

A CALL TO HOLINESS

Second Sunday in Lent

For this is the will of God, your sanctification.

1st Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 4:3

In today's Epistle, St. Paul affirms that God wants us to be saints. To the Ephesians, he speaks in even greater detail: God the Father, he explains, "chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish in His sight in love. He predestined us to be adopted through Jesus Christ as His sons, according to the purpose of His will." (Eph. 1:4-5) Already in the Old Testament, we read this exhortation from God Himself: "Be ye holy, because I am holy" (Lev. 19:2). Our Lord goes so far as to say, "You therefore are to be perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt. 5:48).

Perhaps this word of holiness frightens us. We think right away of extraordinary mortifications or spectacular manifestations, like speaking in tongues, levitation, the gift of healing, etc. So let us understand well what it means "to be holy." It means conforming ourselves, assimilating ourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ. We will be holy to the degree of our resemblance to Jesus: such is the aim of the action of the Holy Ghost in us, and such is the path by which He will lead us to holiness.

This work is carried out progressively by prayer and by the frequent reception of the sacraments, to which we need to join the combat against our evil tendencies and the practice of good works. For us, poor sinners, what an honor to be able to attain such a good in spite of our native misery!

Lord Jesus, I desire to work with all my heart to reach holiness. I understand that, to do so, my life must have a greater resemblance to Your own. And so I wish to draw the strength I need from prayer, as You did, and I dare to say the words of St. Nicholas of Flüe: "Take me away from myself, and give me to You."

(Taken from *Toward Easter* by Fr. Patrick Troadec)

Our Lady of Sorrows

Roman Catholic Church

Society of Saint Pius X

750 E Baseline Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85042

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

Fr. John Mark McFarland: Rector, Prior
Fr. Thomas Buschmann: Pastor
Fr. Thomas Scott: Assistant
Fr. Frank Kurtz: Assistant
Fr. David Fulton: Assistant
Fr. Samuel Fabula: Principal
Brother Benedict: Maintenance
Brother Isaias: Sacristan



Sunday, Mar. 1 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass: 7:00AM • 8:30AM • 11:00AM <i>Confessions during the Masses</i> Vespers: 5:30PM
Monday, Mar. 2 <i>Ferial</i>	Mass: 7:30AM • 11:10AM
Tuesday, Mar. 3 <i>Ferial</i>	Mass: 5:45AM • 7:30AM • 11:10AM
Wednesday, Mar. 4 <i>Ferial</i>	Mass: 7:30AM • 11:10AM
Thursday, Mar. 5 <i>Ferial</i>	Mass: 5:45AM • 7:30AM • 11:10AM <i>Confessions 6:00PM: Frs. Kurtz & Fulton</i>
Friday, Mar. 6 <i>First Friday</i>	Mass: 7:30AM • 11:10AM • 6:45PM Stations of the Cross: 6:00PM
Saturday, Mar. 7 <i>First Saturday</i>	Mass: 7:30AM • 8:30AM <i>Confessions 7:30AM: Fr. Fabula</i> <i>Confessions 8:30AM: Fr. Buschmann</i>
Sunday, Mar. 8 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass: 7:00AM • 8:30AM • 11:00AM <i>Confessions during the Masses</i> Vespers: 5:30PM

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Announcements

All Day Adoration on Saturday, March 7th begins after the 8:30 AM Mass and ends with Rosary and Benediction at 6:00 PM. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. *We must have at least two people assigned for each hour.*

Perpetual Adoration, Monday, March 9th begins after the 7:30 AM Mass and ends with Benediction at 6:00 PM. Sign-up sheet is in vestibule. *Please ensure at least two people are scheduled each hour.*

Holy Name Society meeting Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30 PM in the Performing Arts Center. Fr. McFarland will give a conference, with discussion and refreshments following. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Cavaliers Baseball: All parishioners are invited to the Academy's home game this week – Thursday, March 5th at 6:00 PM.

The Simeon and Anna Sodality (Nunc Dimittis, 50 +) will meet Saturday, March 7th after the 8:30 AM Mass in Boyle Hall.

Volunteer Opportunity: Volunteers are needed to assist with maintaining the altar flowers. Please call the office (602-268-7673 x1) for more information and to volunteer.

Pascua Pilgrimage Sponsorship Opportunity: The Academy senior boys will be outside the church after Mass on Sunday, March 8th to share information about the Pascua Pilgrimage and accept sponsorships. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Second Collection schedule: March 8th to benefit the Building Fund; March 15th for the Consoling Sisters Foundation.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND: MARCH 8, 2026

MORTGAGE PAYMENT AMOUNT \$11,051

CURRENT CHURCH DEBT: \$585,637

Parish Picnic: All parishioners are invited to a parish picnic on Sunday, March 15th at 12:30 PM. The Holy Name Society will be grilling meat, and we will have a sign-up to bring sides, drinks and desserts. Come enjoy food, games and socializing with your parish family. We will end with Vespers at 5:30 PM.

Episcopal Consecrations Survey: The General House of the SSPX is preparing for the July 1st Consecrations in Econe and have asked for tentative numbers of the faithful who will attend. If you plan to attend the consecrations, please complete this short survey **no later than March 9th:** <https://sspx.org/en/consecrations-survey>. Note that this is not a reservation; official registration will be required at a later date.

Lenten Fish Frys will be every Friday from February 20th through March 27th, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM in Boyle Hall. All proceeds go toward tuition costs for OLOS seminarians.

40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign is February 18 – March 29, 2026. Come protect mothers and children by praying the rosary and fasting for an end to abortion! Parish vigils will be held Saturdays 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM at 1331 N. 7th Street, Phoenix. Sign up for an hour or more: www.40daysforlife.com/en/phoenix.

Camp Rosebuds: Girls ages 7 – 12 years are invited to a day camp hosted by the Consoling Sisters, Wednesday, July 22nd and Thursday, July 23rd. Please contact the church office for more information and to register: 602-268-7673 or ourladyofsorrows@sspx.org.

Camp Stella Matutina: Girls ages 13 – 18 years are invited to attend camp this summer with the Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart, July 28th – August 6th, at Mormon Lake, AZ. Contact the office to register: ourladyofsorrows@sspx.org or 602-268-7673.