



## Preparing for Lent

As we know from our experience, every important event, every great endeavor or project requires preparation and planning. Even if we are taken off guard by changing circumstances and situations in our lives, "having a plan" always helps, even if we have to adapt and tweak it along the way.

Lent begins on March 1<sup>st</sup>, just two and a half weeks away. Each one of us needs a spiritual plan for Lent that we develop through prayer, interior examination and openness to the will of God. Rather than wait until Ash Wednesday to engage this all-important preparation, we should begin right now.

Prior to the liturgical reforms of the early to mid 1960s, the Church would begin this Sunday to focus on the great season of grace and renewal ahead that, in itself, is a preparation for Easter. This Sunday was known as Septuagesima Sunday, that is, roughly 70 days before Easter. Next Sunday Sexagesima (60), then Quinquagesima (50), and finally all of Lent itself, Quadragesima. Beginning with this Sunday (Septuagesima) purple vestments would begin to be worn and the "Alleluia" would be omitted. It was a way of helping us to remember that now was the time to prepare for Lent that was soon to begin. In fact, we could begin to "ease into" our Lenten practices now rather than wait to begin everything on Ash Wednesday.

While those Latin names for the Sundays before Lent are not used today, except in the "Extraordinary Form", they contain a great deal of wisdom for all of us. They were and are very visible and clear reminders of the need to prepare and plan for the season that is soon to begin. Let's not procrastinate when it comes to something so important as the Lord's personal call to conversion and renewal and the promise of God's grace in all our efforts. Let's use these days now to prepare for our Lenten journey that is soon to begin.

God bless you,  
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**PARISH OFFERING**

**The offering to the parish last Sunday was: \$6031  
Thank you for your generosity and support of  
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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- Sunday, February 12**
- 8:30am MSGR. Bernard J. Quinn Canonization
- 10:30am Faye Bradbury
- Monday, February 13**
- 8:30 am Father Joseph Wiseman
- Tuesday, February 14**
- 8:30 am Gladys M. Bunyan (Deceased, Birthday)
- Wednesday, February 15**
- 8:30 am Faye Bradbury
- Thursday, February 16**
- 8:30 am MSGR. Austin Bennett
- Friday, February 17**
- 8:30 am MSGR. Gerald Arella
- Saturday, February 18**
- 8:30 Open
- 5pm Open
- Sunday, February 19**
- 8:30 Catherine Brown
- 10:30am Pro Populo

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH  
ESPECIALLY:**

*Shirley Cook, John Anthony Edwards, Marie Henry, Chimene Jean-Paul, Aaliya Khudan, Ramesh Khudan, Jr, Miyoshi Vital, Eva Rotelli, Mona Kinssec, Mrs Pancari., Camille Mills, Frederick Lue, Jo Ann Ciavolella, Rasheeda Pierce, Montas Pierce, Ella Pierce, Freida Pemberton, Andre Petties, Ronald St. Charles, Joan Vincent, Cordelia Howard, Joelle Earle, Adrian Texidor, Sylvia Baker, Bettye Pinkney, Yeshi, Ryan Chin, Al Adami, Theresa Powell, Bertram Powell, Martine Dallemand, Rosa Maria Santos, Raquel Cruz, Dora Acosta, Trinity Ramdin, Hildred Brown, Shawn Earle, Ursula M. Aird, Patrocinio Binuya, Gregorio Binuya, Rick Mc Gill, Joshua Sardinha, Ken & Alison Sardinha, Tom Moogan.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:**

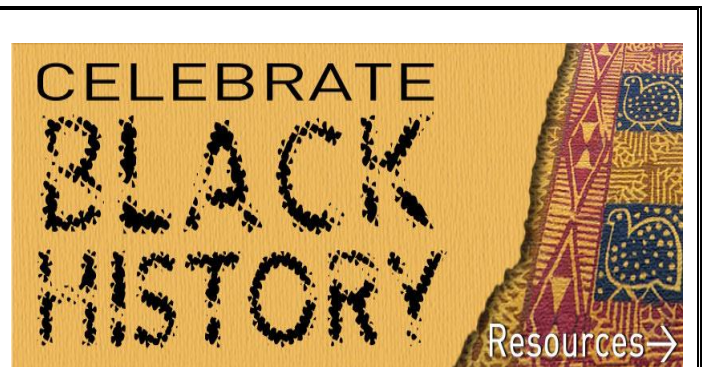
*Fritz Galette Nancy Breier, Aulander Askew, Gwendolyn Finch, Beate Petties, Barbara Small, William Sullivan, Maurice Holland, Margaret Vincent, Michael Marable, Catherine Brown, Eugenie Dupree, Beatrice Corless., David Rampersad., Minerva Matias, Sheila Palmer, Elvia Powell, Florence Merine-Philip, Angela Steele, Franklin Forbes, Faye Bradbury, Stephen Sardinha., Theresa Powell.*

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

AA Meets every Monday at 6:30 pm and every Wednesday at 7:15pm in St Joseph Hall.

**PARISH WEEKLY GOAL**

*Thank you for your sacrificial giving each week. Please remember that in order for us to meet our ordinary expenses, we need a minimum of \$7500 in each Sunday's offering. Please continue to be as generous as you can. If you miss a week for any reason, please try to make up for it the following week or when you return. This is especially true on holiday weekends and during the summer months. Thank you again for your understanding.*



**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Queen of All Saints Black**

**History Month**

**Celebration**

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**

**12 NOON**