

**First Sunday of Lent  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

[Jesus] ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*”  
(Luke 4:2b-4)

<u>Mass Intentions</u>	
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>March 8<sup>th</sup></b> Betty Gambrall, Deceased
4:00 PM	John Borkowski, Deceased
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>March 9<sup>th</sup></b> Wayne McCarthy, Deceased
9:15 AM	Pro Populo
11:00 AM	Alfonso De Lara, Deceased
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>March 10<sup>th</sup></b> Barbara Angel, Deceased
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b> Communion Service
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00AM 6:30 PM	<b>March 12<sup>th</sup></b> Communion Service Wayne McCarthy, Deceased
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>March 13<sup>th</sup></b> Lou Michael Bretzke, B-day, Special Int.
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>March 14<sup>th</sup></b> Margaret Seastone, Deceased
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>March 15<sup>th</sup></b> Gino Mustacci, Deceased
4:00 PM	James Ponto, Deceased
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>March 16<sup>th</sup></b> Pro Populo
9:15 AM	Vo Thi Thao, Deceased
11:00 AM	Aita Minarik, Healing

**Saturday Vigil & Sunday Readings**

**First Reading:** ‘We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry.’ (Deuteronomy 26:7)

**Psalm:** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Psalm 91)

**Second Reading:** For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

**Gospel:** Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Luke 4:1-2a)

**MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

**Monday:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8-10, 15; Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19; Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-3, 7c-8; Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-8; Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

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**Notable St. Philip’s events**

Thurs., March 13th: Women’s Weekly Lent Bible Study begins in the hall 9:45a-12p (*no children, please*)

Fri., March 14th: Stations, Soup, and Sacrifice; Stations of the Cross @ 5:30p in church; potluck soup supper. Bring a non-perishable item to donate to SVDP as a Lenten Sacrifice. **This week Knights hosts supper.**

Sat., March 15th: Men’s Conference (\$35 to pre-register) Blessed Sacrament, Miami (Featuring: Fr. Don Calloway)

Thurs. March. 20th: Eucharistic Revival; Topic: God is With Us 3-5:30pm; All are welcome. Free dinner

Sat., March 22nd: All-Day Eucharistic Adoration; begins after 9am Mass until Benediction at 3pm; March Prayer Theme: Increased devotion to St. Joseph

**Dear Parishioners,** Sunday at the 9:15am Mass we will formally introduce to the parish our candidates for the OCIA (formerly RCIA) program. Let’s pray for them this Lent as they prepare for their sacraments this coming Easter Vigil (4/19)

**A Prayer for the Capacity for Joy in Lent**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Open my heart to draw closer to you each day of Lent help me to give up resentment & become more forgiving.  
help me to give up hatred and return good for evil,  
to give up complaining and be more grateful,  
to give up pessimism and become more hopeful,  
to give up worry and become more trusting,  
to give up anger and become more patient.  
help me to give up pettiness and become more noble,  
To give up gloom and become more joyful,  
That I might be better prepared to celebrate your Easter resurrection this spring and always.

*Adapted from The Christopher News Notes:  
“Lent - Discovering Joy in a Solemn Season”  
by Deacon Andy Kresha*

**Contributions & Fundraising Last Week:**

**Parish Offertory:** \$2,058.00  
**Online Giving:** \$5,702.75  
**Building Fund:** \$1,120.00

Thank you all for your generosity! - Fr. Tom

**Building Fund giving—yellow pew envelopes or please give online:**

1. Visit our website: [catholicpayson.com](http://catholicpayson.com)
2. Click the **Our Sunday Visitor Website** button
3. Create your account or donate as a guest
4. Give one-time or recurring to **Building Fund**

***If you have questions contact the parish office:***  
**928-474-2392**

***Thank You!***

**It’s That Time Again:**

The Knights of Columbus annual State Charity Raffle has begun. Ten prizes totaling \$30,000! Many Knights will be selling raffle tickets “on the spot.” Half of all ticket sales come back to Payson for local charities.

**Look for a Knight anytime to buy tickets. Their next big sale will be outside church on March 29th & 30th**

**Knights of Columbus Council 9995**

**Are you a Catholic man who wants to help our Church and community while finding fellowship? Consider the Knights.**

Become part of our 143 year tradition of Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism. Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month in Rm. 5 of the parish hall at 5:00 PM.

**For more info, please call the parish office:  
928-474-2392.**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent  
OCIA Rite of Election at St. Philip’s  
(Let’s keep them in our prayers)

**Next Sunday:** Second Sunday of Lent