess: 8:30 am Mass: 9:00 am Centering Prayer 5 pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 OCIA Attend Holy Week</p>				

**March 2026 Ministry Schedule**

<b>Mass Date Time</b>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Collection Counters</b>	<b>Music</b>
Sat. 3/7 6 PM	P. Peretti	D. Crigger	1. D. Kelley 2. A. Froy	1.D. Crigger 2.A. Peretti	1.T. Behrmann 2.P. Peretti	1. Pascasio	TBA	Dan Debbie
Sun 3/8 9 AM	M. Malamisura	L. Ajulo	1.T. Brown 2.K. Wills	1. B. Buzzo 2. J. Barber	1.M. Romeo 2.C. Havens	1.R. Ciccolini 2.C. Asbury 3.K. Brown		Jack Mary-Ann
Sat. 3/14 6 PM	J. McCloud	D. Garton	1. A. Peretti 2. E. Peretti	1.T. Behrmann 2.D. Garton	1.J. McCloud 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard	D. Duritza R. Malamisura	Dan Debbie
Sun. 3/15 9 am Kids Mass	The Winfree's	B.Musolin	1. R. West 2. K. Oakes	Children to Read	1.K. Kidd 2. K. Kirk	1.K. Brown 2.R. Kidd 3.R. Albert		Jack Theresia
Sat. 3/21 6 pm	P. Peretti	D. Crigger	P. Buenafe	1.T. Behrmann 2M. Zalduondo	1.P. Peretti 2.C. Saunders	1. I. Pascasio	D. Shumate M.McCoy	Dan Barbara
Sun. 3/22 9 am	C. West	L. Ajulo	1.C. Tran 2.TBA	1.T. Bales 2. C. Ott	1.A. Robinson 2.S. Copolo	1.C. Havens 2.D. Rebuck 3.R. Ciccolini		Jack Debbie
Sat. 3/28 6 pm	J. McCloud	V. Hager	1. A. Peretti 2. E. Peretti	1. D. Garton 2.M. Zalduondo	1.V. Hager 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard	The Aiello's	TBA
Sun. 3/29 9 am	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	1. R. Aiello 2. K. Wills	1.M. Rebuck 2.A. Rebuck	1. G. Aiello 2. W. Aiello	1.B. Buzzo 2.C. Asbury 3.. T. J. Longworth		TBA

**Holy Week**

**Attention Ministry Volunteers**

Holy Week this year will be from Sunday March 29 through Sunday April 5.

If you would like to participate in these masses as

Lectors, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, Altar Server, or Hospitality

please call or email Lucy.

## Sacred Heart Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Ron Ciccolini, Benny Disibbio, Carolina Ferrare, Angie Genovesi, Julia Harrison, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Sabrina Mazol, Aalannah McPeak, John Monaco, Feleesha Moran & Family, Annette & Claude Morgan, Laura Rogers, Sharon Rothausen, Audrey Snyder, Chris Taylor

**Homebound Parishioners:** Linda Angelelli, Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch

**Friends & Family:** Leia Allen, Ethan Atwell, Lane Austin, Vera Lee Austin, Ann Beck, Madeline Behrmann, Mark Burnette, John Burton, Bill Cinadr, Patrick Clark, John Clark, Amy Compton, Fr. Chapin Engler, George "Hooger" Fisher, John Genovesi, Tom Heneger, Linda Henegar, Rick Longworth, Conner McKenzie, Delores Millsap, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Annette Pike, Dee Puckett, Nick Pullano, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Nicole Romano, Kandi Stephenson

If anyone is interested in  
sponsoring or contributing to a  
Saturday Social Meal,  
please contact Sherry Ciccolini at  
304-320-0397



### Altar Flowers

*Please Note:*  
We will not be doing  
flower sponsorship  
during the season of Lent.



Altar Flowers

Weekly Collection	Weekend Feb 21-22	Actual	Budget
<b>Envelopes</b>	3,770.00	34,372.00	29,324.00
<b>Loose Offertory</b>	410.00	3,114.45	3,098.26
<b>Holiday Flowers</b>	675.00	700.00	550.00
<b>Holy Day Collections</b>	1,466.00	1,931.00	240.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 6,321.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,117.45</b>	<b>\$ 33,212.26</b>
<b>Votive Candles</b>	63.90	63.90	25.00
<b>Food Pantry</b>	130.00	5,123.00	6,639.00
<b>DWC: Home Missions</b>	25.00	747.50	659.50
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>6pm: 61</b>	<b>9 am: 100</b>	

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:**

Parish Office (304) 327-5623      Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

**In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying:** {Please consider, if Fr. Joseph out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

**In case of illness:** Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Joseph will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

**Nursing homes & Hospitals:** are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

# HOLY WEEK 2026

## MASS SCHEDULE

29  
MARCH

**PALM SUNDAY**  
SATURDAY: 6 PM  
SUNDAY: 9 AM

2  
APRIL

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
MASS AT 5:00 PM

3  
APRIL

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
SERVICE AT 5:00 PM

4  
APRIL

**EASTER VIGIL**  
MASS AT 6:00 PM

5  
APRIL

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
MASS AT 9:00 AM



EXPERIENCE THE GRACE OF HOLY WEEK. COME, PRAY, AND BE RENEWED WITH SACRED HEART!



SACRED HEART CHURCH  
BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

## EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY STANDS AS A POWERFUL REMINDER OF JESUS' HUMILITY AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, DEMONSTRATED THROUGH HIS ACT OF WASHING HIS DISCIPLES' FEET DURING THE LAST SUPPER.

THIS YEAR, WE WILL HAVE A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR WHOMEVER WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN HAVING THEIR FEET WASHED ON HOLY THURSDAY DURING MASS.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 304-327-5623.



# Dear Padre,

*I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?*

I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! ●



PROFIBESANT / CATHOPIC

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MARCH 2</b>	<b>MARCH 3</b>	<b>MARCH 4</b>	<b>MARCH 5</b>	<b>MARCH 6</b>	<b>MARCH 7</b>	<b>MARCH 8</b>
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
Dn 9:4b-10	Is 1:10, 16-20	Jer 18:18-20	Jer 17:5-10	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Ex 17:3-7
Lk 6:36-38	Mt 23:1-12	Mt 20:17-28	Lk 16:19-31	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
						Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, "We want peace in the world!"*

*Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today's world.*

GREETING TO YOUNG PEOPLE, ROME, JULY 29, 2025