



# Our Lady of Fatima Mission

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## March 9, 2024

### St. Frances of Rome, W

#### Mass Intention

Father is current accepting Mass intentions. Customary offering is \$25 per Mass.

#### Lent IV

[Epistle] More happy than he, we serve God through love; *our* yoke is sweet, and *our* burden is light [St. Matth. xi. 30]. We are not citizens of the earth; we are but pilgrims passing through it to our true country, *the Jerusalem which is above*. We leave the earthly Jerusalem to the Jew, who minds only terrestrial things, is disappointed with Jesus, and is plotting how to crucify him. We also have too long been grovelling in the goods of this world; we have been slaves to sin; and the more the chains of our bondage weighed upon us, the more we talked of our being free. Now is the favourable time; now are the days of salvation: we have obeyed the Church's call, and have entered into the practice and spirit of Lent. Sin seems to us, now, to be the heaviest of yokes; the Flesh, a dangerous burden; the World, a merciless tyrant. We begin to breathe the fresh air of holy liberty, and the hope of our speedy deliverance fills us with transports of joy. Let us, with all possible affection, thank our Divine Liberator, who delivers us from the bondage of Agar, emancipates us from the law of fear, and making us his new People, opens to us the gates of the heavenly Jerusalem, at the price of his Blood.

[Gospel] What, then, shall we Christians do, who know the goodness and the power of Jesus incomparably better than these poor Jews:- We must beseech him to reign over us, from this day forward. We have just been reading in the Epistle, that it is He who has made us free, by delivering us from our enemies. O glorious Liberty! But the only way to maintain it, is to live under his Law. Jesus is not a tyrant, as are the world and the flesh; his rule is sweet and peaceful, and we are his Children rather than his Servants. In the court of such a

King "to serve is to reign." What, then, have we to do with our old slavery? If some of its chains be still upon us, let us lose no time, - let us break them, for *the Pasch is near at hand*; the great Feast-Day begins to dawn. Onwards, then, courageously to the end of our journey! Jesus will refresh us ; he will make us *sit down* as he did the men of the Gospel; and the Bread he has in store for us will make us forget all our past fatigues.

#### Stations of the Cross

During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be said prior to Mass in lieu of the Rosary. Due to the length, Stations will begin at 9:20 so arrive early if you are able. Father will be hearing confessions during Stations.

#### Spiritual Life

Listen to Mary, who says to you: "My child, take great pains to serve me well. I shall know how to reward you a hundredfold.

O God most merciful, I will never despair of my conversion!

O my God, I will no longer seek what pleases me, but that which pleases Thee!

O Jesus, we belong to Thee, because by an incomprehensible love Thou art become our Brother, our Master, our Friend and our Companion (St. Catherine of Siena)

#### Announcements

The mission has purchased a statue of St. Joseph for the chapel. It will be formally installed on March 9.

March 17 (Passion Sunday) the Rosary will be prayed at the Mission at 9 AM and then the statues and images will be covered for Passiontide. Please plan to attend if you are able. There will be coffee and light snacks afterwards. The Rosary will still be on Discord for those not able to participate at the mission.

March 30 unveiling of the crucifix and Stations of the Cross will be at 6:30 PM. Unveiling of statues and images will take place afterwards. There will be a bonfire for those who need to burn old or broken blessed item for proper disposal.

Please join us for the Rosary. Sundays at 9 AM on Discord.

<https://discord.gg/K42TYCr>

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, [cahilliard7@gmail.com](mailto:cahilliard7@gmail.com).

#### Prayer List

Please remember the following intentions:

Sharon Rose, Donna Perry, Michael Spann, Kathleen Weidner, Dennis Smith, Theresa Fishman, Father Trough, Success of the Mission

#### Upcoming

**March 19: St. Joseph, SpBVM**

**March 23: Mass, 10 AM**

**March 24: Palm Sunday**

**March 31: Easter Sunday**

**April 13: Mass, 10 AM**

#### Collections

Last Mass: \$478 (Feb 10)

Total Collections: \$1,962

#### Dress Code

Welcome! Out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance:

- Women and girls must cover their heads.
- Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.
- It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass. Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.