



Lent

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### **CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE**

*All Mass Times 5:00 PM unless otherwise noted*

March 7, 2010: Third Sunday of Lent	Bishop Carl
March 14, 2010: Fourth Sunday of Lent <b>*Baptism of Paul Augustine Cooper during Mass</b>	Fr. Bill
March 21, 2010: Fifth Sunday of Lent	Fr. Bob
March 28, 2010: Passion (Palm) Sunday	Fr. Bill

**\*Please join Matt & Ivy Cooper, proud parents Paul Augustine Cooper, who will be baptized at the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, March 14, 2010.**

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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.

#### ***Sunday Gospel Reflections***

Fr. Bill LaGrand, OMT

**March 7, 2010: Third Sunday of Lent, Luke 13:1-9:** Are we like the fig tree that bears no fruit for years? We are always given another chance to bear fruit. Grace and gifts from God are available to us in abundance, but we must accept them before they can help us to bear fruit.

**March 14, 2010: Fourth Sunday of Lent, Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32:** In this reading, the younger son had dissatisfaction, a longing for something. So he tried to satisfy it by going away and leading a loose life. If we are not satisfied, perhaps we are longing for God in our life. As St. Augustine wrote, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee."

**March 21, 2010: Fifth Sunday of Lent, John 8:1-11:** What a contrast between the cruelty of the Pharisees and the compassion of Jesus. The Pharisees had no regard for the woman, but Jesus is full of compassion. He restored her by forgiving her sins and by saving her life. Jesus forgives and restores us, as well, if we are open to him.

**March 28, 2010: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Luke 23:1-49:** During the Last Supper, Peter said that he would be willing to die for Jesus. How quickly he changed when the pressure was on. We, too, make promises, but when temptation comes our way, how do we react? Do we cave in like Peter or do we stand by Jesus like the women and John and run straight to the cross?

### ***Ask the Bishop***

+Fr. Carl Swaringim, Ed.D., Presiding and Founding Bishop

**Question: *What is the history of the Mass?***

**Answer:** In Part 2 of the answer to this question, we'll move from the Apostolic traditions which we briefly discussed last month to The Liturgy of the Eucharist in the Early Church. *I have added comments in italics between paragraphs below to tie what St. Justin describes to our present name for that part of the liturgy of the Mass.*

St. Justin the Martyr wrote to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius around the year 155 AD a description of what the Christians did in their worship service.

On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place. The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits.

→ *We call this the "Liturgy of the Word."*

When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate these beautiful things.

→ *Sermon or homily.*

Then we all rise and offer prayers for ourselves...and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation.

→ *Our "Litany of Peace" or "Prayer of the Faithful."*

When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss.

→ *Our "Greeting of Peace."*

Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren. He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

→ *Our "Offertory."*

and for a considerable time he gives thanks (in Greek: *eucharistian*) that we have been judged worthy of these gifts.

→ *Our "Canon of the Mass."*

When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying: 'Amen.'

→ *The "Great Amen" at the end of the Canon.*

When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those whom we call deacons give to those present the "eucharisted" bread, wine and water and take them to those who are absent. *Apologia, 1, 65-67*

→ *Our "Communion Rite."*

Next month, we'll move quickly through the Centuries to modern times