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Lent  
Triduum  
Easter  
2019  
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March 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christians have always observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection.

It became the custom of the church to prepare for Easter by a season of penitence, fasting, and prayer.

This season of forty days provided a time in which converts to the faith were in their final preparations for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Body of Christ.

It is also the time when persons who had committed serious sins and had been separated from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness and restored to the fellowship of the church.

In this way, the whole congregation is reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our baptismal faith.

As we begin this season of Lent, I invite you, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent, by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

May these disciplines strengthen us individually and communally to be more faithful Disciples of the Lord Jesus.

In the next forty days, may we die with the Lord and, on Easter Sunday, rise with him to new life, new hope, and new beginnings!



Sincerely in Christ,

*F. Mike*

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
Pastor

March

Wed	<b>6</b>	<b>8:15am</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>5:30pm</b>	Mass with distribution of ashes	Ash Wednesday <i>(a day of fast and abstinence)</i>  Soup Supper
Fri	<b>8</b>	<b>5:30pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b>		Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner Stations of the Cross <i>(English)</i>
Sat	<b>9</b>	<b>12:00pm</b> <b>3:30pm</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	Mass	Lenten Day of Recollection Individual Reconciliation First Sunday of Lent
Sun	<b>10</b>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>2:00pm</b>	Mass Mass Mass	First Sunday of Lent <i>Rite of Sending</i> <i>(Vietnamese)</i>
Mon	<b>11</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>		Stations of the Cross <i>(Vietnamese)</i>
Fri	<b>15</b>	<b>5:30pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b>		Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner Stations of the Cross <i>(English)</i>
Sat	<b>16</b>	<b>3:30pm</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	Mass	Individual Reconciliation Second Sunday of Lent
Sun	<b>17</b>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>2:00pm</b>	Mass Mass Mass	Second Sunday of Lent <i>Candidates' Penitential Rite</i> <i>(Vietnamese)</i>
Mon	<b>18</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>		Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service <i>Check website for other services in the area</i>
Fri	<b>22</b>	<b>5:30pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b>		Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner Stations of the Cross <i>(English)</i>
Sat	<b>23</b>	<b>3:30pm</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	Mass	Individual Reconciliation Third Sunday of Lent
Sun	<b>24</b>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>2:00pm</b>	Mass Mass Mass	Third Sunday of Lent <i>First Scrutiny/Presentation of the Creed</i> <i>(Vietnamese)</i>

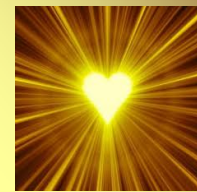
**Daily Mass at 8:15am Monday-Friday**  
**Church and Blessed Sacrament Chapel**  
**open 7:00am-7:00pm**  
**seven days a week**

**Lenten Resources for Prayer and Reflection:**

Little Black Books *available after Masses on the Plaza in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese*

US Conference of Catholic Bishops at [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org), search *Lent 2019*

**Entering the Heart of Jesus**



**A Day of Recollection for Men and Women and Friends of the Parish**  
**Saturday, March 9 | 12:00-6:00pm**  
**\$15 per Person**  
**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**  
**Parish Center Upper Level**

**Register on the plaza after weekend Masses or in the Parish Office.**

**Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 6.**

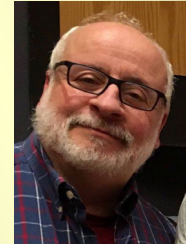
**Experience God's Unconditional Love!**

**Join Us for Lenten Reconciliation Service**  
**Monday, March 18 | 7:00pm**

March				
Mon	25	7:00pm		An Evening with David Haas
Fri	29	5:30pm 7:00pm		Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner Stations of the Cross ( <i>English</i> )
Sat	30	3:30pm 5:00pm	Mass	Individual Reconciliation Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sun	31	8:30am 10:30am 2:00pm	Mass Mass Mass	Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Second Scrutiny</i> ( <i>Vietnamese</i> )
April				
Mon	1	7:00pm		Stations of the Cross ( <i>Vietnamese</i> )
Fri	5	5:30pm 7:00pm		Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner Stations of the Cross ( <i>English</i> )
Sat	6	3:30pm 5:00pm	Mass	Individual Reconciliation Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sun	7	8:30am 10:30am 2:00pm	Mass Mass Mass	Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Third Scrutiny / Presentation of the Lord's Prayer</i> ( <i>Vietnamese</i> )
Mon	8	7:00pm		Stations of the Cross ( <i>Vietnamese</i> )
Fri	12	5:30pm 7:00pm		Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner Stations of the Cross ( <i>English</i> )
Sat	13	3:30pm 5:00pm	Mass	Individual Reconciliation Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord <i>with blessing and distribution of palms at all Masses</i>
Sun	14	8:30am 10:30am 2:00pm	Mass Mass Mass	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord <i>with blessing and distribution of palms at all Masses</i> ( <i>Vietnamese</i> )
Mon	15	7:00pm		Stations of the Cross ( <i>Vietnamese</i> )
<b>Triduum</b>				
Thu	18	7:00pm	Mass	<b>Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)</b> ( <i>English/Vietnamese</i> ) Mass of the Lord's Supper Eucharistic Exposition immediately following Mass until midnight
Fri	19	8:15am 3:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm		<b>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</b> ( <i>a day of fast and abstinence</i> ) Morning Prayer Celebration of the Passion of the Lord ( <i>Vietnamese</i> ) Living Stations of the Cross <i>Presented by St. Thomas More Youth Ministries</i>
Sat	20	8:15am 11:00am 8:00pm	Mass	<b>Holy Saturday</b> Morning Prayer Blessing of Easter Food The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Sun	21	6:30am 8:30am 10:30am 2:00pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	<b>Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)</b> <i>Renewal of Baptismal Promises will take place at all Masses</i>  ( <i>Vietnamese</i> )

**Songs of Prayer  
Stories of Faith**

**AN EVENING WITH  
DAVID HAAS**



**You know the songs!**  
"Blest Are They" "You Are Mine"  
"We Have Been Told" and many, many more...  
Song — Prayer — Storytelling

**Monday, March 25 | 7:00pm**  
**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**

\$10 per person | \$25 per family  
under 12 free

*to purchase tickets*  
WEB: [www.stmoside.org/DavidHaas](http://www.stmoside.org/DavidHaas)  
EMAIL: [DavidHaasTickets@stmoside.org](mailto:DavidHaasTickets@stmoside.org)  
PHONE: 760-758-4100 x157

**Knights of Columbus  
Fish Dinners**

**Every Friday during Lent 5:30-7:30pm**  
**followed by**

**Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm**

**Also, Stations of the Cross in Vietnamese  
most Mondays during Lent at 7:00pm**

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