

## Our Lady of Fatima Holy Week and Easter Schedule March 23 through April 7, 2013

<b>Dates &amp; Events</b>	<b>Time</b>
March 28-Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper	7 PM
March 29-Good Friday-The Passion & Veneration of Cross & Communion	1 PM
March 29-Good Friday-Beginning of the Divine Mercy Novena	3 PM
March 30-Blessing of the Easter Baskets	1 PM
March 30-Divine Mercy Novena	3 PM
March 30-Easter Vigil	8 PM
March 31-Easter Sunday	10 AM
March 31-Divine Mercy Novena	3 PM
April 1-6-Divine Mercy Novena	3 PM
April 6-Vigil Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday	4:30 PM
April 7-Divine Mercy Sunday Normal Mass Schedule	9 AM and 11AM



Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said:

"These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

**Mon. 03/18**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**  
*Feast*             Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
8:00 AM Mass     Complete Recovery of Health for Fr. Zatalava, *Carol Smith*

**Tues. 03/19**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**  
*Feast*             Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00 AM Mass     Father Anthony J. Pollack, *Carol Smith*

**Wed. 03/20**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**  
*Feast*             Lenten Weekday  
8:00 AM Mass     Denise Keagy, *Ken & Deb Klinger*

**Thur. 03/21**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**  
*Feast*             Lenten Weekday  
8:00 AM Mass     Sally Colledge, *Children*

**Fri. 03/22**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**  
*Feast*             Lenten Weekday  
8:00 AM Mass     Lois J. Riley, *Tim and Sue Graupensperger*

**Sat. 03/23**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**  
*Feast*             PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
4:30 PM Mass     Joseph E. Ivory, *Paul and Adaline Cassarly*

**Sun. 03/24**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**  
*Feast*             PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
9:00 AM Mass     Mary V. Wozniak, *7th Ann, daughter Barbara*  
11:00 AM Mass     Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family

*Lord  
Jesus  
Christ  
Son  
Of  
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Have  
Mercy  
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**Happy Birthday:**

03/18 Jillian Brannan  
         Zachary Ronan

03/19 Kristina Duraso  
         Karen Hallinan  
         Lisa Levine  
         Elizabeth Summers

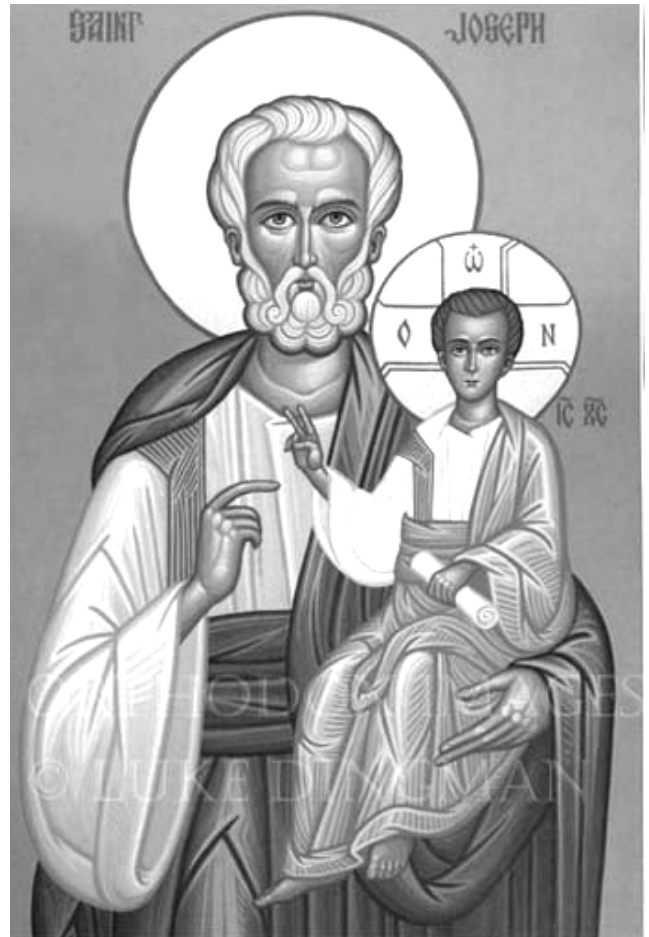
03/23 Dr. Joe Clark

*Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we  
pray the Holy Rosary Daily  
At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately  
from 8:30am to 7:00pm*

**MONEY MATTERS**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent, (March 10, 2013)**  
193 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,410.00 of which \$ 145.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	188	# Used	91	# Unused	97
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**Pierogie sale = \$777.92**  
**March Camp Payment = \$ 809.39**  
**Easter Decoration (to date) = \$470.00**



Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph  
Please join your prayer to ours  
As we pray for our Holy Father  
**Pope Francis**

Then Jesus said:  
**Neither do I condemn you.**  
Go, and from now on  
**do not sin any more.**

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# DON'T FORGET



## *Easter Flower Offering*

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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# *Know and Teach the Faith*

## **Question: How Are the 40 Days of Lent Calculated?**

*Lent, the period of prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter, is 40 days long, but there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent in the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, and Easter. How can that be?*

**Answer:** The answer takes us back to the earliest days of the Church. Christ's original disciples, who were Jewish, grew up with the idea that the Sabbath—the day of worship and of rest—was Saturday, the seventh day of the week, since the account of creation in Genesis says that God rested on the seventh day.

Christ rose from the dead, however, on Sunday, the first day of the week, and the early Christians, starting with the apostles (those original disciples), saw Christ's Resurrection as a new creation, and so they transferred the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. Since all Sundays—and not simply Easter Sunday—were days to celebrate Christ's Resurrection, Christians were forbidden to fast and do other forms of penance on those days.

Therefore, when the Church expanded the period of fasting and prayer in preparation for Easter from a few days to 40 days (to mirror Christ's fasting in the desert, before He began His public ministry), Sundays could not be included in the count.

Thus, in order for Lent to include 40 days on which fasting could occur, it had to be expanded to six full weeks (with six days of fasting in each week) plus four extra days—Ash Wednesday and the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday that follow it. Six times six is thirty-six, plus four equals forty. And that's how we arrive at the 40 days of Lent!

## **Question: Why Must Roman Catholics Go to Mass Every Sunday?**

The Catholic Church tells us that we have an obligation to go to Mass every Sunday. It is an obligation that most of us fulfill willingly, but many people don't understand why the Church requires this of us.

In the Third Commandment, God tells us to "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day." For the Jews, the sabbath was Saturday; Christians, however, transferred the sabbath to Sunday, the day of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. The Church tells us that we have an obligation to fulfill the Third Commandment by refraining from unnecessary work on Sunday and by participating in the Mass, our chief form of worship as Christians.