



# Saint Ann Catholic Church • Maronite Rite

A Catholic Parish of the Antiochian Syriac Maronite Church



**Jurisdiction:** *Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn* (<http://stmaron.org/>)

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## Mass Schedule

**Sundays:** 10:00 AM | **Tuesdays – Saturdays:** 7:30 AM

**Holy Days of Obligation:**

Vigil Liturgy: 6:30 PM | Actual Feast Day: 7:30 AM

## Office Hours

**Tuesday through Friday:** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

*Mondays: office is closed. / Saturdays: by appointment.*

## LITURGICAL SERVICES

### Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation

Please call the parish office for arrangements 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents & Godparents should meet with the Pastor to schedule a date & arrange for proper parental preparation.

### Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Confession can be heard before and after Liturgies or by appointment

### Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)

For Weddings, 6 months advance notice is required in order that proper preparation may be made for the celebration of the Sacrament.

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If a family member is seriously ill at home or in a hospital, or they are unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home, please call the parish office to arrange for Communion, Confession or the Anointing of the Sick with Holy oil.

*The list is updated every Thursday; if you would like to add a name, please call the parish office no later than Wednesday.*

## Funerals

Please contact the Pastor as soon as possible after the death of a loved one.

## Mass Intention Dedications

If you would like to have a mass dedicated, Mass cards are available for various intentions including memorials. Your voluntary gifts of any amount are gratefully accepted. Mass reservations should be made in advance.

You can request an announced or an unannounced Mass Intentions to be said for a living or deceased family member, friend or loved one by calling the parish office or sending an e-mail to schedule intentions.

## Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

Fri	Mar 14	Stations of the Cross (5:30 P.M.) & Divine Liturgy (6:30 P.M.)
Sun	Mar 16	Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Fri	Mar 21	Stations of the Cross (5:30 P.M.) & Divine Liturgy (6:30 P.M.)

## Parish Vocations

**Priesthood:** *Chorbishop Joe Kaddo, (Pastor of St. Anthony Fall River)*

**Religious Life:** *Brother Paul HOOVER of the Most Holy Trinity Monastery*

**Candidate to subdiaconate:** *Richard THORNTON*

## CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

### Parish Pastoral Council

As an advisory Board, this council meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month.

– *President: Rosemary PATNODE.*

### Daughters of St. Ann

This woman's organization meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. – *President: Patti THORNTON.*

### St. Maron Men's Society

This men's organization meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month after Mass. – *President: Al PATNODE.*

### Junior MYO

The Junior MYO is a group of young people 10 years old and up. The Youth organization meets on the last Sunday of every month after 10 am Mass in the church. – *Coordinator: Carol SHUFELT.*

### Religious Education

Religious Education is available for all children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Classes are scheduled for 1 Friday and 1 Saturday a month. – *Coordinator: Sr Florence Joseph FLAHERTY, D.C.*

### St. Ann Liturgical Choir

Choir practice takes place the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. No special training is required. – *Director: Richard THORNTON.*

### Family & Sanctity of Life Committee

The Purpose of this committee is to promote within our parish prayer, education, and action in the defense of all life. Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month after 10 AM Mass. – *Chairperson: Richard THORNTON.*

### Liturgical & Spiritual Committee

## Upcoming MEETINGS

Thu	Mar 20	Daughters of St. Ann
Wed	Apr 2	Parish Pastoral Council
Sun	Apr 13	Family & Sanctity of Life Committee



## Altar Gifts for Mar 2014

In memory of Boulos and Georgette ABDALLAH.

*Requested by Tony Abdallah and family.*

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns continuously, reminding us of Christ, the eternal and everlasting light.*

*It is proper and fitting to offer our Sanctuary lamp in memory, to honor a loved one or for a special intention.*

The 2014 Calendar is now available to register your intentions. These are scheduled on a first-come- first-served-basis to ensure an equal opportunity for everyone. Contact the office to arrange your memorial.

## Divine Liturgy Intentions

Sun, Mar 16 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

The First Council of Constantinople (381)

*St. Patrick*

2 Cor 7:4-11

Lk 8:40-56

*The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:*

✠ Mary GOLDEN, requested by Gerard Golden

✠ Harry Joseph STOLAR (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), requested by Bob STOLAR

✠ *For the blessing and special intentions of:*

✠ Good health of Cancer patients, our sick & homebound

**Ushers** Joe Jabour, Sayed Frangie

**Greeter** Richard Peters

**Ar. Lector** Diana Hannoush

**En. Lector** Bob Stolar

**Intercessions** Karen Rezey

## Weekly Schedule

*Mon, Mar 17; St. Patrick (Actual Feast)*

1 Tim 4:9-16

Jn 8:21-27

No Divine Liturgy

*Tue, Mar 18; St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Doctor of the Church, C*

2 Cor 8:1-9

Mt 23:1-12

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

*Wed, Mar 19; St. Joseph the Virgin, the Spouse of Mary, C*

Eph 3:1-13

Mt 1:18-25

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

*Thu, Mar 20;*

Gal 1:1-10

Lk 17:20-37

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

*Fri, Mar 21; ∞*

Rom 3:1-7

Lk 12:16-21

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Divine Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross

*Sat, Mar 22;*

2 Tim 3:1-9

Mt 12:1-14

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Sun, Mar 23 – 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Parable of the Prodigal Son

*St. Rafka, C*

2 Cor 13:5-13

Lk 15:41-32

*The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:*

✠ James & Blanche RILEY, requested by Thomas Riley, Sr

*For the blessing and special intentions of:*

✠ Good health of Cancer patients, our sick & homebound

**Ushers** Sayed Frangie, Richard Peters

**Greeter** Karen Rezey

**Ar. Lector** Georgette Hannoush

**En. Lector** Al Nahal

**Intercessions** Carolyn Lalli

## Pope's Mar Prayer Intentions

**Respect for Women:** That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

**Vocations:** That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.

## Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Heal Your servants, who are sick, O Lord, and send them help and comfort from Your holy place.

Wadad FRANGIE, Chantelle BOUDIWAN, Jay MOONEY, Chas TANGREDI, Paul STAVIS, Foutine FRANGIE, Joyce & Christy FIRSTIUN, Juliann HALLAL, Donata CALDARONI, Alisa BURKE, Jamileh K-MOUAWAD, Caroline-Marjorie FIELDS, Bella MAWAD, Katherine RIBUSTELLI, Marilyn MARVIN, Margaret McDonough; Pauline NAHAL, Sarah BRENNSTUHL, Gail MOFFRE, Ellen DEEB

## Requested prayers from the Book of prayers

✠ For a child led astray and without the guidance of faith.

✠ For a brother's eternal soul.

✠ For adopted children, their adoptive families and the mothers who arranged for their adoption.

## March BIRTHDAYS

*As they celebrate their birthdays this month, we hold up to God the lives of:*

10 Theresa Shufelt

11 Sherri Peters

14 Carolyn Lalli

16 Natalia Karame

17 Patrick Washington

18 Richard Peters

28 Dominic Karrat

We ask that many blessings be theirs in the coming year.

## Schedule of Coffee Hour Sponsors

*Sign-up sheets are in the binder on the table in front of St. Ann in the main entrance of the church.*

*Please consider sponsoring Sunday refreshments. Thank you.*

Mar 16 Corned beef & cabbage luncheon

Mar 23 Available

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Collections for Mar

3/16 Fuel & Heat

3/23 Assessment/ Bishop Appeal

3/30 Easter Flowers



## Your Gift to God for Mar. 9

We do apologize for not posting the collection of Sunday, Mar 9.

## Schedule for Collection Counters

Mar 9 Richard Thornton, Sr. & Ronald Bagley  
 Mar 16 Rosemary Patnode & Georgette Hannoush  
 Mar 23 Thomas Riley Sr. & Rolla Mooney  
 Mar 30 Richard Thornton, Sr. & Ronald Bagley

## Pope Francis via Twitter - @Pontifex

*Our deepest joy comes from Christ: remaining with him, walking with him, being his disciples.*

## Religious Education

Please note the following schedule and have children present with sufficient time to allow for class setup. Please keep our program in your prayers.

Friday	Mar 21	4:15 – 6 pm
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## Corned Beef Dinner – March 16

Dinner includes a thick slab of steamed corned beef and cabbage, along with a side of fresh potatoes and carrots. Desert is also included. This delectable meal is available for dine-in or take-out.

**Sunday March 16 from 11:30 am to 1 pm**

**Adults: \$10; Children (under age 12): \$5.**

*Bain taitneamh as do bhéil* (that's Celtic for Bon Appétit)

## Congratualtions

Congratualtions to Michel & Kathy BOUTROS on the birth of Fouad & Michella RIZK's Twins: Charbel Elie & Aya Rosarita. May God give them strength, to grow in the grace and spirit of the Lord.

## Capital Region Frassati

The Capital Region Frassati, is a group of Catholic young adults, ages 18-35, in the Albany area who meet at 7pm on Wednesdays at the Saint Francis Chapel in the Wolf Road Shopper's Park to pray and discuss their faith. On Wednesday, March 19, they will gather at the Orchard Tavern in Albany for food, fellowship, and a presentation by Father Michael Taylor. All young adults are invited to attend.

## Pastoral Challenges of the Family Survey (part 2)

Dear Parishioners of Saint Ann's,

Within the process of preparation to the next Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishop in October 2014, on the theme: "Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelization", His Excellency, Most Reverend Gregory John Mansour, Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, send to the parishes and communities "some practical questions on Marriage and Family issues" seeking advice on these matters...

Your personal experience and active participation in this survey will enrich this journey of discernment and help our Bishop to put together an objective point of view on these important issues, deepened by your personal understanding. Enclosed you will find copies of:

1. **A letter** from His Excellency, Most Reverend Gregory John Mansour, Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn
2. **A letter** to Families from His Holiness Pope Francis
3. **A Questionnaire** of 8 questions on 2 pages, entitled: "Some Practical Questions on Marriage and Family Issues"

All responses to the survey must be submitted by April 1, 2014 to the Chancery:

- Or regular mail: EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN, THE CHANCERY, 109 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201;
- Or by Email: [chancerystmaron@verizon.net](mailto:chancerystmaron@verizon.net)
- Or Fax at (718) 243-0444.

Please look at all the questions in the survey and please take some time to reflect on the questions and give serious consideration to them. Answer only the questions that you are comfortable responding to. You may submit an anonymous response if you choose.

Thank you in advance for your care and your cooperation.

Yours in Christ,

**Rev. Georges BOUCHAAYA, M.L.M.,**

## Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany

Help Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany win the contest below and secure \$5,000 in funding and \$5,000 in advertising to assist those in need. They are the only Catholic organization in this contest and they are asking for our help!

Help! We need a rally! Catholic Charities is a finalist for the Times Union's Capital Region Gives contest and we are currently in third place. If you have already voted, I really appreciate your support. Be mindful, that you are allowed one vote from each device you have that is connected to the Internet. This includes your cell, desktop computer, laptop, smart tablets, and games such as Wii and Xbox. So, please take advantage to help us gain some ground.

In times of diminishing resources, this prize means a lot to all of us. Our deadline is Monday at 5:00 pm. Let's see if we can pull this out! Voting closes on Monday, March 10, at 5:00 p.m. Please take a minute, click on the link below, and vote for them.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany were chosen as one of four of the top entries out of the dozens that responded. The TU has posted an online vote to determine the first and second place winners, both of which will get advertising and a cash grant for their programs.

Click here to read about the top four candidates and vote at the bottom of the page: Times Union Human Services Charity of Choice: <http://blog.timesunion.com/giving/promotion-voting-continues-in-the-human-services-category/2033/>

## Lent - an opportunity to

**Fast from**  
 Judging others  
 Emphasis on differences  
 Apparent darkness  
 Thoughts of illness  
 Words that pollute  
 Discontent  
 Anger  
 Pessimism  
 Worry

**Feast on**  
 Christ dwelling in them  
 the unity of all life  
 the reality of light  
 healing power of God  
 phrases that purify  
 gratitude  
 patience  
 optimism  
 God's providence



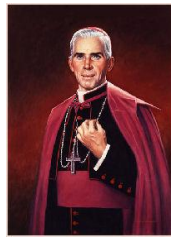


Complaining	appreciation
Negatives	affirmatives
Unrelenting pressures	unceasing prayers
Hostility	non-resistance
Bitterness	forgiveness
Self-concern	compassion for others
Personal anxiety	eternal truth
Discouragement	hope
Facts that depress	verities that uplift
Lethargy	enthusiasm
Suspicion	truth
Thoughts that weaken	promises that inspire
Shadows of sorrow	sunlight of serenity
Idle gossip	purposeful silence
Problems that overwhelm	prayer that sustains

**Heal me, Lord, and help me to find you in the darkness of my life.**

## Vatican panel approves Archbishop Fulton Sheen miracle

The approval came from a seven-member board of medical experts advising the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, the Diocese of Peoria reports. The reputed miracle involves the unexplained recovery of James Fulton Engstrom, a boy born apparently stillborn in September 2010 to Bonnie and Travis Engstrom of the Peoria-area town of Goodfield. He showed no signs of life as medical professionals tried to revive him. The child's mother and father prayed to Archbishop Sheen to heal their son. Although the baby showed no pulse for an hour after his birth, his heart started beating again and he escaped serious medical problems.



The Vatican's medical advisory panel ruled that there is no medical explanation for the healing of the baby. The ruling means that a board of theologians will now review the case. If they approve the case, its consideration could pass to the cardinals and bishops who advise Pope Francis on beatifications. If the case reaches Pope Francis, his approval would recognize Archbishop Sheen as "blessed," the final stage before possible canonization as a saint.

Archbishop Sheen was born May 8, 1895 in El Paso, Ill. near Peoria. His family moved to Peoria and he grew up in the parish of the Cathedral of St. Mary, where he was an altar server. He was ordained a priest at the cathedral in 1919. He served as a professor of philosophy and religion at the Catholic University of America before becoming a popular radio personality in the 1930s.

The beloved host of the "Catholic Hour" radio show and the Emmy-award winning television show "Life is Worth Living" reached an audience of millions during his broadcasting career. Servant of God Fulton Sheen authored many books and headed the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the United States. He served as an auxiliary bishop of New York and as Bishop of Rochester.

Archbishop Sheen dedicated the profits from his books into foreign missions. Sheen's work has helped create 9,000 clinics, 10,000 orphanages, and 1,200 schools. The institutions his donations support now educate 80,000 seminarians and 9,000 vowed religious. He continued to be a leading figure in

U.S. Catholicism until his death in 1979 at the age of 84. Bishop Sheen is buried beneath the main altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City..

## Archbishop Fulton Sheen and the Holy Hour

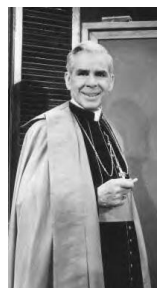
When Archbishop Fulton Sheen was ordained, he made a promise to make a Holy Hour daily before the Blessed Sacrament. For sixty years of his priesthood, he kept that promise. It was during his Holy Hour that he learned to listen and abandon himself totally to God's call. He always encouraged this practice in others, even non-Catholics. His strong convictions on the benefits of time spent in Eucharistic adoration were a powerful example to religious and laity alike.

### Chinese Eucharistic Martyr inspired the Holy Hour

During China's 1911 Republican Revolution or the earlier Boxer Rebellion (1899-1901), anti-Catholic militants seized a Catholic parish. They confined the pastor to house arrest. From his rectory window he witnessed the desecration of the Church. He knew that there had been thirty-two consecrated hosts in the tabernacle. An eleven year old girl was praying at the back of the church and the guards either did not see her or else paid no attention to her. She returned to the Church that night and made a Holy Hour and then consumed one of the sacred hosts, bending down to receive Jesus on her tongue. She continued to return every night, making a nightly Holy Hour and consuming one sacred host. On the last night, the thirty-second night, unfortunately a guard was awakened. After she consumed the sacred host, he chased and grabbed her, then beat her to death with his rifle. Archbishop Fulton Sheen became aware of her martyrdom while he was a seminarian. He was so inspired by her sacrifice that he promised to pray a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament each day for the rest of his life. The eleven year old girl could have had no idea how she would have influenced a future bishop who would in turn influence millions and promote Eucharistic Adoration. We also have no idea how our witness and sacrifices influence others..

## Fulton Sheen - the First Televangelist

In 1952 Milton Berle owned Tuesday night television with his 8 p.m. show, Texaco Star Theatre. The small DuMont network decided to put Sheen on the air opposite Berle as something of a sacrificial lamb, thinking a program with no potential may as well be on in a time slot with no chance. Life is Worth Living premiered on February 12, 1952, with the Bishop Fulton Sheen appearing in a long cassock, a gold cross and chain on his chest, a long purple cape and a skull cap, speaking from a set designed to look like a rectory study before an audience at the Adelphi Theatre in midtown Manhattan. The half-hour program consisted of a one-minute commercial for Admiral, followed by a 28-minute talk delivered without notes or teleprompter by the bishop, ended with a two-minute peroration and the sign-off "God love you," followed by another one-minute commercial for Admiral. This formula proved to be a success.



Sheen's talks were never straight appeals for loyalty to the Catholic church, but universal in nature, designed to appeal to



people of any faith. "Starting with something that was common to the audience and me, I would gradually proceed from the known to the unknown or to the moral and Christian philosophy," he is quoted as saying in his posthumously published biography, *Treasure in Clay*. "When I began television nationally and on a commercial basis, I was no longer talking in the name of the church."

Initially, *Life is Worth Living* aired on only three stations nationwide. The show proved popular with audiences, however, and immediately began cutting into the ratings of Berle and Frank Sinatra, who had a Tuesday night show on CBS. Within two months Sheen's show was seen on 15 stations, and the bishop was overwhelmed with fan mail and requests to sit in the studio audience. NBC even tried to lure him away from DuMont at one point, but loyalty bid the bishop decline. At the 1952 Emmy Awards, Sheen defeated Edward R. Murrow, Lucille Ball and Arthur Godfrey for the title of Most Outstanding Television Personality. Upon accepting his award, he said, *"I wish to thank my four writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John."*

No record can be made of the thousands of sermons, speeches, and retreats Sheen gave over the decades, often to large audiences. When he was scheduled to preach at St. Patrick's cathedral in New York City, 6,000 people regularly packed the church. On Easter Sunday 1941, 7,500 worshippers were jammed into the Cathedral, and 800 waited outside, hoping to get in. On Good Friday, his sermons were broadcast outdoors to the thousands standing outside St. Patrick's. "For three hours," the New York Times reported, "the heart of Manhattan's most congested midtown area became a miniature St. Peter's Square. The phenomenon is repeated for the evening service." Many of his television shows, sermons, and speeches are still available on video and audiotape..

## Nuns kidnapped in Syria set free

Thirteen nuns who were kidnapped last year from the historic town of Maaloula in Syria were released on Sunday, Lebanon's general security chief said.

The nuns were kidnapped during fierce fighting between rebel forces and the Syrian army for control of strategic Damascus – Homs highway, which passes close to Maaloula. Soon after being abducted, the nuns were moved to the nearby rebel-held town of Yabroud 20km away. The date for the release was reportedly set to coincide with a ceasefire in Yabroud, which began at sunset on Sunday.

## Welcome to our Visitors!

Thank you for joining us today. We hope you will grace us with your presence again. Though not well known in the west, the Catholic Church is comprised of 22 Churches, 21 Eastern and 1 Western Church. The Eastern Catholic Churches refer to those that developed in the eastern half of the Roman Empire, including the communities that derived from them, and are in communion with Rome.

The Maronite faithful persevere in the faith of their ancestors, spiritually united with each other in the Church throughout the world. By a consistent Christian witness, animated by the beautiful theological and spiritual heritage which they have received, the Maronite Church contributes in a unique way to the ongoing renewal and upbuilding of the entire Catholic Church.

For additional information, see the Catholic Encyclopedia or other online resource.

## Sunday of the Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

### Description:

This icon depicts the miracle of the healing of a woman suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. She was healed by reaching out in faith and touching the hem of Our Lord's robe. The necessity of faith in the healing, given by Christ, is further shown in the other incidents of faith and is illustrated in the lower level of the icon. These healing miracles of faith illustrate well the verse written in Syriac on each of the Lenten icons: "These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God..." (Jn 20:31)

### SYNAXARION

On this Third Sunday of Lent, the necessity of faith in the power and compassion of Jesus shines forth. The poor woman who was lost in the crowd thought that no one would notice her - not even the Master himself. Yet Jesus stopped everyone in order to speak to the woman.

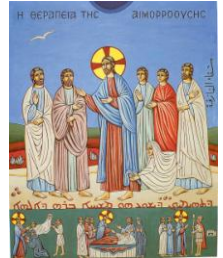
Jairus, the president of the synagogue, asked Jesus to come to his house and lay his hands upon his only child. The centurion had more faith. He told Jesus that he was not worthy to have Jesus come under his roof, but Jesus had only to say the word and the boy would be healed (Matthew 8:8). However, the faith of the sick woman surpassed even that of Jairus or the centurion. According to the Law, she was "unclean" and she considered herself as nobody, not even worthy to speak to the Lord. She simply lost herself in the crowd and sought to touch the tassels of Jesus' robe.

All devout Jews wore robes with fringes on them (Numbers 14:37-41). Attached to the fringes were four tassels of white thread with blue thread woven through them. These fringes and tassels served to remind the Jew that he was a man of God and required to observe God's law.

On his way to Jairus' house, many people followed Jesus and pressed upon him. The hemorrhaging woman was part of the crowd. She had spent all of her money on medicine and doctors, but was never cured. Jesus was her only hope. She felt that if she could get close to him and touch only the tassels of his robe, she would be healed. Upon touching one of the tassels, she was healed instantly. Jesus wanted to exalt the faith of the one who touched him and wanted to speak with the woman. The woman came and knelt before him. Jesus, not desiring to embarrass her but to exalt her faith said, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your disease." It is only our faith in the Lord and our willingness to be cleansed and to walk in the peace of the Lord that brings us true health.

The sick woman was an unimportant member of the crowd following Jesus, but she was important to Jesus. To Jesus, each of us is important and worthy of all of his attention. It is encouraging to know that we - unimportant in the eyes of the world - are most valuable in the eyes of almighty God.

Everyday our lives touch not only the tassels of the Lord, but his most sacred body and precious blood. After the celebration of the Divine Mysteries, the priest recites or sings, "I have consumed your holy body. Let them see your abundant mercy. I have shared in your holy Mysteries. Let





me join you in your heavenly abode."

## Lenten Journey

### Weekly reflection by Francis Cardinal Van Thuan

#### The Road to Hope - A Gospel from Prison

Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan was a political prisoner of the Communist regime in Vietnam for 13 years, 9 of which he spent in solitary confinement. His remarkable faith sustained him during those long years when he would celebrate mass in secret with three drops of wine in the palm of his hand and the host smuggled inside a flashlight by his faithful. His spiritual writings, penned on the back of old calendars, have spread throughout the world inspiring millions. Throughout Lent, a reflection will be published each week.

Think for a moment about the drops of rain falling on a winter's afternoon - there are so many that you scarcely notice any one in particular. Every day, just as many people enter into eternity with hardly anyone taking notice. One day, you yourself will be among them.

## Lenten Challenge

### WEEK THREE

- Monday, March 17      ☐ Luke 13 - 19  
 Tuesday, March 18      ☐ Luke 20 - end  
 Wednesday, March 19      ☐ John 1 - 4

Thursday, March 20

Friday, March 21

Saturday, March 22

☐ John 5 - 8

☐ John 9 - 12

☐ John 12 - 16

## Pope Francis at Angelus: One can't dialogue with Satan

(Vatican Radio) During his weekly Angelus address on Sunday, Pope Francis spoke about the day's Gospel reading, which focused on the temptation of Jesus in the desert.

Satan, the Pope said, tried "to divert Jesus from the Father's plan" by tempting Him "to take an easy path," a path "of success and power." Jesus definitively rejects these temptations, reaffirming His "firm intention to follow the path established by the Father, without any compromise with sin or with the logic of the world." This commitment to follow the plan of the Father is realized in Jesus' actions; "His absolute fidelity to the Father's plan of love will lead Him, after about three years, to the final confrontation with the "prince of this world" (Jn 16:11), in the hour of the Passion and of the Cross, and there Jesus will achieve His final victory, the victory of love!"

The Holy Father encouraged all of us to take the opportunity afforded by Lent to renew our Baptismal promises, renouncing Satan and his seductions, "in order to walk the paths of God and 'to arrive at Easter in the joy of the Spirit.'"

## Through the Journey of Lent for a renewed life in Christ

	Sunday	Scripture	Action
1.	<i>Sunday of the Entrance into Lent: The Miracle at Cana in Galilee</i>	<b>Lent is joy:</b> "On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee..." (John 2: 1)	<i>Call Jesus to your lent as the bridegroom called Him to the Wedding:</i> <b>ACTION:</b> Pray and the read the Bible everyday
2.	<i>Second Sunday of Great Lent: The Healing of the Leper</i>	It represents the <b>noticeable sin:</b> "but go, show yourself to the priest" (Mark 1:44)	<i>Go to Jesus as the leper went to him:</i> <b>ACTION:</b> participate in the Divine Liturgy for the whole of Lent
3.	<i>Third Sunday of Great Lent: The Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman</i>	It represents the <b>secret sin:</b> "When the woman realized that she had not escaped notice [from Jesus]" (Luke 8:47)	<i>Trust in Jesus as did the Hemorrhaging woman</i> <b>ACTION:</b> Never doubt that He will NOT forgive you... so confess your sins.
4.	<i>Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: The Parable of the Prodigal Son</i>	We are midway through our Lenten journey. This is the only Sunday in Lent where the Gospel is not about a miracle. It focuses on " <b>God waiting for us</b> ": "So he got up and went back to his father" (Luke 15:20)	<i>If you are tired or you didn't fast yet, the Lord is awaiting for you as He did wait for the prodigal son</i> <b>ACTION:</b> Fast & Repent
5.	<i>Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: The Healing of the Paralytic</i>	The <b>positive role</b> of the community: "They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men" (Mark 2:3)	<i>Be supportive of others as did the Four men</i> <b>ACTION:</b> accompany those who left the Church on their return journey
6.	<i>Sixth Sunday of Great Lent: The Healing of the Blind Man</i>	The <b>negative role</b> of the community: "And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent." (Mark 10:48)	<i>Don't be a stumbling rock for others as they were for the blind</i> <b>ACTION:</b> encourage the sick by visiting them
7.	<i>Holy Week</i>	Journey of Passion Week to the <b>Wedding of the Resurrection:</b> "the Son of Man will be handed over [...] and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day" (Matthew 20:18-19)	<i>Present to God the fruits of your Lenten journey</i> <b>ACTION:</b> actively participate in all the liturgical events and ceremonies of Holy Week

*Don't forget Easter Sunday Mass to celebrate Christ's Resurrection (Christ Passover)... doing so, you move from your old life before Lent to a New Life.*





**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen**

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