

THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DEVIL OF IMPURITY

Third Sunday in Lent

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God!

St. Matthew 5:8

According to St. Gregory the Great, there are several types of devils. The one presented today in the Gospel is the devil of impurity. This unclean spirit seeks to taint souls sanctified by our Lord, and tries to turn them from spiritual into carnal, and even bestial. He tries to plunge them into a state of abjection that makes them worse than animals. And our Lord wants us to have a particular revulsion for this devil of impurity, among all the devils, for, according to St. Gregory the Great, that devil is the most common cause of man's damnation.

To fight against this devil, there are means of prevention and others of cure. One of these is the use of the sacrament of penance. It is important to know that the devil tries at the time of confession to arouse in man that shame which he took from him at the time of the sin. We should be ashamed of the sin, but not of admitting the sin! So let us take care never to make a sacrilegious confession by false shame. Moreover, let us not forget that, in the accusation of a serious sin, we should always specify the number or the frequency as well as any circumstances that change the nature of the sin.

Next, let us love to approach the Holy Eucharist often. A heart to heart with our Lord is the best antidote to disordered attachments. And to the supernatural means, let us unite the practice of natural means. Let us fly everything that opens the door to these sins: internet, violent and desensitizing electronic games, bad films, gatherings that are too worldly, indecent dress, bad companions... Let us also fly idleness, which is the mother of all vices. Mostly let us love God above all things as well as His holy Mother, Queen of purity.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage never to let myself be caught in the trap of cowardly human respect by giving in to the pressures of fashion, and make it so that I never offend You by immodest dress, incompatible with my dignity as a child of God.

(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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 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. 8 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass: 7:00AM • 8:30AM • 11:00AM <i>Confessions during the Masses</i> Vespers: 5:30PM
Monday, Mar. 9 <i>Ferial</i>	Mass: 7:30AM
Tuesday, Mar. 10 <i>Ferial</i>	Mass: 5:45AM • 7:30AM • 11:10AM
Wednesday, Mar. 11 <i>Ferial</i>	Mass: 7:30AM • 11:10AM
Thursday, Mar. 12 <i>Ferial</i>	Mass: 5:45AM • 7:30AM • 11:10AM <i>Confessions 6:00PM: Frs. McFarland & Buschmann</i>
Friday, Mar. 13 <i>Ferial</i>	Mass: 7:30AM • 11:10AM Stations of the Cross: 6:00PM
Saturday, Mar. 14 <i>Ferial</i>	Mass: 7:30AM • 8:30AM <i>Confessions 7:30AM: Fr. Fabula</i> <i>Confessions 8:30AM: Fr. Scott</i>
Sunday, Mar. 15 <i>Fourth 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

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.*

Cavaliers Baseball: All parishioners are invited to the Academy's home game this week – Friday, March 13th at 6:00 PM.

SSPX Third Order Spiritual Conference will be held Saturday, March 14th at 9:30 AM in Boyle Hall. All SSPX Third Order members are asked to attend. Members of other Third Orders are also welcome to attend.

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.

Pilgrimage: Two of our Altar Boys, Anthony Papandrea and Rocco Obernuefemann, will represent Our Lady of Sorrows as they walk the Camino de Santiago, the ancient pilgrimage route in Spain, beginning in late June. In keeping with a beautiful medieval Catholic tradition, Anthony and Rocco are honored to carry your intentions with them on this sacred journey. Please visit the booth outside church on Sunday, March 15th and March 22nd, where you may submit your prayer intentions for them to offer along the way. No donation is required.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be after the 10:00 AM Mass on April 5th. Please donate candy (no chocolate) or small religious items and plastic eggs. Donations can be placed in the baskets either in the vestibule or Boyle Hall.

Second Collection schedule: March 15th for the Consoling Sisters Foundation.

Second Collections		February
Second Sunday	Building Fund	\$4,295
Third Sunday	Consoling Sisters	\$4,680

Parish Picnic: All parishioners are invited to a parish picnic on Sunday, March 15th at 12:30 PM. The Holy Name Society will grill meat; sign up to bring sides, drinks and desserts: <https://bit.ly/OLOSPicnic>. 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.