

ALLELUIA



“**D**uring the entire 40 days of Lent the word “Alleluia” is completely absent from the liturgy of the Church. It is never said once, even on Sundays. However, it is an important word, one that deserves an appropriate send off before resuming its use at the Easter Vigil.

First of all, the word “Alleluia” is rooted in a Hebrew expression that means “praise the Lord.” It is frequently found in the Psalms and has been always associated with joy and exultation. This is why it is forbidden during Lent, a somber liturgical season focused on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. To put it simply, Lent is like one long Good Friday.

With this in mind the Alleluia never fit in the Lenten season, but Christians over the centuries didn’t think it was right to simply stop saying it. Instead they “buried” it in a solemn ceremony. It was a way to put the Alleluia into the “tomb,” only to discover it again at Easter when the stone is removed and the Alleluia is “resurrected.”

Various traditions arose in the middle ages to “bury” the Alleluia before the beginning of Lent. It is said that many were inspired by the words of Bishop William Duranti in the 13th century when he wrote, “We part from the Alleluia as from a beloved friend, whom we embrace many times and kiss on the mouth, head and hand, before we leave him.”

In France this became a physical act when a banner or board was created that said “Alleluia” in beautiful letters. A ceremony would be conducted after the liturgy where a hole was dug in the parish garden to bury the Alleluia, only to be uncovered again at Easter. A description of the procedure is found in a [15th century book](#) of Toul, France.

*On Saturday before Septuagesima Sunday all choir boys gather in the sacristy during the prayer of the None, to prepare for the burial of the Alleluia. After the last *Benedicamus Domino* [i.e., at the end of the Vespers service] they march in procession, with crosses, tapers, holy water and censers; and they carry a coffin, as in a funeral. Thus they proceed through the aisle, moaning and mourning, until they reach the cloister. There they bury the coffin; they sprinkle it with holy water and incense it; whereupon they return to the sacristy by the same way.*

It is a beautiful tradition, one that is especially joyous when the Alleluia is brought back to life at Easter.”

taken from <https://aleteia.org/>

Bury the Alleluia!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 19, 2023
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.



When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, *while they were doing it*. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— *Father John Muir*
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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Hardness of Holiness

Want to know the words I find hardest to say? “Lord, give me the strength.”

The world tells us to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone if we’re training for a marathon or applying for a job — but if we’re talking about God, everything is supposed to be easy. If it comes “naturally” or without struggle it’s supposed to be right.

Only God is perfect, the world tells us. What’s the use of trying so hard?

I’m really good at finding excuses for myself, especially when it comes to holiness. Holiness, often (not always, but often), is about choosing the hard, but right, thing. The invitation to holiness is whispered in the hardest moments of my day when I am the most hopelessly human. After the kids’ bedtime, when I really just want to watch *Dateline* and eat too much ice cream instead of saying the Rosary. When I’ve committed to helping someone, but it suddenly becomes incredibly inconvenient. When I see a social media post that’s just begging for a snarky reply. When the conversation becomes gossip and I’m dying to make myself feel superior to someone.

The reason it’s so difficult for me to mutter these five simple words is because I know that if I say them and I mean them, they form a prayer that God will always answer in the affirmative. He will give me the strength I ask for, and then I will have no excuse.

It’s not unlike my kids claiming they’re too tired to clean up the playroom. If they would just ask me for help, it would all be so doable. But where would that leave them?

With a job to do, that’s where.

“Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.” — Leviticus 19:2

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Want to be a real revolutionary? Defy the fallen impulses of human nature. Love your enemy. Pray for your persecutor. Give to those who would take. We can do hard things, Christians. We aren't perfect, but our God is.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Is Gossip a Sin?

Question:

Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
at 9:30AM with Ashes**

**Liturgical Service at
NOON with Readings of
Ash Wednesday and
Distribution of Ashes**

**Liturgical Service at
6:30PM with Readings of
Ash Wednesday and
Distribution of Ashes**



Thank You

Gratitude to the **Women's Retreat Team** and to the participants!

The review of the retreat was that it was an inspirational and moving time to spend with the Lord, His Mother, Our Lady of Lourdes, and one another.

Much thanks to the Team who worked so hard under the direction of Becky Bihari, Eileen Adams, Suzy Cheraso, Mo Weber and Andrea Krizman. We are all grateful for your dedication and sharing in the wonders of Jesus!

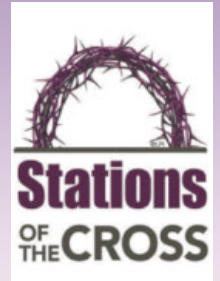
THANK YOU also for joining in the **BIRTHDAY PARTY** for Gracie and Annie! Thanks to the Ladies who set up the party under the direction of Gail Madak and for their hard work in making sure we all got a Donut!!! Thanks for the kindness & acceptance of the two Church Dogs who have become so much a part of our community.

Thank you for sharing in the story of Our Lady of Lourdes (at the 4 pm, 8 & 10 am. Masses) and keeping the World day of the Sick. There were some who had not heard of the story of Lourdes and St. Bernadette and we are glad we could share the information.

Remember those who are ill—there is always a long list called into the office!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In order to make it possible for the workers of the Fish Fry to attend Stations, we will be praying the Stations on Fridays at 7:30PM



FISH FRY FRIDAY!

**In CORBIE HALL! —
the New Building!**

Thank you to all who have already signed up. Sign-up sheets are still in the atrium for those who still want to volunteer.

All Are Welcome

Bakers, please remember to bring your scrumptious delights in a disposable pan. Check out the website for the menu.

**Our First Fish Fry will be Friday,
February 24th
from 4:30-7:00PM. See you there!**

“You don’t know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, ‘Lord, I don’t know how to pray!’ you can be sure you’ve already begun.”

-Saint Josemaría Escrivá



WEDNESDAY February 22 - **Ash Wednesday**
 9:30 AM Parish Community Mass with Ashes (K)
 NOON Liturgical Service with Ashes (C)
 6:30 PM Liturgical Service with Ashes (K)

FRIDAY February 24 - Lent Weekday
 11:00 AM Funeral Mass—Edward Cross

SATURDAY February 25 - Lent Weekday
 4:00 PM +Kelly Higgins (K)

SUNDAY February 26
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
 8:00 AM Marelén & Flyod Geho (K)
 10:00 AM +Abbot Jerome Koval, osb (H)
 11:45 AM +Dave Rallston (H)



Our friends and relatives who are ill. May God grant them

Healing and strength. These are remembered by Perpetual Help Prayer Team

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of February 19, 2023

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/

Mt 4:1-11

Observances for the week of February 19, 2023

Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Thursday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent ©LPi

THE Lily & Grace *AND ANNIE* by: JONeG



Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class will be held **Sunday, March 12th after the 11:45am mass** at St. Colette. Diocesan policy requires attendance at a Baptism class for parents who are planning to present their first child for the Sacrament of Baptism. To register, call the Parish Office at (330) 273-5500.

The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit in memory of

Wes Crabiel



We adore You, O Christ & we bless You!

Congratulations & Blessings to the 2nd Graders upon the their reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Thanks to the Parents, the Families and to the terrific teachers who have worked to prepare these 'little ones' for the Sacrament of Forgiveness. +

Follow-up to the Women's Retreat

A get together to share in the retreat event, to pray and to enjoy the company of one-another. Join us **On Tuesday, February 28th At 7pm**



Expectant mothers and families praying to conceive:



In honor of the Feast of St. Colette, patron saint of expectant mothers, parents praying to conceive, and sick children, on Sunday March 5. after the 11:45 Mass, there will be a special prayer service and blessing for all expectant

parents and those families seeking to conceive. We extend the invitation to all parents and grandparents to join us in leading the prayer for these women and their families. St. Colette, pray for us! Call the parish office to RSVP by Feb. 26th

MEN'S RETREAT



Can you be a Simon of Cyrene and help to carry the Cross of Jesus!

Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25

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St. Pope John Paul II

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Congratulations on Your Baptism

Alessia Rose Laughlin

You are a child of God who loves you so very much!

Congratulations

could be a mission

Ethan Timar
Ethan Whitesell

St. Edward Honor Rol

Remembering with Love....

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the families of Edward Cross (son of Lenore Hentz) and Jeff Szuter (bother-in-law of Gail Madak) who were called to their Eternal reward. Please pray for them and all the faithful departed.

Live in Light & Peace!

PSCF News

There will be no classes on Monday and Tuesday, February 20th & 21st. Classes resume on Monday & Tuesday, February 27th & 28th.

Pre-School PSCF

There will be no class on Sunday, February 26th. Classes resume on Sunday, March 5th.



Please pray for those serving in the
Military



Joseph Adams	PVT Rylee McIlvain Army
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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sr. Christian Travelers - Tuesday,
February 21st , Noon

Daughters - General Mtg., Thursday,
February 23, 9:30am. Guest Speaker Erin Miyoshi from Joseph & Mary's Home. She will be speaking on the closing of St. Vincent Charity Hospital & what that means for Joseph & Mary's Home.

Brothers - Saturday, February 25th, 8am

St. Colette Parish Directory

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00-10:00- and 11:45
Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00pm
Holy Day: NOON and 7:00pm



SACRAMENTS

Baptism - following 11:45 Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance through the Parish Office. Baptism Class required for first child.
Matrimony –Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest.
Sacrament of the Sick - contact the Office for home visitations and Eucharist.
Reconciliation - Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT THANK YOU!!!

Sunday, February 5, 2023.....\$18,233.00
 Capital Improvement Fund.....\$3,489.70
 Children's.....\$64.00
 Project Endeavor..... \$1,383.00
We sincerely & always appreciate your kindness & generosity!

To help start and build an endowment fund, please remember St. Colette in your will. We also have a Memorial Scholarship /Education Fund.

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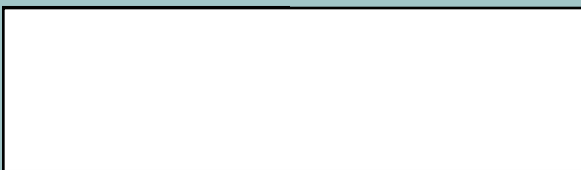
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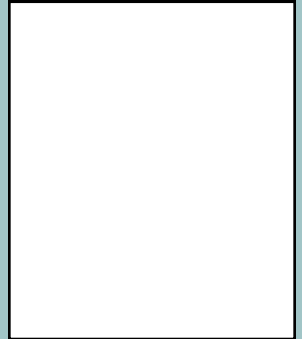
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