



Lent

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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All Mass Times 4:00 PM unless otherwise noted

March 3, 2019: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Fr. Carl
March 10, 2019: First Sunday of Lent	Fr. Bill
March 17, 2019: Second Sunday of Lent	Fr. Tom
March 24, 2019: Third Sunday of Lent	+Fr. Bob
March 31, 2019: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	Fr. Bill

Mass Time: 2:00 PM

Pastoral Staff:

Pastor: +Fr. Bob Catlett, 314.800.3456, pastor@sspp-eccusa.org

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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Fr. Bill LaGrand, M.A.

March 3, 2019 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jesus leveled especially severe criticism to those who hypocritically judge others for the very faults often found in their own lives. (Luke 6: 39-45)

March 10, 2019 – 1st Sunday in Lent: The spiritual desert is a terrible and wonderful place filled with marvelous grace – if we are open to it. Lent is an opportunity for us to ask for and receive that grace. (Luke 4: 1-13)

March 17, 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Lent: God's actions in our lives often surprise and amaze us, disrupting a sense that we are in control. How often do we quiet ourselves to hear God's word of promise and fulfillment? (Luke 9: 28b-36)

March 24, 2019- 3rd Sunday of Lent: Easter is three weeks away. Lent is a quiet time of the year; a time for reflection, a time for sincere change in ourselves, a time for prayerful self-reflection, a time to become closer to our loving and forgiving God. (Luke 13: 1-9)

March 31, 2019 – 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday): Christ has removed all barriers between us and the loving Father. If there is anything in our hearts that separates us from God, Lent is a good time to be reconciled and know the joy of coming home. (Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32)



**Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something
unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through
some stages of instability—
and that it may take a very long time.**

**And so I think it is with you;
your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on,
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances
acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.**

**Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.**

— Pierre (Father) Teilhard de Chardin (+1955, Easter Sunday)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Lenten Practices: As we have stated previously, while the ECC+USA does not subscribe to the mandates on Fasting and Abstinence from certain foods, nor do we teach you must make a "sacrifice" during Lent, we do encourage you to practice your faith as much as is comfortable to you. We do encourage you to focus on your prayer life and Jesus' journey to his death and resurrection. Our parishioners will receive a daily meditation booklet with this bulletin to aid in their 2019 Lenten Season prayer lives. Additional copies are available at church.

Mass time change: On **Sunday, March 31, 2019, our mass time will be 2:00 PM** due to a scheduling conflict.

Sympathies: The parish extends its sympathies to +Fr. Bob and his father, Bob, Sr., on the loss of their Aunt, Mildred "Toots" Tobin, who passed away on Sunday, February 3, 2019, and was buried on Saturday, February 9, 2019.

Special blessings to our parishioners who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month:

Birthdays:

Dwight Jacobi: March 6

Anniversaries:

Bishop Carl: March 30: Ordination to the Priesthood (56 years!)