



ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

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March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent



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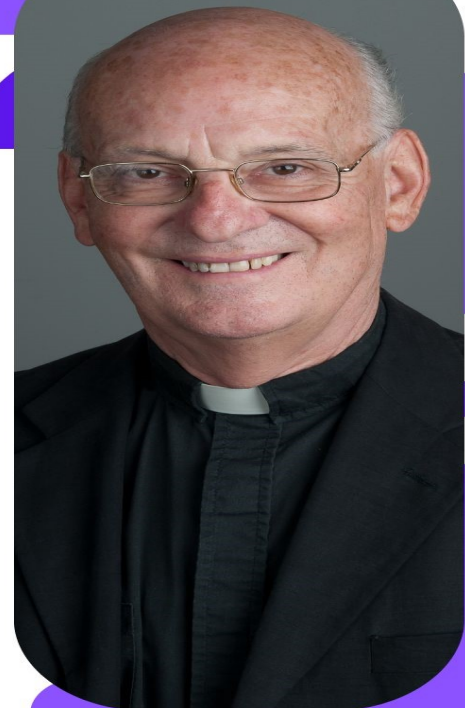
OUR PARISH MISSION

Called to Discipleship: Healed, Forgiven, and Sent

MARCH 25, 26, AND 27 AT 7PM
TAIZE & RECONCILIATION ALSO
ON MARCH 27
ST. BARBARA CHURCH
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fr. Tony Gittins was born in Manchester, England and was ordained in 1967. He has M.A.s in Theoretical Linguistics and Social Anthropology and a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology. He has taught Theology & Anthropology at the Theological Union in Chicago since 1984. From 1999 to 2008, he held the Bishop Ford Chair of Mission Theology. He is currently Professor of Theology and Culture. Fr. Gittins is the author of 18 books on theological and anthropological topics, as well as on mission and spirituality.

Fr. Gittins's ministry focuses on the intersection of social sciences and theological disciplines. He works with and among marginalized communities and has done missionary and anthropological work in many countries, including in Africa.



MASS SCHEDULE

St. Barbara Chapel

Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday: 8 a.m.

St. Barbara Church

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 6 a.m./9:30 a.m.

Indonesian: 2nd Sunday: 11:30 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

First Saturday Healing Mass

St. Barbara Chapel: 8 a.m.

The Rosary

Sunday 5:30 a.m. Before 6 a.m. Mass

St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8 a.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Cantonese: 1st Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Mandarin: 2nd Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (TBA)

4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

Mondays with Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4-5 p.m. Rosary and 5-6 p.m. Holy Hour

First Friday Holy Hour: After the 8 a.m. Mass



St. Barbara Worship Site

Saturday, March 11th Vigil | Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family

Sunday, March 12th | Third Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. + Anne Kaminski by Payton Family
+ Ron Freeman by Janet Ropke
+ Deceased Members of the Ropke & Bertucci Families by Jim Bertucci & Family

9:30 a.m. + Deceased Members of Spalla Family by Family
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family

12:30 a.m. INDONESIAN MASS

+ Tommy Skrip by Jim Bertucci & Family

Tuesday, March 14th | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Anniversary, Veitna Lotta by John & Susan Adomaitis
+ Virginia Helma by B. Glabicki

Thursday, March 16th | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Jean Lech by B. Glabicki

Saturday, March 18th | Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Parishioners & Benefactors

Saturday, March 18th Vigil | Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family
+ John Fockler by Jane Fockler

Sunday, March 19th | Fourth Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. + Anne Kaminski by Payton Family
+ Ron Freeman by Janet Ropke
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family
+ Florence Vivirito & Alice Ranallo by Family
+ Joann Piemonte by Judy Lukwinski

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, March 12th | Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. + Peter Yuan by Family
+ Mary & Antonio Pusateri by Family

10:30 a.m. + Dai Cheng-Ching 戴正清 by Jade Yee
+ Lucy Wong by Darlene
+ Jenping J. Chan by Darlene

Monday, March 13th | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Parishioners & Benefactors

Wednesday, March 15th | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Mercy for all Souls of Bertucci and Barbaro Families by Dominic Barbaro

Friday, March 17th | Saint Patrick, Bishop

8:00 a.m. + Vincent Briglio by A Briglio & Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara

Saturday, March 18th:

5p.m. Lectors: E. Kroner, P. Saletta

Eucharistic Minister: L. Raya

Sunday, March 19th:

6a.m. Lectors: J. Bertucci

Eucharistic Minister: J. Balasa

9:30 a.m. Lectors: B. Pienta, A. Reilly

Eucharistic Minister: H. Alonzo

St. Therese

Sunday, March 19th:

8:00a.m. Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe

Lectors: B. Fung, J. Fung

St. Michael Ministry:

10:30a.m. Greeters: C. Lee, J. Yee, D. Lowe

Lectors: Family Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Edy (Altar) Jade(Choir)



We pray for Ukraine and Russia and for all our brothers and sisters living in fear and for all victims of war. Lord, Raise up peace-makers, so that violence and war can end.

Thanks and Congratulations

Thanks to all who attended our Parish Movie Night: *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*. We had a wonderful turnout. Some of us watched the movie the second time and still were moved by its power of love and service. The life of Mother Teresa was a powerful witness to Jesus and her spirit now lives in the life of her Sisters, who continue to serve the poorest of the poor. What a wonderful reminder to each of us as we continue our Lenten journey that we too are called to serve and do acts of charity! Special thanks to all volunteers and staff for their assistance to make the evening like a real theater experience with popcorn, pizzas and drinks: **Naomi and Joseph Lowe, Wally Podrazik, Nicole Yong, Tom Groark, Jeff Chrusiel, Joe Delfin and Jing Zhang.**



Congratulations to **Louisa and Amelia Rioux** who were baptized at St. Therese Church last Saturday. Their parents are **Benjamin Rioux and Maryann Schafer Rioux**. We welcome them and assure them of our prayers.



What is a Scrutiny Rite?

This Sunday we celebrate the 1st Scrutiny rite with our RCIA candidates at the 9:30am mass at St. Barbara. I was asked, "What is a scrutiny?" Below is a write-up by one of the liturgy experts Paul Turner, which I found helpful.

Scrutinies are rites of self-searching and repentance. When people from another spiritual background seek Baptism in the Catholic Church, they do so by stages. First, we accept them into the Order of Catechumens. Then as they complete their catechetical formation, we enroll them among the "elect," or those chosen for Baptism. This Rite of Election generally coincides with the beginning of Lent. Three times during Lent, the Church prays the scrutinies to encourage a spirit of repentance among those who seek a worthy celebration of Baptism.

Although scrutinies have returned fairly recently to Catholic parishes, they originated early in Church history. St. Ambrose and St. Augustine celebrated them in the fourth and fifth centuries to mark the spiritual progress of the catechumens. The moral preparation of catechumens included prayers of exorcism to drive out the spirit of evil, which kept them from embracing Christ as their light. In the scrutinies, the Church discerned if those exorcisms had achieved their effect. Catechumens entered the church, stood barefoot on goatskin, and renounced evil influences all night. Those unworthy of Baptism had to wait another year for Easter to roll around again.

Today's scrutinies seem less intense. They still include an exorcism, in which the priest or deacon prays that the spirit of good may replace the spirit of evil. Their purpose is not so much to examine the candidates' mental readiness, but their spiritual readiness. Scrutinies offer the catechumens the support they need to approach the waters of Baptism worthily.

For those who are already baptized, the scrutinies invite us to embrace the same spirit of self-searching and repentance. At Easter, we renew our Baptismal promises as we see the catechumens baptized. Therefore, during Lent we renew our repentance as we see the elect scrutinized. The scrutinies remind us of the seriousness of our Christian life and inspire us to turn from evil and pursue good. They enliven our recommitment to Christ at Easter.

May your Lenten journey be fruitful!

Peace, Fr. Francis

THE BLIND MAN'S DOUBLE CURE by Fr. Cuff

All Christians are called upon to witness to their faith, including even those who are blind. I've heard of one such Christian evangelist who was blind, but who was very good at house to house evangelism. He used to go through his neighborhood preaching the Gospel to everyone he met. He'd usually begin by holding up his Bible and shouting, "I was blind but now I see." In this way he'd attract a group of people around him and begin witnessing to them. Physically the man was blind, but spiritually he was clear-sighted, or so he believed.

Today's Gospel focuses on the similarity and difference between physical and spiritual blindness, as do most Gospel stories where Jesus heals blind people. Early Christians saw physical blindness as a metaphor for the spiritual blindness that prevented people from recognizing and coming to Jesus. The stories of Jesus curing the blind testify, therefore, to His power to heal not just the blindness of the eye but, above all, the blindness of the heart. The clue that John the evangelist intended today's Gospel to be read on these two levels, physical and spiritual, is found at the tail end of the story, when Jesus says:

"I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind."... Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The warning Jesus gives here is valid not only for the Pharisees but also for men and women of our time. To learn from Jesus we must first admit our ignorance, to be healed we must acknowledge our blindness, and to be forgiven we must confess our sins. As John elsewhere tells us, "He who says he has no sin is a liar." With our friends who will be baptized this Easter, may this Lent help us to see that faith experience comes from a personal encounter with the Lord. That's why the blind man arrived at true faith in Jesus before the learned Pharisees. Let's today admit our spiritual blindness and pray, "Lord that we may see," so that we too will receive the light and spiritual insight to see with the eyes of faith.

EVANGELIZING WHILE GIVING ALMS by Roberta Cheong

I recently went to a coffee shop and there was a homeless man sitting on the ground outside. I gave him what food I had with me—a bag of wheat crackers and a bag of rice crackers that I had in my purse. I wished I had something more substantial and filling to give him. My intention was to order a food item and a hot coffee. As I was waiting in line, I told God, "I'm going to give the food I order to the homeless man outside." God replied to me, "But then you won't have anything to eat tonight for dinner." I replied, "I'll be fine. I just want him to have it."

As I was waiting for my food, the employee called out a larger food order for pickup, but the customer had already left, so he gave that customer's food to me for free in addition to the food that I ordered. It was as if God was telling me, "Don't worry, I got you. I'll give food for you *and* food for you to give to him." God was looking out for me! While I was grabbing napkins to put in the bag for the man outside, one of the employees went to talk to the homeless man. When he came back in, I asked him, "Did you ask him what he needed?" He said, "I think he needs a **new life**, more than food." For a second, I had a flashback of how I had hit rock bottom in 2013, how I needed a new life, and how God gave me a blessed new life through my kidney disease. I answered instantly, "Oh! Well *that's* easy. Just go to Jesus!" His eyes lit up, looked at me with a mutual understanding that we Christians have The Great Commission on Earth to tell people about Jesus, and said excitedly to me, "Well you tell him that! Tell him that! And if you can help him get a job, that would be even better."

Mark, the homeless man, told me his entire situation in detail. We talked for about 20 minutes. He was happy that someone took the time to listen to his story and understand him. Sometimes people just want to be heard and understood. I asked him, "Mark, do you believe in God? Do you follow Jesus?" He nodded yes and smiled. I said, "I have a gift for you" and gave him a rosary, a pamphlet on how to pray the rosary, a divine mercy image prayer card, and a blessed miraculous medal. He accepted everything I gave him and thanked me. I wish I had more time to talk to him about his faith. I said, "I'll pray for you, Mark. Have a blessed day!" We smiled joyfully as we waved goodbye to each other. Let's give alms, evangelize, and pray for Mark and all those who are homeless and the unemployed.

Would you like to grow closer to Jesus this Lent? The Society of the Little Flower is having a "WALK WITH JESUS" event on Friday, March 31, 2023! It's free! Parking is at the Carmelite Spiritual Center. No need to register. Just show up! Here's the schedule:

10:30 AM | Stations of the Cross at the Carmelite Meditation Garden 8419 Bailey Rd. | Darien, IL, 60561

11:30 AM | Mass at the National Shrine of St. Thérèse 8433 Bailey Rd. | Darien, IL, 60561

12:45 PM | Holy Week Talk at the National Shrine Museum of St. Thérèse 8501 Bailey Rd. | Darien, IL 60561

Complimentary coffee at the Gift Shop from 9 AM - 4 PM

Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionary of Charity: 4pm-5pm Street Rosary and 5pm-6pm Adoration at St. Therese Church. All are welcome.

Good Shepherd Catechism for children 3 to 7 years takes place on Sundays at 10:30am at St. Therese.

Evangelization Team meets this Sunday at 12noon at St. Therese Site.

Need A Tax Letter?

Tax letters can be obtained by contacting our parish offices at 312-842-7979 or 312-842-6777.



MUSIC / CHOIR NEWS

Parish Choir rehearsals for Lent, Triduum, and Easter are the following Tuesdays, 7pm, at St. Barbara: March 14, 21, and 28; April 4. **Easter Vigil Rehearsal** is Saturday, April 8, 1pm to 3pm at St. Therese. Contact Sabina for more information, and to receive your music packet!

St. Patrick's Day / no general dispensation

The Archdiocese of Chicago is not granting a general dispensation for the Memorial of St. Patrick from the obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays in Lent. Instead, Catholics who find themselves at an event where meat is served in celebrating St. Patrick may in good conscience substitute the general rule of abstinence with another form of penance or a significant act of charity that benefits the poor. Regardless, it is important to take seriously the obligation to observe Fridays in Lent as a way of uniting ourselves to Jesus who died on Good Friday. That should not be undervalued as we reflect on his sacrifice on the Cross for the salvation of the world in this holy season. **Peace, Bishop Robert Casey, Vicar General**

SCHOOL NEWS

In honor of Black History Month, Dr. Curry (DePaul University) came to speak to our students about the impact that African Americans had on our every day lives. She reminded us that we should celebrate contributions of all African Americans not just in February but year round.



Carnival Corner

Hard to believe that in a little more than 3 months, we will be hosting our first Carnival as a unified Parish. This is a huge event, and the only Carnival in our area. It is exciting to see Throop Street and the Parking lot transformed into an amusement park. It also takes a lot of volunteers to help make it a huge success.

We will be hosting a meeting in which all are invited in a few weeks. Please watch here for more details. So, mark your calendar for May 18-21, 2023. Feel free to join our Carnival Page on Facebook (St. Barbara Church Carnival 2023). Thank you! ~Wendy (St. Barbara)



It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute **anonymous** survey at [catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi](https://portal.catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi) or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31**. Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.



Your Opinion Matters! Help St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish by Sharing Your Input via The Disciple Maker Index Survey

The Disciple Maker Index Survey opened this week and your help makes a difference. Please help by completing a short, 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

- Go to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/gbpy5g>
- You can also obtain a paper copy at the entrance of the church. There are copies available in Chinese. The survey is only available from Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We will receive the results this spring/summer and will then share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta parish!

WEEKLY COLLECTION—MARCH 5, 2023

	St. Barbara		St. Therese	
Sunday Envelopes	\$	1,424.00	\$	1,100.00
Sunday Loose	\$	324.00	\$	326.00
Give Central	\$	587.00	\$	531.00
Total Collection	\$	2,335.00	\$	1,957.00
	YTD	Weekly	YTD	Weekly
Actual	\$ 72,789.00	\$ 2,335.00	\$ 83,473.00	\$ 1,957.00
Goal	\$ 97,200.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 97,200.00	\$ 2,700.00
% of Goal	75%	86%	86%	72%
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	

Attention: For those who make your offering in the form of a check, please make checks to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish. Electronic giving through **GiveCentral.org** is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). **Thank YOU, and God Bless you for your generosity!**

St. Therese Church : www.givecentral.org/location/190 **St. Barbara Church:** www.givecentral.org/location/445



Please pray for those who are ill, homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers.

Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Angeleo Alonzo,, Debbie Annoreno, Amy Aver-et, Kimberly Babe, Geraldine Baldwin, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Jeff Bowman, Andrea Brongiel, Mary Camarda, Anthony Capone Sr., Laverne Connolly, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGra-zia, Henry Diaz De Leon, Kathy Egle, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Paul Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Bernadette Glabicki, Ed Glos, Pat Grieco, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Kellar Harris, , Jasmine Henson, Barbara Herr, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Maryann Januszewski, Chester Jendryczka, Dr. Joe, John Kaput, Dorothy Kawalerski, Rose Kisielowski, Anna Kolendo, Christine Krupa, Janice Kutansky, Craig Labudda, Sunny Labudda, Baby Kinsley Paige Leschinsky, Kiera Litwin, Lenny Loretto, Richard Lyznicki, Nancy Mallory, John Mangan, Kayle Marth, Paul Martinez, Bill Marczuk, Zena Masi, Maria Mawgwi, Lil' Joe Michalak, Cindy Moore, Dr. Mike, Tony Mrgan, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petruck, Theresa Pickens, Dolores Pienta, Mitchell Pienta, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Megan Pirelli, Ray Polakowski, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Therese Ryndak, Maria Saludo, Kennedy Shepski, Anthony Sinople, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sha-ron Solverson, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stronczek, Rose Stronczek, Shirley Synal, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, Christine Vanderford, George Vanderford Sr., George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Joyce Vogt, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, Barbara Webb, Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Evelyn Zaleski, Virginia Zawacki*** Ken Barber, Hu Bin, Jose Cardinal, Joseph Caruso, Roberta Cheong, Kim Chiu, Brian Cook, Sister Noel Devine, Jimmy Distasio, MAD & Rose Marie Donato, Mark Donato, Mia Rose Faciana, Kerry Fluder, Gyna Gazzi, James Gemkow, Roseann Gurgone, Michael Howley, Frank Karagianes, Levi Kirkland, Angela Lasillo, George Lee, David Leung, Shiu Wah Leung, Felina Li, James Longo, III, Matthew Mantia, Phil Maraldi, Jerry McCarthy, Barbara McElroy, Xue Ying Mou, Lucy Moy, Mina Preysler Munoz, Cita Orendain, John Paleoik, Anne Pataka, Rose Perez, Gerard Phillips, Ali Powers, James Rak, Victor Roa, Phyllis Robin-son, Joseph Rubin, Amelia Lorraine Schroeder, Karl Schroeder, David Sero, Richard Shew, Kay Siani, Nicholas Tobar, Richard Tobar, An-thony Valentino, Luz Whitehead, Luke Williamson, Bai Xue, Ching Shiu Yau, Lan Ying Yee, Ramona Zavala, Susan Zibricky, Sonny Furmanek , Juliana, 蔡宏恩, Jimmy Distasio, Kate Lynch, Josephine Laco, Dolores Becatti, Michele Young, Charles Corbett, Rick Deleon, Shirley Mendoza, Judy Lukwinski, Gary Leverence , Diane Rzasa, MingYing Liu, FanYa Zhang, Diana Cardinal,

*****Please review the above Prayer List to identify if there is a name that should be removed OR inform us if there is someone that needs to be added. Please call the rectory to make changes.**

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Sacramental

Please contact parish office for any of the following:


Baptisms: Parents must be registered practicing parishioner and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled.

Communion Calls: Please contact the Rectory when someone who is homebound or in the hospital wishes a visit to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone seriously sick and not only for those near death.


Confessions: Saturdays, 4:15-4:45 p.m. at St. Barbara Church or by appointment.

Ministry of Care: Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to those who are sick and unable to attend Mass.

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1st Scrutiny Rite will take place at the 9:30am mass on Sunday, March 12th at St. Barbara Church.

Religious Education Students' Led Mass---10:30am on Sunday, March 12th

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Mandarin Lenten Retreat---Sat. March 18th from 10am ---5:00pm at St. Therese

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Parish Lenten Mission---7pm on March 25, 26, & 27 at St. Barbara Church

Young Adults' Led Mass---Sunday, March 26th at 10:30am

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- a. March 31st 7pm at St. Barbara Church
- b. After 10:30am Mass on Sunday, April 2nd at St. Therese

Lenten Regulations (from Feb. 22nd, 2023, Ash Wednesday--- the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

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