

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>February 28</b></p> <p><b>Second Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>, no. 2462)</p> <p>Consider making a recurring gift to your parish.</p>	<p><b>March 1</b></p> <p>Jesus said to his disciples: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven." (Lk 6:36-37, <i>Lectio</i>)</p>	<p><b>March 2</b></p> <p>"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Pt 4:10)</p> <p>How can you use your time and talents to help others today?</p>	<p><b>March 3</b></p> <p>On the memorial of St. Katharine Drexel, who gave up her wealth to be a missionary, we are reminded, "As a Church, we are called to be missionary disciples who know and live the faith and confidently share the Gospel." (<i>Living as Missionary Disciples</i>, USCCB)</p>	<p><b>March 4</b></p> <p>Rededicate yourself to prayer. Set aside time every day, even for just a few moments, to sit with Jesus.</p>	<p><b>March 5</b></p> <p>"To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren." (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>, no. 1397)</p> <p>Learn more about the roots of <a href="#">Catholic Social Teaching</a>.</p>	<p><b>March 6</b></p> <p>"Only by identifying with the least [will we] come at last to be the brothers of all. May God inspire that dream in each one of us." (Pope Francis, <i>Fraternity of All</i>, no. 287)</p>
<p><b>March 7</b></p> <p><b>Third Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>In today's first reading, we are reminded of the Ten Commandments. Which commandment do you struggle with the most? Aim for one small improvement this week.</p>	<p><b>March 8</b></p> <p>"The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. It is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ." (<i>Firming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship</i>, no. 9)</p>	<p><b>March 9</b></p> <p>Today is the memorial of St. Frances of Rome, who organized a women's religious order—the Oblates of Mary—and was known for her great charity. In her honor today, let us pray for those in consecrated life.</p>	<p><b>March 10</b></p> <p>Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father, have mercy on us. (<i>Litany of the Sacred Heart</i>)</p>	<p><b>March 11</b></p> <p>During Lent we often pray the seven penitential psalms, like this one, "Out of the depths I call to you, LORD; / Lord, hear my cry! / May your ears be attentive / to my cry for mercy." (Ps 130:1-2, NABRE)</p>	<p><b>March 12</b></p> <p>"When we begin to separate people in our thoughts for unjust reasons, when we start to see some people as 'them' and others as 'us,' we fail to love." (<i>Open Wide Our Hearts</i>, USCCB)</p>	<p><b>March 13</b></p> <p>In Lent, we are called to renew our baptismal commitment. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.</p>
<p><b>March 14</b></p> <p><b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>The Fourth Sunday of Lent is the midpoint and known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means "rejoice" and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices.</p>	<p><b>March 15</b></p> <p>"In every act we do, in every step we take, let our hands trace the Lord's cross." (St. Jerome, <i>Letters</i>, 22:37)</p>	<p><b>March 16</b></p> <p>"A clean heart create for me, O God / and a steadfast spirit renew within me." (Ps 51:12, <i>Lectio</i>)</p>	<p><b>March 17</b></p> <p>Today is the memorial of St. Patrick, the "apostle to Ireland"! He wrote, "Our way to repay God is to exalt him and confess his wonders before every nation under heaven." (St. Patrick, <i>Confession</i>, 3)</p>	<p><b>March 18</b></p> <p>St. Cyril of Jerusalem honored today was known for his "Catechetical Instructions." Give thanks for the catechists in your community and all they do to educate children and adults alike.</p>	<p><b>March 19</b></p> <p><b>Solemnity of St. Joseph</b></p> <p>In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, we pray today for all fathers, that through the example of St. Joseph, they may fully embrace their vocation and accept the privilege and responsibility of caring for their children as St. Joseph cared for Jesus.</p>	<p><b>March 20</b></p> <p>Today is the first day of spring! "Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us." (Pope Francis, <i>Laudato Si'</i>, no. 160)</p>