

Our Lady of Fatima Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar. 3 **Ferial (V) *1st Sat.***
6:00 p.m. Holy Mass followed by Benediction

Sun. Mar. 4 **3rd Sunday of Lent (V)**
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Sat. Mar. 10 **Ferial (W) *Ss. Quadraginta Mart.***
6:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Sun. Mar. 11 **4th Sunday of Lent (V)**
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Sat. Mar. 17 **Ferial (V) *St. Patricii***
6:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Sun. Mar. 18 **Passion Sunday (V)**
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass followed by Benediction

Sat. Mar. 24 **Ferial (V) *S. Gabriel Archangeli***
6:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Sun. Mar. 25 **Palm Sunday (V)**
9:00 a.m. Blessing of Palms; Procession; Holy Mass

Thu. Mar. 29 **Maundy Thursday (W)**
6:30 pm Mass, then Adoration until Midnight

Fri. Mar. 30 **Good Friday**
1:15 pm Confessions
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross

	3:00 pm	Afternoon Liturgy
Sat.	Mar. 31	Holy Saturday
	10:00 pm	Confessions
	10:30 pm	Paschal Vigil followed by Midnight Mass
Sun.	Apr. 1	Easter Sunday (W)
	9:00 am	Holy Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Confessions are usually heard from 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays and from 8 a.m. on Sundays.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Warren Rigby whose anniversary occurs in February.
- Each Friday during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at the church at 7 p.m. On Good Friday, it will precede the Afternoon Liturgy.
- The parents of children over the age of seven who have not already made their First Holy Communion are asked to contact Father Stephens. The 3rd Sunday after Easter (the 22nd of April) is foreseen as the date for First Holy Communions this year.
- On the same day as the First Communions (22nd of April), there will also be a parish luncheon.
- Those who would like to learn how to serve at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass are invited to speak to Father Stephens.

CATECHISM

Why use Latin for the Liturgy?

There are several reasons why the Mass of all time is offered in Latin.

The first reason is that Latin is venerable on account of its origin and antiquity; indeed it dates back to the earliest centuries of the Church.

In consequence, the use of Latin is a beautiful means of obtaining unity in the Church, not just between different peoples and countries, but also between different periods of Church History. When one attends Mass in Latin, one is united more profoundly to the very same liturgy which formed the great saints of the Church like St. Dominic or St. Therese of the Infant Jesus.

A more important reason is that the use of Latin reflects the nature of the Mass. The priest uses Latin because in the Mass he speaks almost entirely to God and not to the faithful. This is evident by the very words used in the Mass by the priest. The faithful do not need to understand the priest because, after all, he is not speaking to them.

Finally, the mass is essentially a sacrifice offered by Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Father. As such, it is a mystery; indeed a *mysterium fidei*, and this mystery is best expressed by a language which is not the everyday language of the street. It is for this reason that even Jews and pagans use ancient languages for their liturgy. Thus, using an ancient language for the liturgy, such as Latin, gives greater reverence to God.