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# Benedictine



## 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

SAINT BENEDICT

MARCH 4, 2018

SAINT SCHOLASTICA



“He fasted for forty days  
*and* forty nights...”

St. Scholastica Parish  
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Fr. James Lowe, CC , Pastor

### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Holydays	8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### MARRIAGE

Parish priest must be contacted six months prior to date of intended marriage.

### BAPTISMS

Contact Fr. James Lowe, CC

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday Mornings: Immediately Following Mass

Saturday Evening Mass: 3:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.

All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

### ROSARY

Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

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# FR. JAMES W. LOWE, CC



*Dearly Beloved Parishioners,*

*“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom.” (2 Corinthians 3:17)*

I am so proud to be from Detroit! What other city has **2 Corinthians 3:17** (or any Bible verse) written in huge letters on the side of city hall? Other cities are taking down the Ten Commandments and any other reference to God. But we here in Detroit, **we are different**. Our official motto is **“Spirit of Detroit”**. This motto does not refer to the human spirit, but the Spirit of the Lord...The Holy Spirit! This City has been through so much suffering and trial, but the people never walked away from God. The people remain a Spirit-filled people.

**“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom”.** True freedom comes from God. True freedom comes from living a life of virtue...from faithfully living according to the Ten Commandments, not removing them from our city halls. **In our secular culture**, the Christian belief that freedom comes from following the law of God **is said to be absurd!** Society tells Christians that we are foolish... that we limit our personal freedom by following all these Commandments.

**The TRUTH**...when we break any one of the Ten Commandments we commit serious sin! Serious sin separates us from God and one another. **Committing sin** actually **destroys our freedom**. We become **slaves to our passions...to sin itself**. We are actually living in the **shackles of bondage to sin**.

**What, then, brings us true freedom?** Christ crucified....God’s power and wisdom. We encounter freedom **through the cross**. We encounter God’s unconditional love and mercy offered **through the sacrifice of Jesus**. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus gives us the power to overcome sin itself. He forgives us and reconciles us to the Father and to one another. He gives us the power to resist temptation...to choose virtue, not vice. **Most importantly, Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit.**

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**The Holy Spirit** empowers us to freely choose to live a life of virtue and to want to live according to the Ten Commandments. **“I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah...I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” (Jeremiah 31: 31, 33)**

**“Jesus Christ makes all things new” (Unleash the Gospel).** He does this by always inviting us to encounter Him anew...to be transformed by Him through the Sacraments, Sacred Scripture, and prayer! He also does this by fulfilling His promise to **send us the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit empowers us to live in freedom.

Friends, over the next 9 weeks, as a parish, we will be going through Archbishop Vigneron’s pastoral letter Unleash the Gospel. This letter is written to inspire us to begin to live more freely in the Spirit of the Lord. It gives us clear guideposts to direct us along a path of becoming a band of joyful missionary disciples. It is my prayer that we will all be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as he leads us on this exciting missionary journey.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, enkindle in us the fire of Your love!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Jim Lowe, CC

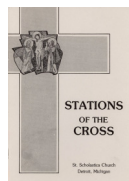
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### THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE A PLEDGE

Representatives will be at the Masses this weekend to accept your CSA donations. If you do not have a pledge card, you may pick one up after Mass. You may return your pledge next week and put it in the offering basket. Thank you for considering making a donation to help St. Scholastica reach its target for 2017.

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### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The “Stations of the Cross” will be prayed on Friday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. during Lent. Please make this a part of your Lenten prayers for this year.

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**Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions, Birthday Blessings for Jasmine Alesna by Evelyn Alesna

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

8:00 a. m. † David and Marcella Neaton by Richard and Karen Neaton

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

8:00 a.m.

**Friday, March 9, 2018**

8:00 a. m.

**Saturday, March 10 , 2018**

8:00 a.m

4:30 p.m. Special Intentions of John Gregory to Grow in His Faith by John Gregory

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**

10:00 a.m. For Parishioners

**MASS ASSIGNMENTS**

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

4:30 p. m. Lectors: Evelyn Alesna  
Linda Myler  
Blood of Christ: Gubbie Bey



**Sunday, March 11, 2018**

10:00 a.m. Lectors: Maria Fetizanan  
Jonathan Jackson  
Blood of Christ: Mary McDougall  
Blood of Christ: Jay Fetizanan



We continue to pray for our sick and homebound parish members, Bruce Henderson, Elma Thorpe, Annie Laurie Shannan, Courtney Atlas, Eileen Clark, Sandra Moulton, Christopher Staff, Mary Madigan, Margaret Porath, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Marian Hubbard, Madelyn Smith, Willie Beale, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, E. Napoleon Burton , William Walker , Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen. Victoria Crowe , Gertrude Strale, Mary Christian, Matthew Onwudingo , Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Ellen Casey, and Denise Goodine.

**Parish Calendar:**



**March 9, 2018**

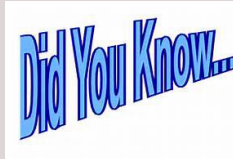
“Soup and Bread” Dinner –5:00 p.m.-Convent  
Stations of the Cross –7:00 p.m. –Church

**March 10, 2018**

Men’s Group—6:30 a. m.—Chapel  
Mass—8:00 a.m. Followed by Adoration  
Sacramental Prep –10:00 a.m.  
Mass—4:30 p.m.

**March 11, 2018**

Rosary—9:30 a. m.  
Mass— 10:00 a. m. –Church



That Fr. Jim is a member of the Detroit Choral Society and is singing with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in the production “Classical Roots” this weekend? That the concert will be live-streamed Saturday, March 3rd at 8:00 at [dso.org/live](http://dso.org/live)?

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**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**January, 2018**

**Collected: \$4,952.08**

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**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**

*(Use Cycle A readings and corresponding Cycle A Stewardship Thought below if your parish has RCIA catechumens and candidates)*

Today’s First Reading from the Book of Exodus recalls God’s giving of the Ten Commandments to the ancient Israelites, who passed them down through the generations to us. Following these instructions leads to a path of holiness. The Scripture readings from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthian community and St. John’s Gospel both express the people’s need for signs or miracles to believe in Christ. However, faith based only on signs and miracles does not last. Only after Christ rises from the dead do His disciples believe what He taught. As Christian stewards seeking ongoing discipleship in the Lord, we must believe in the essential elements of our faith: Christ’s life, death, Resurrection, Ascension, and sending of the Holy Spirit. Unity with Him in the Holy Eucharist strengthens our faith. Make time every Sunday to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion — the “source and summit” of our Catholic faith.

*Cycle A Stewardship Thought*

Today, the theme of water connects our Scripture passages from Exodus and the Gospel from St. John the Evangelist. The ancient Israelites grumble at Moses for bringing them and their livestock into the desert wilderness to die of thirst. God answers Moses’ cry by miraculously producing life-giving water from the rock, symbolic of the sacrament of Baptism. In the Gospel, at Jacob’s well, Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman. He tells her about the “living water” He can give for eternal life, which is not the same water found in the well. Jesus admonishes her: *If you knew the gift of God.* The Samaritan woman undergoes a conversion experience in which she brings others to Christ. St. Paul, in his Letter to the Roman community, reminds us of God’s outpouring love for us, even though we are sinners. Jesus’ gift of eternal life is for Jew and Gentile alike, for all faithful stewards who strive for holiness by following His teachings to deepen their love for Him. During Lent, pray the Stations of the Cross to draw closer to our Lord and Savior. Today, the theme of water connects our Scripture passages from Exodus and the Gospel from St. John the Evangelist. The ancient Israelites grumble at Moses for bringing them and their livestock into the desert wilderness to die of thirst. God answers Moses’ cry by miraculously producing life-giving water from the rock, symbolic of the sacrament of Baptism. In the Gospel, at Jacob’s well, Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman. He tells her about the “living water” He can give for eternal life, which is not the same water found in the well. Jesus admonishes her: *If you knew the gift of God.* The Samaritan woman undergoes a conversion experience in which she brings others to Christ. St. Paul, in his Letter to the Roman community, reminds us of God’s outpouring love for us, even though we are sinners. Jesus’ gift of eternal life is for Jew and Gentile alike, for all faithful stewards who strive for holiness by following His teachings to deepen their love for Him. During Lent, pray the Stations of the Cross to draw closer to our Lord and Savior.



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**IN THIS SPACE ARE THE HYMN SELECTIONS FOR THE DAY. PLEASE LIFT YOUR VOICES AND JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE MASS.**

**TODAY’S HYMNS ARE FOUND IN THE**  
**“WE CELEBRATE HYMNAL”**

- OPENING HYMN:**  
“Gather Us In” 909
- OFFERTORY:**  
“ There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” 709
- COMMUNION:**  
“I Am the Bread of Life”  
659
- CLOSING HYMN:**  
“God’s Blessing Sends Us Forth” 921