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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

Mass Schedule

(Also live streamed on YouTube at Holy Spirit Palmyra)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30am inside & 11:00am

Daily Mass:

Monday, Thursday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Friday: 7:00am

Confessions: Sat 5—5:30pm; Wed 6:40—7:10pm

Adoration Chapel:

Monday: 10am—5pm

Tuesday: 6am—10pm

Wed & Fri: 12noon—5pm

Thursday: 10am—9pm

Saturday: 2am—9am & 7pm—9pm

Sunday: 12 noon—1pm & 6pm—10pm

For more information call 717-838-3369 x 111 or email adorers@hspalmyra.com.

Baptism: To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email church@hspalmyra.com.

Sponsor Forms: Certificates to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to those who are registered and practicing members of the Parish.

Bulletin Deadline: Three weeks prior to publication. Please use the forms on our website for bulletin inserts, blurbs, or facility requests.

Benevolence: For financial assistance, please call 717-838-3369, x 112, and leave a message to set up an interview.

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Office Hours:

Monday: 9:30am—4pm

Tuesday: remote only for phone calls & emails

Wednesday: 12noon—6pm

Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm

Friday: closed

OUR MISSION

To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ; to celebrate together as a Catholic family of faith; and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Confession, also known as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, holds special significance during the season of Lent. Lent is a time of penance, reflection, and spiritual renewal in preparation for Easter, making Confession an essential practice.

1. **Call to Repentance:** Lent echoes Jesus’ call to repentance: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel,” (Mark 1:15). Confession provides an opportunity for us to acknowledge our sins, seek forgiveness, and turn back to God.

2. **Spiritual Cleansing:** Just as fasting and almsgiving cleanses the body and soul, Confession purifies the heart by removing sin and restoring grace. It helps us prepare spiritually for Jesus’ Resurrection at Easter.

3. **Restoring Our Relationship with God:** Sin weakens our relationship with God, but Confession repairs that bond. The sacrament offers God’s mercy and helps individuals grow in holiness, aligning their hearts with His will.

4. **Deepening Personal Reflection:** Lent encourages self-examination and conversion. Through Confession, we reflect on our actions, recognize areas for improvement, and commit to a more faithful life.

5. **Strengthening the Soul against Temptation:** By receiving absolution, we receive God’s grace, which strengthens us to resist future temptations and live a life more aligned with Christ’s teachings.

6. **Preparation for Easter Joy:** Easter celebrates Christ’s victory over sin and death. Through Confession, we experience our renewal, making us more spiritually prepared to celebrate the Resurrection. For these reasons, many parishes offer Lenten Penance Services, encouraging Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten journey. Holy Spirit will have our parish penance service on Monday, April 7, at 7pm. Come and experience the Mercy of God at our Penance Service.

CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Frank Macus (From Fran & Maria)

MONDAY, MARCH 24

2 Kgs 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30
9:00am Mass

† John Lubelski

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
3:15pm Cenacle
5:00pm Confirmation Mass

For Our Confirmands

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
9:30am Awaken Lenten Study
5:00pm Legion of Mary
5:30pm Rosary
6:00pm Mass
6:40pm Confessions
6:45pm Women at the Well
7:00pm RCIA

† Janet Ford

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
9:00am Mass
7:00pm Sunday Choir; Knights of Columbus

† Joe Spear

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
7:00am Mass
3:00pm-7:00pm Fish Fry
7:15pm Stations of the Cross

† Jim Deitrick

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
4:00pm Mass
5:00pm Confessions

† Samuel Regi

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Jos 5:9, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
8:30am Mass For the People of the Parish
9:30am CGS—6th Grade PREP
11:00am 1st & 6th Grade Children’s Mass † Joe Butch
6:00pm 7th & 8th Grade PREP

Mass intentions are listed next to each Mass.

† Indicates intention for deceased person.

TITHING: GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Sunday Offering 3/16/2025 \$ 13,754
Ash Wednesday \$ 480



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1ST & 6TH GRADE CHILDREN'S MASS WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 30, AT 11AM

Jr. Youth Ministry Event

Parish Students in grades 1—8 who attend PREP/Catholic School are invited to join us for a “Paws, Claws, Scales and Tails” presentation at ZooAmerica, Hershey. Please RSVP at jyouthministry@hspalmyra.com by March 28.

PREP Registration 2025—26

Registration for the 2025—26 PREP year has begun. Registration forms and information has been emailed to the PREP families and are available near the bulletin board in the east end entrance hallway. If your child is currently not registered in our program, please come by the office to complete a registration form, or pick up a form near the PREP bulletin board.

Lourdeshouse Maternity Home Baby Shower

Babies are on the way, and we want to give them and their moms-to-be a happy and healthy start. WMN has been working with Catholic Charities' Lourdeshouse Maternity Services to organize and have a baby shower for expectant mothers currently under their care, and it's just around the corner! Items needed for the collection include: diapers, wipes, onesies and other clothing, bottles, books, etc. We will have the tags with the needed items written on them available March 22/23 in the narthex. Simply pick up a tag, purchase the item, and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached by Sunday, April 6. Please contact Ann Donnelly at WMN@hspalmyra.com if you have any questions.

Mass Intention Book Open

To schedule Masses, candles, or flowers, stop by the parish office. The Mass intention book is now open for August.

5th Sunday Rosary will be before Mass at 10:30am next Sunday, March 30. All are invited to join the parish for this devotion to the Blessed Mother.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH MISSION!

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Common Grounds Conversation

Please join the Migrant Justice Ministry for their first session of their new series of events called *Common Grounds: Coffee, Conversation, and Catholic Social Teaching* to help people come together prayerfully as Christians, using the principles of Catholic Social Teachings. The first meeting will be on Sunday, March 23, from 6pm—7:30pm in the Social Hall. We will be welcoming guest speakers Renee Roden and James Murphy of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Worker House in Harrisburg. Beverages, snacks, and a chance to find common threads among us are all part of the evening.

Parish Council Nominations 2025

Parish Council nominations will be held from Sunday, March 16—Sunday, April 6. To nominate yourself or someone else for the council, go to our parish website under “Forms/Schedules” or find a form on the narthex table and fill it out. Please send your nominations to parishcouncil@hspalmyra.com no later than Sunday, April 6.

Fish Fry 2025

Dine-in, to go, and online curbside to go is available. Fridays: March 28 and April 4 & 11, from 3pm—7pm. Featuring N. Atlantic Haddock (Baked or Fried), crab cakes, shrimp, clam strips, pierogi, soup, & mac-n-cheese. To volunteer, please sign-up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4EADA629A3FA749225444-fish>, or send an email to fishfry@hspalmyra.com. We will need soda and water donations. Please drop off any donations at the church.

FROM OUR ADORATION CHAPEL



"Be still and know that I am God," (Psalm 46:10). "Silence is so powerful a language that it reaches the throne of the living God. Silence is His language, though secret, yet still living and powerful," (St. Maria Faustina). Like St. Faustina, we need to spend time in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord to let Him minister to us with His healing, merciful love. The most important thing to realize about visiting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is that you don't have to do anything. All you have to do is to "be present to the One who is present to you." What better way to spend time with Jesus during Lent than visiting Him in Eucharistic Adoration. Visit Jesus in our Adoration Chapel and consider becoming a regular adoror. Contact Bart Kaminski 717-838-3369 x 111.

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