**Lent 2023**

Worship Schedule for Holy Week and the Three Days of Easter

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Macedonia, OH

**Passion Palm Sunday + April 2nd**

**Mass:** 4:30pm Saturday *(Live Streamed)*

8:30am & 10:30am

**Monday of Holy Week + April 3rd**

Monday Communal Penance and Confessions

**Wednesday of Holy Week  +  April 5th**

Tenebrae @ 7PM

**Holy Thursday + April 6th**

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7:00pm

**Good Friday + April 7th**

Passion of the Lord: 3:00pm

**The Great Easter Vigil + April 8th**

Gathering at the Fire and Vigil of the Lord’s Resurrection

Easter Sunday + April 9th Resurrection of the Lord

Mass: 8:30am & 10:30am

The Holy Father Francis invites all to listen to Christ and each other! He writes:

 *The first path has to do with the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor (Gospel Second Sunday in Lent) as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: “Listen to him” (Mt:5). The first proposal, then, is very clear:* ***we need to listen to Jesus****. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? In the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to* ***us through our brothers and sisters****, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need. Let me say something else, which is quite important for the synodal process:* ***listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church.*** *Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church.*

*Lent 2023: Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey | Francis (vatican.va)*

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Welcome to Lent!

 Every year we are called to a renewal of mind, heart and spirit. We call this renewal, **Lent**, a time to put on in a more concentrated way the **“*good works*”** of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three **“*pillars*”** of Lent draw us into a deeper understanding of who we are; that is, a baptized and faithful follower of the Lord. They urge us to repent and return, to reconcile and renew ourselves once again in the spirit of Christ!

**The “pillars” that guide us in Holy Season of Lent:**

**Fasting**

**Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**: How do we fast? When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

**Abstinence** is for those 14 years and older from meat on Fridays.

**Giving alms**

Two primary ways here at our parish. **Blessing Bags** are our parish Lenten Project: Blessing Bags are goods collected and distributed to the Peter Maurin, VA Hospital and Battered Women Shelter. Contributions are made to Ministry for Those in Need along with the **Catholic Charities Appeal.**

**Prayer and Study**

**Sunday Mass** is primary along with Weekday Mass

**Sacrament of Penance** is celebrated every Monday at 5.30 pm.

**Diocesan wide Evening of Confession**: Wednesday March 8th—5-8pm

**Tetelestai**: The dramatic presentation of The Lord’s Passion: March 17-19,

**Presentation on the Sacraments** with Father Jerry Bednar: Monday February 27 & March 6 following the 6:30pm Mass

**Stations of the Cross**: 7pm Fridays

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