

Liturgy News for the Week of

March 11 - 17, 2024

March 17th is the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Masses and Services at St. Alphonsus Church for this next week:

Daily Mass: Mon.-Fr. Steve, Tues.-Fr. Slawomir; Wed.-Fr. Greg; Thurs. – Fr. Greg; Fri. – Fr. Slawomir; Sat. – Fr. Slawomir

Monday – Thursday Masses begin at 8:15am; Friday & Saturday am Masses begin at 8:30am

Saturday, March 16th, 5:00pm; presider is Fr. Steve, assisted by Dcn. Mike

Sunday, March 17th, 8:30am; presider is Fr. Steve, assisted by Dcn. Mike

Sunday, March 17th, 11:00am; presider is Fr. Greg assisted by Dcn. Mike; with Live Stream

Masses and Services at St. Thomas Becket Church for this next week:

Daily Mass, 9am: Mon.-Fr. Slawomir; Tues.-Fr. Steve; Wed., 7pm in Polish Fr. Tomasz Wajdzik; Thurs. – Fr. Greg; Fri.-Fr. Steve; Fri., 6pm bi-lingual followed by walking Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16th, 4:00pm – Fr. Steve; with Live Stream

Sunday, March 17th, 7:30am in Polish; presider is Fr. Slawomir

Sunday, March 17th, 9:00am; presider is Fr. Greg, assisted by Dcn. Dan

Sunday, March 17th, 10:45am in Polish; presider is Fr. Slawomir ; with Live Stream

Sunday, March 17th, 12:30pm; presider is Fr. Steve, assisted by Dcn. Dan

Please keep in your prayers:

- For the soul of William McGrath who went to rest in the arms of Jesus on March 5th and for his family and friends who celebrated his life in the Mass of Christian Burial on March 9th: We pray... Lord, hear our prayer.
- Send us your Spirit; as we journey as one new parish this Lent, open our minds and hearts to your sacred words proclaimed through Scripture: We pray...Lord, hear our prayer.

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Alphonsus - every Tuesday, 6:00-7:00pm. Adoration is in person.

St. Thomas Becket – every Friday, 5:30 – 7:00pm

Reconciliation

St. Alphonsus: Saturdays, 4 – 4:45pm in the Reconciliation Room in church.

During the Healing Mass on the First Saturday of every month at 8:30am at St. Al's.

St. Thomas Becket: Fridays from 5:30 – 7pm.

Parish Lent Reconciliation – Friday, March 22, 9:30-11:3am; 5:30-8pm at St. Alphonsus.

Announcements:

-We invite everyone to join us on Friday, March 15th for the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS PROCESSION** on the campus of St. Thomas Becket Church.
On that day, our Lenten prayerful event will begin at St. Thomas Becket Church with a bilingual Mass at 6:00 pm.

At approximately 6:45 pm, in the light of flaming candles, we will depart for the Stations of the Cross outside the church.

The route of the Stations of the Cross will follow the sidewalk around the field next to St. Thomas Becket Church.

We need a group of people who will carry the cross. We need groups of men and women, fathers and mothers, groups of teenagers, teachers, catechists, and people from all parish ministry groups.

During the Stations of the Cross, a cross will be carried from Station to Station by different groups of people and from shoulder to shoulder will be passed on to other groups.

We ask everyone to bring a candle or lamp with them.

-Our Wednesday evening Bible Study group will begin a new study on March 20th entitled No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion. For details please check the bulletin.

-On Friday, March 22, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at the St. Alphonsus location from 9:30-11:30am and 5:30-8:00pm. Multiple priests will be available.

-Thank you for your financial support and have a healthy and blessed week.

Ways to Grow your Faith this week:

We're half way through Lent. Need some encouragement?

- For *6 Tips To Get You Through the Mid-Lent Slump* from CatholicLink, click [here](#).
- For a great reflection on reviewing our Lenten progress at the halfway point from Deacon Jim, St. Margaret Parish Bel Air, click [here](#).
- For a beautiful reflection from Fr. Mark Toups, *The Ascension Lenten Companion: Year A*, on being in a time when we might find ourselves fatigued with our Lenten practices, click [here](#). (This one is really good!)

Only have 8 minutes? Pray along with A Short Way of the Cross from The Friend Family. Click [here](#).

May St. Patrick intercede to God on your behalf this week.

The Prayer of St. Patrick

I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through a belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
Of the Creator of creation.

I arise today
Through the strength of Christ's birth and His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion and His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection and His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today
Through the strength of the love of cherubim,
In obedience of angels,
In service of archangels,
In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward,
In the prayers of patriarchs,
In preachings of the apostles,
In faiths of confessors,
In innocence of virgins,
In deeds of righteous men.

I arise today
Through the strength of heaven;
Light of the sun,
Splendor of fire,
Speed of lightning,
Swiftness of the wind,
Depth of the sea,
Stability of the earth,
Firmness of the rock.

I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
From snares of the devil,
From temptations of vices,
From every one who desires me ill,
Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.

I summon today all these powers between me and evil,
Against every cruel merciless power that opposes my body and soul,
Against incantations of false prophets,
Against black laws of pagandom,
Against false laws of heretics,
Against craft of idolatry,
Against spells of women and smiths and wizards,

Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul.

Christ shield me today

Against poison, against burning,

Against drowning, against wounding,

So that reward may come to me in abundance.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,

Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,

Christ in the eye that sees me,

Christ in the ear that hears me.

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<https://www.journeywithjesus.net/poemsandprayers/668-saint-patrick-prayer>