



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21 and 22, 2026

St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati



ORDER OF MASS

First Sunday of Lent

During the season of Lent, the organ may only be used to accompany singing; therefore, there will be no prelude or postlude.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION

Forty Days and Forty Nights

At the ringing of the sacristy bell, all stand and sing:

St. Michael Hymnal 515

INTROIT *(Sunday)*

Invocabit me, et ego exaudiam eum:
eripiam eum, et glorificabo eum:
longitudine dierum adimplebo eum.

Ÿ. Qui habitat in adjutorio Altissimi,
in protectione Dei caeli commorabitur.

As the celebrant incenses the altar, the choir sings:

*When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.*

Ÿ. *He who dwells in the help of the Most High
will abide in the protection of God in heaven.*

Words: cf. Psalm 91:15–16

Versicle: cf. Psalm 91:1

Music: Dominican Chant

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

All strike their breast three times

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

KYRIE, ELEISON

The cantor/choir sings each line of music, then all repeat.

Ky - ri - e, e - - - le - i - son.
Lord, have mercy.

Chri - ste, e - - - le - i - son.
Christ, have mercy.

Ky - ri - e, e - - - le - i - son.
Lord, have mercy.

Music: Dominican Chant, Mass XII "On Sundays of Lent"

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observance of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Genesis 2:7–9, 3:1–7

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, “Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?” The woman answered the serpent: “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman: “You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil.” The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 12–13, 14 and 17



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. *℟.*

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always:

“Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.” *℟.*

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. *℟.*

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. *℟.*

Music: Dominican Chant — Angelis suis, adapted by Christopher Holman

READING II

Romans 5:12–19

Brothers and sisters: through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned — for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry!

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. *R.*

Verse: Matthew 4:4b

Music: Plainchant

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1–11

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.” He said in reply, “It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*”

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*” Jesus answered him, “Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*” Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.” At this, Jesus said to him, “Get away, Satan! It is written: *The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.*” Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

Friars of the Order of Preachers

Sunday 10 A.M. — proceed to page 12.

Sunday 12 P.M. — proceed to page 8.

CREDO *(Saturday)*

All stand

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

All bow

All stand

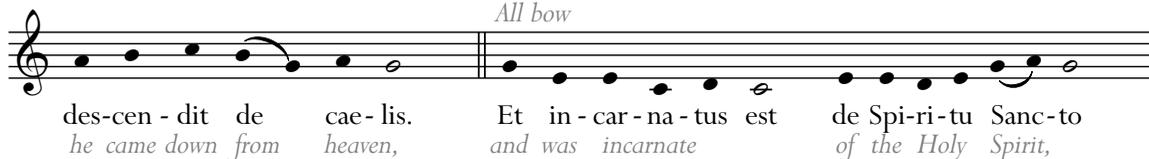
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

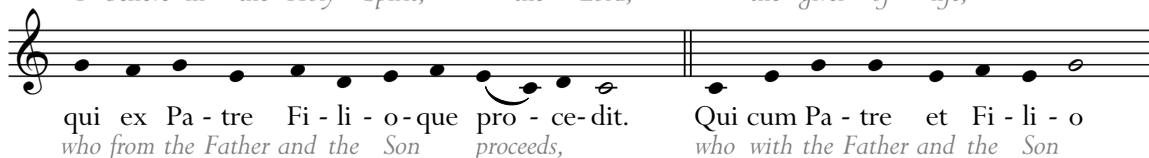
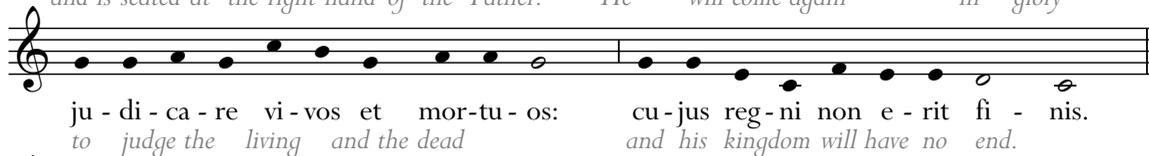
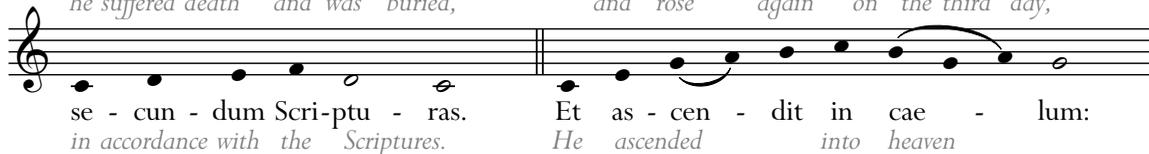
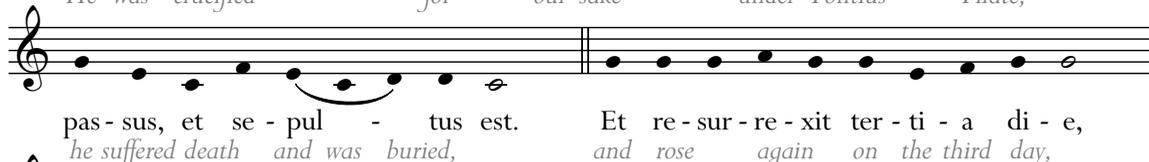
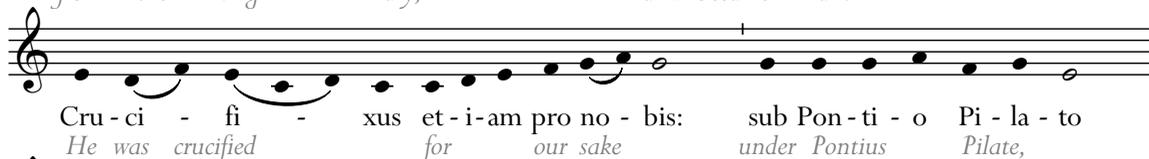
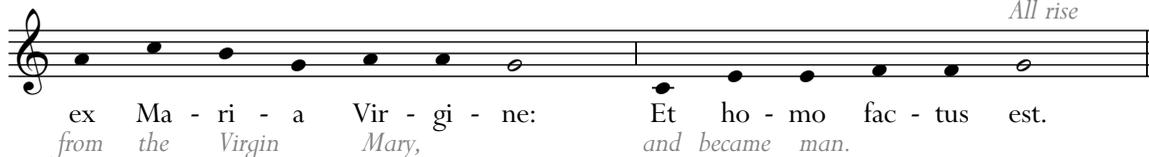
**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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All bow



All rise



si - mul ad - o - ra - tur, et con - glo - ri - fi - ca - tur:
is adored and glorified,

qui lo - cu - tus est per Pro - phe - tas. Et u - nam sanc - tam ca - tho - li - cam
who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic

et a - po - sto - li - cam Ecc - le - si - am. Con - fi - te - or un - um bap - tis - ma
and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism

in re - mis - sio - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum.
for the forgiveness of sins

Et ex - spec - to re - sur - re - cti - o - nem mor - tu - o - rum.
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

Et vi - tam ven - tu - ri sae - cu - li.
and the life of the world to come.

A - - - - - men.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Credo III

UNIVERSAL PRAYER *(Saturday and 12 P.M.)*

Each petition concludes with:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

After the final petition, all say:

**Almighty Father,
you have created us for some definite purpose.
Grant us the grace to know the path
you have planned for us in this life
and to respond with a generous “Yes.”**

**Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes, and hearts
fruitful ground for your gift of vocations.
May our young people respond to your call with courage and zeal.**

**Stir among our men a desire and the strength
to be good and holy priests.
Bless us with consecrated religious
and those called to a chaste single life,
permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives,
who are a sign of Christ’s love for His Church.**

**We commend our prayer for vocations to you, Father,
through the intercession of Mary our Mother,
in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Words: The Most Reverend Dennis Schnurr,
Archbishop Emeritus of Cincinnati*

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RITE OF SENDING

The Rite of Sending takes the place of the Creed at the 10 A.M. Mass.

PRESENTATION

Those to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian initiation at the Easter Vigil are presented, and the godparents testify as to their readiness.

SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS

In place of the Universal Prayer, special petitions are offered for those preparing to enter the Church. Each petition concludes with:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

PRAYER

The celebrant says the Prayer over those preparing to enter the Church.

Mass continues with the Offertory as usual.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

The cantor/choir sings:

Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi Dominus,
et sub pennis ejus sperabis:
scuto circumdabit te veritas ejus.

*The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will trust.
His truth will surround you like a shield.*

Antiphon: Psalm 91:4–5a

Music: Dominican Chant (Saturday)

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (Sunday)

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

All stand

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we
celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE AND SANCTUS

Saturday: St. Michael Hymnal 101

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

The celebrant says the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:

The mystery of faith.

Cantor:

Save us, Sav - ior of the world,

All:

for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the paten with the host, and raising both, sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,

Celebrant:

for ev - er and ev - er.

All:

A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All stand

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: *Peace I leave you, my peace I give you*, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another a sign of peace

COMMUNION

Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi Dominus,
et sub pennis ejus sperabis:
scuto circumdabit te veritas ejus.

Ÿ. Non timebis a timore nocturno,
a sagitta volante in die,
a negotio perambulante in tenebris,
ab incursu, et daemonio meridiano.

Ÿ. Quoniam tu es, Domine, spes mea;
Altissimum posuisti refugium tuum.
Non accedet ad te malum, et flagellum
non appropinquabit tabernaculo tuo.

Ÿ. Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat
in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

The choir/cantor sings:

*The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will trust.
His truth will surround you like a shield.*

Ÿ. *You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness,
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.*

Ÿ. *For you, O Lord, are my hope;
You have made the Most High your refuge.
No evil shall come near you, and scourge
shall not come near your dwelling-place.*

Ÿ. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Antiphon: Psalm 91:4–5a

Versicles: Psalm 91:5b–6, 9–10

Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET (10 A.M.)

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee.

The Parish Choir sings:

Words: Psalm 102:1

Music: Henry Purcell

MOTET (12 P.M.)

Why, O Lord, delay for ever smiles of comfort to impart?
Oh, if Thou forget me — never more shall gladness cheer this heart.

Shall my soul still pine in sorrow? Still shall foes their insults pour?
Weak and fainting — shall the morrow bring thine aid to me no more?

The Schola Cantorum sings:

Words: Psalm 13:1–2, paraphrased by Charles Bayles Broadley

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (Op. 96, No. 1)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word that proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

All bow

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray, come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All stand

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

All kneel

**Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

HYMN

All sing:



1. O Je - sus, thou wast temp - ted, a - lone in de - serts wild;
2. O Je - sus, thou wast temp - ted, to mean-ness, greed and shame,
3. O Je - sus, thou wast temp - ted to live for self a - lone,
4. O Je - sus, in temp - ta - tion, fair an - gels came to bless;



No hu - man friend was near thee, the e - vil temp-ter smiled.
 In all points like as I am, in ev - 'ry way the same.
 To be great, rich and pow'r - ful, to get, to keep, to own.
 White - wing'd they flocked a - round thee, deep in the wil - der - ness.



O Je - sus, thou didst con - quer by God's own pow'r in thee,
 With God's great words of pro - mise thy mem - o - ry was stored,
 Thou didst not bow to Mam - mon, but chose to wor - ship God,
 May no - ble thoughts and mem - 'ries, like an - gels dwell with - in,



Help me, O Christ, to con - quer, give me the vic - to - ry.
 And mean things lost their fa - vor be - side God's ho - ly word.
 O give me strength to fol - low, to walk where thou hast trod!
 O fill my life, Lord Je - sus, and leave no room for sin.

Words: J. Edgar Park

*Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN,
 Hans Leo Hassler, arr. J.S. Bach*