



## God of Justice, God of Mercy

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**L**ife is not fair. Even though we know this, we expect God to be fair, which may be what irks so many about the Parable of the Lost Son. There is a part of our skewed human nature that agrees with the older son in the story. It certainly seems that the younger son was able to have his cake and eat it too, while the older son could only sit by and watch, missing out on the devil-may-care part of life. It didn't seem fair, and the older son said so.

The point of the story does seem to be that God is both just and merciful, but if ever one of those virtues seems to give way to the other, then, from God's perspective, divine mercy always trumps worldly justice. We,

however, think that's not fair. We grow suspect of deathbed conversions, worried that the person is trying to have life both ways. But do we give thought to the suffering such a life without God might entail? The humiliation and near starvation of the younger son as he lived his self-indulgent life?

We think we want God to be fair, but do we really?

In C.S. Lewis' novel, *Till We Have Faces*, one character asks another if the gods are just, to which is replied, "Oh, child, pray that they are not!" Do we really want to be treated with justice, getting exactly what we deserve and no more?

Or do we want to let God be God and be treated with mercy? ●

### Reflect

***Does my life seem unfair? More fair or less fair compared with others?***

"Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

LUKE 15:32



# Catholic Communities

Parish Pastor

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## Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.  
Fayette, OH 43521

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel  
Pat Eisel  
Ray Hollstein  
Mike Burkholder  
Traci Maginn  
Barbara Roby

Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.



## OLM PARISH OFFICE

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Tuesday and Thursday

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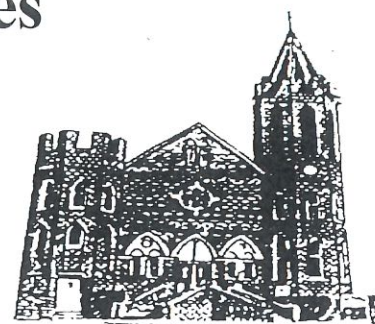
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Archbold, OH 43502

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.

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### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- **Baptism:** Please call Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.
- **Reconciliation:** Father will be available for confessions **starting 30 minutes before Mass each week.**
- **New Parishioners:** A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Those who can participate: Anyone who is seriously sick or suffering a grave illness (not a cold, or flu) which is treated or medicated for by a doctor. Also for those of old age which often brings morale or depression factors (body, mind, or spirit). Please make arrangements with Father or call the parish office.
- **Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office *six months* ahead of your planned wedding date, for Marriage Preparation and scheduling.
- **RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of classes designed to bring new members into the Catholic church. Weekly sessions begin in September. People who have not been baptized, who have not been practicing or who have been raised in another faith are all welcome to register. Parishioners are encouraged to invite interested family members and friends. There is no obligation to join the church. This is simply an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Pifher at 419-446-9288.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Please note that the bulletin deadline is **Tuesday, Noon.** Please either call, email at [OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com) or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin

# SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

### BFF'S

Next BFF will be April 6, 2025 after Mass today. Come and enjoy Breakfast, Fellowship & Friends.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

After Mass – Mar. 30, Apr. 13, & Apr. 27

At Home – Apr. 6, & Apr. 20

### AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

St. Peter – April 2, 2025 at 6:45 p.m.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 7 p.m. led by Deacon Larry.

### APRIL FAYETTE COMMUNITY MEAL

Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting the April Fayette Community Meal on April 16, 2025, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Help is needed. There will be a short meeting today, March 30, 2025 after Mass for all who would like to help we will meet in the cry room.

### THE CHOSEN

Our Lady of Mercy will be viewing The Chosen – Season 1 (8 episodes) during the Easter season. We will begin Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 7 p.m. (episodes are approximately 1 hour) in the church basement. We will conclude Season 1 on June 11, 2025.

### ACA UPDATE

Our Lady of Mercy Goal - \$4,190.00 paid to date \$1,510.00 (34.79%)

### PROTECTING OUR YOUTH

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419)214-4880; or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch, Toledo, OH 43604.

### DAILY QUOTES FROM MOTHER ANGELICA PERPETUAL CALENDAR

“We may doubt the usefulness of the cross, and we may wonder why the cross is good for us but, if in the face of all this, we say, “Father, I love you; I commend to You my spirit,” then we have truly loved with a pure love.”

### DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 2

1050 March 24, 1937. Wednesday of Holy Week. My heart is languishing for God. I desire to become united with Him. A faint fear pierces my soul and at the same time a kind of flame of love sets my heart on fire. Love and suffering are united in my heart

1051 I have felt great sufferings in my body, but I feel the Lord is upholding me, for otherwise I would not be able to bear it.

### ST. PETER NEWS

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m.

#### FISH FRY-DAYS

Archbold Knights of Columbus Fish Fry-Days begin January 24 thru April 18

*Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.*

### FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---April 6, 2025 – Fayette Opera House -12:30 p.m., Sunday Dinner & Gospel Concert

---April 26, 2025 – Fayette Opera House-7 p.m. Down Home at the Opera House

---April 8, 2025 5:30 p.m. – CPC 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Benefit & Auction at Archbold Evangelical Church - \$10 per person – see flyer on bulletin board for additional information

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to [OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com)

Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email or call Our Lady of Mercy office. Email [olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com)

#### Privacy Issues for Parish Office:

**IMMEDIATE FAMILY** – must contact the parish office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Please submit with the exact verbiage requested. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals.



# DIOCESE OF TOLEDO NEWS

## DIOCESE OF TOLEDO CALENDAR

For additional happenings in the Diocese of Toledo please visit [toledodiocese.org/calendar](http://toledodiocese.org/calendar)

## NEW SEMINARIANS

We're thrilled to announce that we have two new seminarians for the Diocese of Toledo.

- Jonathan "Casey" Clements – Casey is from Norwalk St. Paul Parish. He is a graduate of St. Paul High School and currently works at District Tire Center in Sandusky. He will apply to Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati to begin the propaedeutic stage of formation in the fall 2025.
- Collin Gosche – Collin is from New Riegel All Saint's Parish. He is a graduate of Lakota High School and Ohio State University. Collin will continue his propaedeutic stage of formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati.

## OPEN ARMS AWARDS

Reminder We are seeking nominations for the 2025 Open Arms Awards. If you know an individual who serves the church and community and lives with a disability and/or a caregiver/advocate for a person(s) with a disability, nominate them!

To nominate please visit:

[www.toledodiocese.org/diocesan/27th-annual-celebration-of-catholics-with-disabilities-with-the-presentation-of-the-open-arms-awards](http://www.toledodiocese.org/diocesan/27th-annual-celebration-of-catholics-with-disabilities-with-the-presentation-of-the-open-arms-awards)

27th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF

# CATHOLICS *With* DISABILITIES

With the Presentation of the 2025 Open Arms Awards



**Principal Celebrant**

**Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas**  
Bishop of Toledo

**June 1, 2025 at 11:00 am**

**St. John XXIII Parish**

24250 Dixie Highway, Perrysburg, OH  
43551



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# April

## Our Lady of Mercy

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Rel. Ed. at home Adult Lenten Study after Mass BFF after Mass	7	8 Penance Svc St. Peter 6:45 p.m.	9 Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.	10 Holy Thursday St. Peter 7 p.m.	11 Good Friday Walk for Life @ Noon Services St. Peter 12:15 p.m. OLOM 3:00 p.m.	12 Easter Vigil St. Peter 8:30 p.m.
13 Rel. Ed. after Mass	14	15 The Chosen – 7 p.m.	16 The Chosen – 7p.m.	17	18	19
20 Alleluia! He is Risen EASTER Rel. Ed. at home	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Rel. Ed. after Mass Festival Committee mtg after Mass	28	29	30			

# Parents of Priests *Prayers for Priests*

PRAY FOR CLERGY, RELIGIOUS, OR THE SPECIAL INTENTION FOR EACH DAY

*Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.*

## April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Pope Francis	2 Bishop Daniel E. Thomas	3 Your Parish Priests	4 Parents of Priests	5 Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
6 Seminarist Jeremy Smith	7 Rev. Phillip Smith	8 Rev. Francis Speier	9 Rev. Stephen Stanbery	10 Rev. Joseph Steinbauer	11 Rev. John Stites	12 Deacons and Missionary Priests
13 Rev. Keith Stripe	14 Rev. Conrad Sutter	15 Rev. Richard Szippel	16 Rev. Joseph Szybka	17 Rev. Stanley Szybka	18 Rev. Douglas Taylor	19 Religious Brothers and Sisters
20 Rev. Florian Tiell	21 Rev. Maurice Tiell	22 Rev. David Tscherne	23 Rev. Christopher Turner	24 Rev. Walter Tuscano	25 Rev. Daismon T. Varghese	26 Deceased Priests of our Diocese
27 Rev. Joseph Rathish Varghese	28 Rev. Msgr. Christopher Vasko	29 Rev. Vincente Vera	30 Seminarist Alexander Wahl			

*Saint John Vianney, patron of parish priests, pray for us.*



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of Toledo

**Sunday, Mar. 30 – St. Fergus of Scotland** - St. Fergus of Scotland (d. 730 A.D.), also known as St. Fergustian or Fergus the Pict, Bishop of the Gaels, was a bishop serving in the north of Scotland. Little is known of his life. He is believed to have been trained as a bishop in Ireland, ministering there for many years before traveling as a missionary to Scotland. He went throughout the Scottish countryside preaching the Gospel, setting up churches dedicated to St. Patrick of Ireland, and working to convert the pagan people to Christianity. He also traveled to St. Peter's Basilica to participate in the Council of Rome in 721 A.D. He died around the year 730 A.D. and is buried in Glamis, Angus, in Scotland. Nearby is St. Fergus' Well. The site is believed to be where St. Fergus presided over religious services before the first church of Glamis was built. His feast day is March 30th.

**Monday, Mar. 31 - St. Benjamin** - St. Benjamin (d. 424 A.D.) was a deacon martyred in Persia during a forty-year-long Christian persecution under two tyrannical Persian kings. He was imprisoned for a year due to his Christian faith and then released with the help of the Eastern Roman Emperor Theodosius II. As a condition of his release he was ordered to no longer publicly proclaim his faith. Benjamin declared that it was his duty to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and he refused to be silenced. He continued preaching Christ crucified, and, when word reached the king, he was arrested again. In response, Benjamin asked the king what opinion he would have of any of his subjects if they were to renounce their allegiance to the king and join in war against him; in the same way Benjamin could not renounce his allegiance to Christ. This comment enraged the king, and he ordered Benjamin to endure cruel tortures. Sharpened reeds were repeatedly jammed underneath his fingernails, toenails, and other tender parts of the body. He died when a knotted stake was jammed into his bowels. St. Benjamin's feast day is celebrated on March 31st.

**Tuesday, Apr. 1- Blessed Anacleto Gonzalez Flores** - Bl. Anacleto Gonzalez Flores (1888–1927) was the second of twelve children born to a poor family in Jalisco, Mexico. He was baptized the day after his birth. As he grew, a priest recognized his intelligence and recommended that he enter the seminary. Anacleto studied there for a time before discerning that he was not called to the priesthood. Instead he became an attorney, husband, and father, as well as an activist for his Catholic faith. He was a prolific writer and dedicated catechism teacher, and attended daily Mass. He joined the Catholic Association of Young Mexicans (ACJM) in addition to starting another Catholic lay organization committed to resisting the fierce persecution of the Catholic Church under the infamous Mexican dictator, Calles. Initially he participated only in the non-violent resistance against Calles, until four members of the ACJM were murdered in 1926. Their deaths spurred Anacleto to lend support to the armed resistance movement. Anacleto did not take up arms but instead gave speeches to encourage Catholics to support the Cristeros, the Catholic army fighting against Calles. Anacleto was captured during the Cristero War on April 1, 1927, and was brutally tortured before being martyred by firing squad. His feast day is April 1st.

**Wednesday, Apr. 2 – St. Francis of Paola** - St. Francis of Paola (1416-1507) was born in Calabria, Italy, to a husband and wife known for their holiness. After suffering childlessness for many years, his parents had recourse to prayer, especially the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi. They eventually had three children, and the eldest, Francis, was named after St. Francis in thanksgiving for his birth. Francis of Paola grew in sanctity, and after having a vision of St. Francis he spent a year in a Franciscan convent to fulfill a vow his parents had made to the saint. After his time there, he returned to his parents and accompanied them on a pilgrimage to Assisi. Upon returning home, Francis retired to a private spot on his parents' estate to live as a hermit. He later moved his dwelling to a lonely cave by the seashore, living there in prayer, solitude, and mortification for six years. Disciples gradually came to him to imitate his manner of life, so many that St. Francis of Paola, with the permission of his bishop, built a monastery and church to accommodate them. He later obtained permission from the Holy See to found a new religious order called the Minims, or "The Least," as they were to live hidden lives of poverty, abstinence, and humility. St. Francis of Paola became famous and was sought out by others for his prophecies and miracles. He spent the last three months of his life in solitude in preparation for his death. On Good Friday, after receiving Last Rites, he died while the Passion of Christ was read to him aloud. His feast day is April 2.

**Thursday, Apr. 3 – St. Richard of Chichester** – St. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253), also known as St. Richard de Wyche, was born in Worcestershire, England to a land-owning squire. His father died when he was young, causing the family to suffer hardship for many years. The situation became dire enough for Richard to suspend his studies to take over the family estates and make them profitable again. He went on to Oxford to study for the priesthood, and was so poor that he and two companions shared a set of clothes which they took turns wearing to class. He obtained degrees at the universities in Paris and Bologna before being appointed as the Chancellor of Oxford University. Richard became well-known for his learning and sanctity. As a result he next became Chancellor for the Archbishop of Canterbury, St. Edmund Rich, to whom he was a faithful companion and advisor. Years later St. Richard was ordained the Bishop of Chichester. In this position he entered into power struggles with King Henry III, who withheld his diocesan revenues and blocked his access to the cathedral. St. Richard had many accomplishments as bishop, including establishing greater order and reverence to the liturgy, vigorously defending the rights of the Church, assisting the poor and the oppressed, and preaching a crusade against the Saracens at the request of the Pope. He died of fever surrounded by his closest friends at about 56 years of age. He was buried in the Chichester Cathedral and his shrine became a popular place of pilgrimage before being destroyed by King Henry VIII. St. Richard's feast day is April 3rd.

**Friday, Apr. 4– St. Isidore of Seville** - St. Isidore of Seville (560 – 636 A.D.) was born in Carthage, Spain, to noble and pious parents. After the example of their parents, he, as well as his two brothers and sister, all became saints. Isidore received his early education at the cathedral school in Seville where a group of learned men taught classical education, among them was his brother Leander, the Archbishop of Seville. The cathedral school was the first of its kind in the country and Isidore excelled in his studies there. He became a man of great learning, zeal, piety, and apostolic endeavor, assisting his brother in converting the Visigoths from the Arian heresy. He followed his brother in becoming next Archbishop of Seville, leading his diocese for nearly 40 years. Isidore was an important saint for his time. He was one of the most learned men of the 6th century and is considered the last of the early Church Fathers. He was a prolific writer on the sciences and the classics which in effect helped preserve western civilization during the early middle ages following the barbarian invasions. He composed history books, a dictionary with a structure akin to a database, and an encyclopedia which was used for nine centuries. St. Isidore reunited Spain after the barbarian onslaught, making it a center of culture and learning. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Spain then became a model for similar renewal in other European countries. For his great learning and written works he was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIV. St. Isidore of Seville is the patron of computers, schoolchildren, and the internet. His feast day is April 4th.

**Saturday, Apr. 5 – St. Vincent Ferrer** - St. Vincent Ferrer (1350-1419) was born in Valencia, Spain, the son of a knight. From his parents he learned virtue and generosity to the poor. As a child he fasted every Wednesday and Friday and was tenderly devoted to the Passion of Christ and the Blessed Mother. He excelled in his studies and joined the Dominican Order with the support of his parents. He flourished in both austerity and scholarship, and became famous for performing more miracles than any other saint. His miracle-working powers began in the womb with the healing of a blind woman who touched his mother's pregnant belly. He began a preaching career across Europe that continued for twenty years. He was followed by a train of priests, nuns, penitents, and pilgrims that numbered in the thousands. When he arrived in a village his retinue would set up camp, and St. Vincent would preach to great crowds on the subjects of sin, death, heaven, and hell. He would also celebrate Mass and hear confessions daily. He slept on the floor and maintained a perpetual fast. Twice a day the "Bell of Miracles" was rung when all the sick and infirm were brought to him for cures; it was not unusual for him to perform one hundred miracles in a day. He also made scores of converts among the Muslims and Jews. St. Vincent believed that he was a special messenger of penance sent by God to prepare men for the final judgment; at that time the Black Death was ravaging across Europe killing millions, and the Great Schism was rending the Church in two. Through him multitudes were brought to penance and conversion. St. Vincent Ferrer's feast day is April 5th.





# Our Lady of Mercy Parish

MARCH 30, 2025



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Sun. Mar. 30	8:30a.m.	OLM	Rosemary Pontius Living & Deceased Sarnac family Giovanni Stella
	10:30a.m.	SP	Frank O & Mary Smith Albert & Kathryn Deveau 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Tues. Apr. 1	6:30 p.m.	SP	Stations of the Cross
	6:45 p.m.	SP	Rosary
	7:10 p.m.	SP	Rod Britenriker Mass
Wed. Apr. 2	6:45 a.m.	SP	Rosary
	7:10 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. Apr. 3	9:00 a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Apr. 4	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Apr. 5	4:30 pm	SP	John Van Pelt
Sun. Apr. 6	8:30a.m.	OLM	Rosemary Pontius Andrew Lichtenwald
	10:30a.m.	SP	Cathy Warner Carolyn Bigger

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Religious Ed. Dates
- Apr. 6 & Apr. 20 – at home
- Mar. 30, Apr. 13 & Apr. 27 – after Mass
- Apr. 3 - 7 pm Stations of the Cross
- Apr. 6 - Adult Lenten Study after Mass
- Apr. 6 - BFF after Mass
- Apr. 17 – Holy Thursday at **St. Peter** 7 p.m.
- Apr. 18 – Good Friday Walk for Life @ noon
- Apr. 18 – Good Friday Mass
- Apr. 19 – Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m. @ **St. Peter**

## SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for March 23, 2025

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (11 envelopes)	\$ 351.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 60.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,747.00</b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 1,336.00)

### OTHER COLLECTION

CPC Jar & Votives	\$ 9.00
Easter	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00

<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday &amp; Other)</b>	<b>\$ 460.00</b>
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### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

April 6, 2025

<b>Greeters/Gifts</b>	Joyce Bonin Marge Crowell
<b>Proclaimer</b>	Angie Beauregard
<b>Servers</b>	Evan Beauregard
<b>Ushers</b>	Phil & Tami Baker
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Until further notice
<b>Money Counters</b>	Phil Baker Michelle Miron Barbara Roby

Word(s) of the week (from The America College Dictionary)

RECONCILE – to compose or settle (a quarrel, difference, etc.)

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **2 Corinthians 5:18-19**

# Dear Padre,

*Is it OK if I receive holy Communion more than once a day? Part of my routine is to go to early morning Mass in my parish, even on days I know I'm going to another Mass, like a wedding or funeral, or sometimes another Mass for that day.*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that by the very nature of what the Eucharist intends and celebrates, those who participate in the great mystery of our faith should “receive the Lord’s Body” (1388). In other words, reception of holy Communion is strongly recommended and is understood as the ordinary practice for all who participate in the Mass. Proper preparation and disposition are presumed as both necessary and important.

In response to a specific “dubium” or question about this practice and expectation, in 1984 the Pontifical Commission on the Code of Canon Law issued an authentic interpretation of the Church’s understanding of this practice. It mandated that “the faithful may receive the Holy Eucharist only a second time on the same day” (CCC, 1388, footnote 222). This directive is intended to establish the general norm and practice for the reception of holy Communion. Your practice, as a result of this norm, is directly representative of the understanding of the Church. ●

*Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org*



## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
Is 65:17-21	Ez 47:1-9, 12	Is 49:8-15	Ex 32:7-14	Wis 2:1a, 12-22	Jer 11:18-20	Is 43:16-21
Jn 4:43-54	Jn 5:1-16	Jn 5:17-30	Jn 5:31-47	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Jn 7:40-53	Phil 3:8-14
						Jn 8:1-11



THE PRODIGAL SON, PETER PAUL RUBENS / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*There was a pop theatre production...about the prodigal son.... [The son writes a letter]: “Father, I have repented, I want to come back home.... If you want to welcome me, please put a white handkerchief in the window.” And when he was near home...what did he see? Not one handkerchief: it was full of white handkerchiefs, the windows, everywhere!*

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 27, 2022