



# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*March 2, 2025*



**For every tree is known by its own fruit.**

LUKE 6:43-45

*May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!*

#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Confessions**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

## Sunday Reflection: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The fig tree was the favorite of all trees for the people of Palestine. It symbolized fertility, peace, and prosperity. Grapes, likewise, produced wine, the symbol of joy. Thorns and brambles were only good for burning as fuel for the fire. There is a proverbial saying that you know a tree by its fruit. Likewise, a person will produce good or bad fruit depending on what is sown in the heart. Charles Read once said: "Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny." Character, like fruit, doesn't grow overnight. It takes a lifetime. Jesus connects soundness with good fruit. Something is sound when it is free from defect, decay, or disease and is healthy. Good fruit is the result of sound living — living according to moral truth and upright character.

The fruits of falsehood produce an easy religion which takes the iron out of religion, the cross out of Christianity, and any teaching which eliminates the hard sayings of Jesus, and which push the judgments of God into the background and makes us think lightly of sin. How do we avoid falsehood and bad fruit? By being true — true to God, his word, and his grace. And that takes character! Those who are true to God know that their strength lies not in themselves but in God who supplies the grace we need to live as his disciples. The fruit of a disciple is marked by faith, hope, love, justice, prudence, fortitude and temperance. Do we cultivate good fruit in our life and reject whatever produces bad fruit?

### Readings for Next Sunday, March 9, 2025

Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Romans 10:8-13  
Luke 4:1-13

## Saints of the Week... Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

"When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, 'Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' he replied. 'So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.'"

So writes Perpetua: young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus. Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity—a slave woman and expectant mother—and three companions, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts. Felicity gave birth to a daughter a few days before the games commenced.

Perpetua and Felicity are the patron saints of mothers, expectant mothers, ranchers and butchers.

Source: [fanciscanmedia.org](http://fanciscanmedia.org)



Feast Day: March 7



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco,

Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Michaela Stickle, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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## Parish Prayer List

Our parish prayer list is shared weekly in the bulletin as well as on our website. Please take a minute to review it (at left). To add or remove a name, please call or email the Parish Office, or simply drop a note in the offertory basket.



*From the fullness of the heart  
the mouth speaks.*

LUKE 6:45



# Ash Wednesday

**March 5, 2025 | 6:00 pm**

Mass with distribution of ashes

Mass at Our Lady of Grace will be at 12 pm and 6 pm

*Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return.*

## Return to God with All Your Heart

Ready or not...this Wednesday (March 5) is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Lent sometimes gets reduced to the simple question of what to give up. The real question is how will you repent and return to God with all your heart? Take some time to reflect on the place in your life where you feel distant from God. Begin your Lenten journey by not only thinking about what you will give up, but on how you can create more time for your relationship with God.

## Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Mass on Fridays will be at 6 p.m. (instead of 9 a.m.) and will be followed by the Stations of the Cross. Leading the stations this week are members of the Knights of Columbus.

*As we look forward to the start of the Lenten season, take time to reflect on these words of Pope Francis.*

### Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and

be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 1	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders .....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Soul of Margaret Stanislawczyk .....	Melissa Stanislawczyk
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber.....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Sunday, March 2	8:30 am	Souls of George & Jennie Ebner .....	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Beth Walsh.....	Linda Marsh
Monday, March 3	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 4	No Mass		
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>			
Wednesday, March 5	6:00 pm	People of Assumption Parish .....	Assumption Parish
Thursday, March 6	12:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Andrea Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Friday, March 7	6:00 pm	The Mary & Frank Cowatch Family .....	The Collins Family
		Intentions of Joanne Stickley.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, March 8	4:00 pm	Soul of Gwen DeMasi .....	Her loving family
		Deceased Members of the James Lambert and John T. Dorsey families.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, March 9	8:30 am	Soul of Bob Shook.....	Assumption Ladies Guild

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.



## Special Collection Continues This Weekend

A special collection is being taken again this weekend in all parishes across West Virginia to support recovery efforts related to the severe flooding that occurred in our state earlier this month. All of the money collected will remain in West Virginia and will be managed by Catholic Charities West Virginia. A separate basket is available for this appeal. Checks should be made payable to Assumption Parish with "disaster relief" on the memo line.

Please remember in prayer our brothers and sisters of the Mountain State who have been injured or lost their homes, cars, employment and access to food and water.

## Your Faithful Stewardship

February 22-23, 2025

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,680
Loose Donations.....	\$625
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,305</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 2/22 .....	88
Sunday, 2/23 .....	76
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>164</b>

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

*Don't forget to set your  
clocks forward an hour  
next Sunday!*



**ASSUMPTION PARISH  
VIRTUS COMPLIANCE  
STATUS:  
27%**

### **Attention All Volunteers! Safe Environment Training**

Last year, Bishop Brennan announced some changes to the Safe Environment education requirements for all employees and volunteers in the Diocese. One of these is that the video training module is now required to be completed yearly (instead of watch-it-once-and-you're-done as it was previously).

**If you serve our parish in ANY capacity and haven't completed the training in the last 12 months, you are most likely due for refresher training.** To determine your compliance status, log in to your VIRTUS account or contact the Parish Office.

We are so grateful to all of our volunteers for the important role they play in the success of our parish, and we thank you for helping us to remain in compliance with this most important program which helps to ensure the safety of our children.

### **Liturgical Minister Schedule**

#### **Saturday, March 8**

Lector: Bill Lupis  
Servers: Rosie Landis, Sue Harber & Remy Kuhn  
EM: Sue Harber, Cathy Pardee (c), Jean Harber (c)  
Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Myers  
Cantor: Julie Alt

#### **Sunday, March 9**

Lector: Geoff Newlin  
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole, Liam Dupuis  
EM: Jane Placka, Kelley Kuhn (c), Tina Stephen (c)  
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel  
Cantor: Patrick George

#### **Saturday, March 15**

Lector: Sue Harber  
Servers: Alan Taylor & Paul Bogdan  
EM: Karen Yowler, Mere Barrick (c), Cathy Pardee (c)  
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

#### **Sunday, March 16 (Youth Mass)**

Lector: CCD students  
Servers: CCD students  
EM: Rosie Landis, Dave Minnich (c), Beverley Iser (c)  
Greeters: CCD students  
Cantor: Linda Marsh

#### **Keyser Healthcare Center EM**

March 6 Cindy Alt  
March 13 Joanne Stickley

*To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.*