



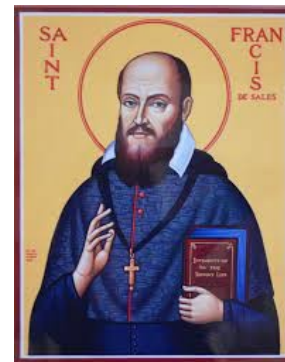
Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic Church

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February 13, 2022 Septuagesima Sunday



Septuagesima

Now, the feast of Easter must be prepared for by forty days of recollectedness and penance. Those forty days are one of the principal seasons of the liturgical year and one of the most powerful means employed by the Church for exciting in the hearts of her children the spirit of their Christian vocation. It is of the utmost importance that such a season of grace should produce its work in our souls – the renovation of the whole spiritual life. The Church, therefore, has instituted a preparation for the holy time of Lent. She gives us the three weeks of Septuagesima, during which she withdraws us, as much as may be, from the noisy distractions of the world, in order that our hearts may be more readily impressed by the solemn warning she is to give us at the commencement of Lent by marking our foreheads with ashes. In order to understand fully the meaning of the text of today's Mass we must study it in connection with the lesson of the Breviary, since in the Church's mind the Mass and Divine Office form one whole. The lessons and responses in the night office are taken this week from the book of Genesis. In them is related the story of the creation of the world and of man, of our first parents' fall and promise of a Redeemer, followed by the murder of Abel and a record of the generations from Adam to Noah. The story of creation is all a figure. St. Gregory says "The kingdom of heaven is compared to the proprietor who hires laborers to work in his vineyard. Who can be more justly represented as head of a household than our Creator who governs all creatures by His Providence and who, just as a master has servants in his house, has his elect in this world from the just Abel to the last of His chosen, destined to be born at the very end of time? The vineyard which He owns is His Church, with the laborers in this vineyard are all those who with a true faith have set themselves and urged others to the task of doing good. By those who came at

the first, as well as at the third, sixth, and ninth hours are meant the ancient people of the Hebrews, who from the beginning of the world, striving in the person of their saints to serve God with a right faith ceased not as it were, to work in cultivation of the vineyard. But at the eleventh hour, the Gentiles are called and to them are spoken the words, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" Thus all are called to work in the Lord's vineyard, by sanctifying themselves and their neighbor in glorifying God, since sanctification consists in searching for our supreme happiness in Him alone. Adam failed in his task and God told him: "Because thou hast eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat, cursed is the earth in thy work, with labor and toil shalt thou eat thereof all the days of thy life. Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee.... On the seat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return to the earth out of which thou wast taken. This Mass when studied in the light of Adam's fall prepares our mind for beginning the season of Septuagesima and understanding the sublime character of the Paschal mystery for which this season prepares our hearts. In response to the call of the Master who comes to seek us even in the depths wherein we are plunged, through our first parents' sin let us go and work in the Lord's vineyard or enter the arena and take up with courage the struggle which will intensify during Lent.

Wisdom of the Saints

There is no sin or wrong that gives a man a foretaste of hell in this life as anger and impatience. - St. Nicholas of Tolentino

Announcements

If you would like to assist with maintaining our website, please contact Greg Hilliard: greenvillegoldandsilver@gmail.com

If interested in joining the choir email chain, please contact Caroline Hilliard at carlbriggs80@gmail.com!

Prayer List

Please remember the following intentions:

Kathleen Weidner
JB Nolen (recovering from surgery)
Rob Alpha's 4 year old niece
Dennis Smith
Theresa Fishman
Sharon Rose
Michael Briggs, RIP
Father Trough
Success of the Mission

Upcoming

February 14: Mass, 8:00 AM

February 26: Mass, 10:00 AM

March 2: Ash Wednesday (Fast and Abstinence) **LENT BEGINS**

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, cahilliard7@gmail.com.

Rosary

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

<https://discord.gg/K42TYCr>

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.