



# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2026



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil**  
4:30 PM

**Sunday Mass**  
10:00 AM

**Weekday Masses\***  
Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays  
11:00 AM

\*Preceded by the Rosary at 10:40 AM

## CONFESSION TIMES

**Saturdays**  
3:30 PM to 4:15 PM

Father Mike is also available for  
confessions via appointment.

If you are in need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation,  
please contact Father Mike or the Parish Office.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Church of the Sacred Heart, in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, are a people of faith, graced by God to be His own: a joyful, sometimes struggling, sign of divine presence in our world. We seek a true knowledge of God by allowing the Good News from the voice of the Son to be heard in our midst, by immersing ourselves in the lives of all people, and by following the example of the Spirit in serving others, especially the "little ones." Acknowledging the example of the intimate, redemptive relationship lived out by Jesus Christ, we strive to be patient, forgiving, healing, freeing and uplifting in our lives and liturgies. By so doing, we glimpse the reality of the Kingdom and the cherished position of all people.

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## READINGS — MARCH 15, 2026

### Fourth Sunday of Lent\*

#### First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

#### Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

#### Gospel

John 9:1-41

### \*Wednesday Bible Study at 11:45 AM

led by Mary Merrick

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## MASS INTENTIONS ♥

### Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 4:30 PM

Offered for **Parishioners**

### Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Offered for **Our Lady of Lavang**  
From Our Lady of Lavang

### Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 11:00 AM

Offered for **+Seth De Lupos**  
From Joanne McMahan

### Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 11:00 AM

Offered for **+Christine Kueber**  
From Ron Kueber

### Friday, March 13, 2026 at 11:00 AM

Offered for **Our Lady of Lavang**  
From Our Lady of Lavang

### Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 4:30 PM

Offered for **Kathy Eisenzimmer**  
From Carol Miner

### Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Offered for **Parishioners**

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Raemarie Arrigotti, Gloria Bigej, Kim Crittelli, Ron Etzel (Bev Parscale's brother), Nancy Fiorante, Mike Hanslits, Sally Hanslits, Sue Unfred Hays (Helen Unfred's daughter), Michele Heckenberger, Joe Hennesey, Joe and Jake Hoffart, Pam Hren, RuthAnn Kessler, Harold LeBlanc (friend of the Middendorff's), Jen Lanning (Ron's daughter-in-law), Steven O'Neal, Julie Oster (Jeanne Thomas' sister), Jackie Paramorem, Paul Rager, Allan Raschio, Bill Rose, Conor Ryan, Angela Schmitz (friend of the Millers), Todd Small (Bev Parscale's cousin), Debbie Smeraglio, Michael Tanda (Judy Caruso's relative), Michelle Whiteaker, Jim Wieland, Ron Zaraza, Kory Zimmerman, Elaine Fandrem (Lisa Hodge's mother), Cynthia Birch, Jack West, Joe West and Family (Joanna West), Tom Morgan, Judith Yocom (friend of Carol Middendorff), Bernita Schoenheit, Rev. Bob Barricks, Jim Kost, Warren Johnson (great grandson of Jim and Jeri Kost), Sally Bosserman, Peggy Ryan

*The greatest gift we can give to anyone is our prayers.*

## FROM THE PASTOR

Rev. Michael Kueber, Brotherhood of the People of Praise

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### Reflections on Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I

Dear Parishioners,

During Lent, I will be offering reflections on the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation. After we sing the Sanctus, which is the Holy, Holy, Holy, then the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine. Then he prays, “Though we were once lost and could not approach you, you loved us with the greatest love: for your Son, who alone is just, handed himself over to death, and did not disdain to be nailed for our sake to the wood of the cross. But before his arms were outstretched between heaven and earth, to become the lasting sign of your covenant, he desired to celebrate the Passover with his disciples.”

Many themes emerge from our reflection upon this part of the prayer. First, humanity’s separation from God on account of sin is mentioned. The sin of Adam and Eve stand in the background as well as the history of humanity’s failure to follow and obey God. Yet rather than distancing himself from us, God loves us with the greatest love: He sends Jesus to us. Jesus laid down his life for us. There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends (Jn 15:13). That’s what Jesus did for us in going to his death on the wood of the cross. The lasting sign of the new covenant is Jesus upon the cross. To inaugurate this new covenant, he celebrates the Passover with his disciples. This event connects Jesus with the whole history of Israel. Jesus becomes the new Pascal lamb for the new Passover.

Prayer starter: “Jesus, thank you for stretching out your arms between heaven and earth as you went to your death on Calvary. Help me to be thankful for shedding your blood so that we could be forgiven from our sins and have new life. I want to follow you by picking up my cross daily.”

Yours in prayer,

Fr. Mike

## PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

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✧ Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM in the Church followed by Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall:

March 13, 2026: Men’s Club — Jeff Delegato  
March 20, 2026: Music Ministry Choir — Marie Phillippi  
March 27, 2026: St. Vincent de Paul — Ron Zaraza

✧  **LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026 AT 11:00 AM**

**This is the time of fulfillment.  
The Kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent and believe in the Gospel. (Mark 1:15)**

✧ Name Tag Weekend! | Saturday, March 14, 2026 and Sunday, March 15, 2026:

*God calls each person by name — Isaiah 43:1*

*March 7*

Today is the memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity who were martyred for their faith. Pray for those whose religious freedom is threatened.

*March 8 – Third Sunday of Lent*

“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth” (John 4:23).

*March 9*

Pray one of the Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143) and give thanks for God’s mercy. Have you gone to confession yet this Lent?

*March 10*

Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary for the Pope’s Intention for March: For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

*March 11*

“The poorest are not only objects of our compassion, but teachers of the Gospel. It is not a question of ‘bringing’ God to them, but of encountering him among them” (Pope Leo XIV, *Dilexi te*, no. 79).

*March 12*

As Lent nears its halfway point, recommit yourself to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to purify your heart for the Paschal feast.

*March 13* 

Pray the Stations of the Cross, either in your parish or on your own.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — MARCH 14/15, 2026

MINISTRY	SATURDAY VIGIL 4:30 PM	SUNDAY MASS 10:00 AM
Greeter	Helen Unfred Rob Kappa	Karen Siri Mary Merrick
Usher	Gary Lanctot Diane Lanctot	Steve Huss Casper Yu
Sacristan	Hyginus Igwe	John Limb
Altar Server	Mary Ann Kappa	Keegan Huss
Lector	Sondra Ruckwardt	<b>First Reading:</b> Marcy Huss <b>Second Reading;</b> <b>Prayers of the Faithful:</b> Frank Battilega
Host Minister	Carol Pomante	Carol Middendorff
Cup Minister	Char Parr Sharon Hills	Diane Boland Amy Delegato
Coffee and Donuts Host	N/A	Karen Mowrey, Bruce Alley, Margaret Barilko