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What Can The Saints Teach Us About Lent?

By Fr. Robert Barron

When considering saintly masters for Lent, I would direct attention to St. Ignatius of Loyola. He went through an extraordinary religious conversion as a young man and then spent a year living in a cave in Manresa. He lived in extreme deprivation, fasting, in utter simplicity. He even let his hair and nails grow out.

We might say he went a little too mad. But that wasn't the case. He was experimenting with a sort of radical asceticism, trying to rid himself of the attachments that were keeping him from doing God's will. Now was his an extreme form? Sure. Many of the saints go through extreme periods of asceticism, in imitation of Jesus who spent forty days and forty nights in the desert. Does Ignatius live that way for the rest of his life? No, and he wouldn't counsel his followers to do so. But it was an important moment in his own spiritual development.

None of us are meant to live Lent all year round, but it's good for us to deny ourselves for a period, fasting, almsgiving, ridding ourselves of detachments and diversions. It's important for us to do this for a time, just like Ignatius at Manresa.

Another saint to consider during Lent is St. Robert Bellarmine, also in the Jesuit order. Bellarmine was a gifted theologian and respected cardinal, and very active in the world. Yet despite his activity, every Lent, every year, he completed the thirty-day Ignatian retreat. Some people complete the retreat once in the lifetime, but Bellarmine did it every single year.

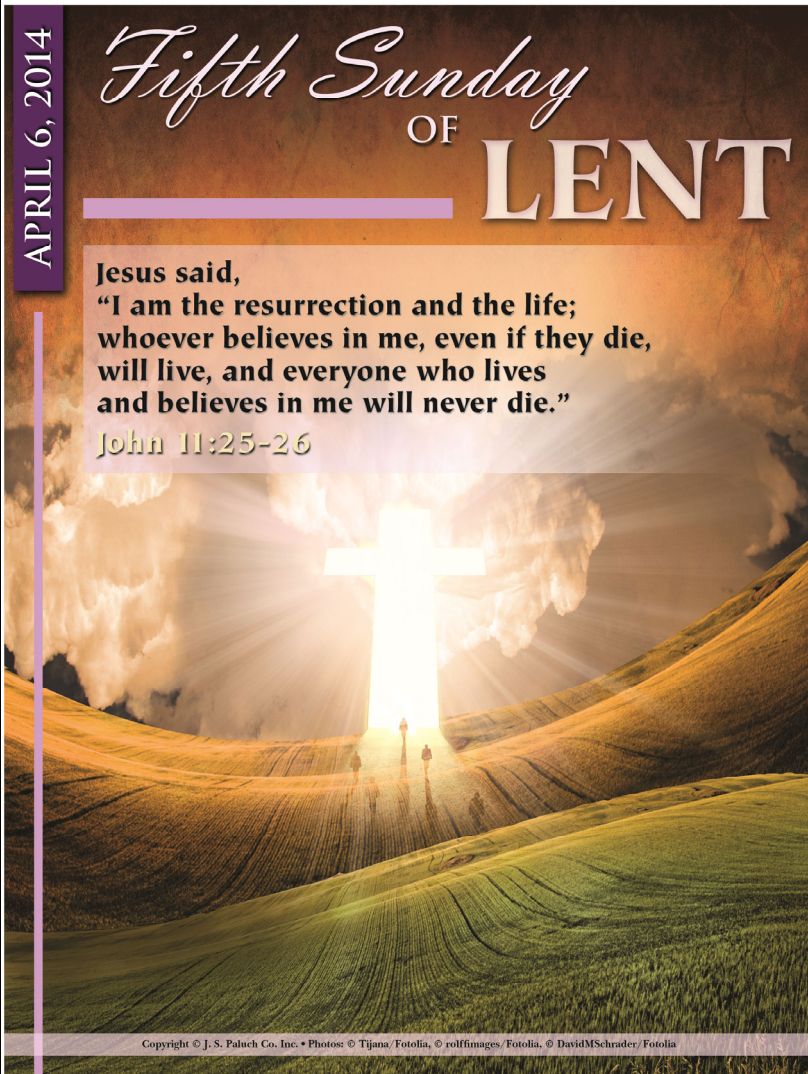
There's something wise in adopting a rigorous, but healthy period of asceticism during Lent, as these two particular saints demonstrate.

APRIL 6, 2014

Fifth Sunday OF LENT

Jesus said,
"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if they die,
will live, and everyone who lives
and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26



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Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday.....8:30 am
Wednesday.....6:30 pm
Saturday.....4:30 pm
Sunday.....8:30 am & 10:30 am

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat., Apr. 5 4:30 pm	Lenten Weekday Joseph & Esther Chiado
Sun., Apr. 6 8:30 am 10:30 am	Fifth Sunday of Lent Helen Law For the Parishioners
Mon., Apr. 7 8:30 am	Lenten Weekday Paul Gehrs
Tues., Apr. 8 8:30 am	Lenten Weekday Charles Calhoon
Wed., Apr. 9 6:30 pm	Lenten Weekday Mary Ann Hagans
Thurs., Apr. 10 8:30 am	Lenten Weekday Marion Durbin
Fri., Apr. 11 8:30 am	Lenten Weekday Emma Giannini
Sat., Apr. 12 4:30 pm	Lenten Weekday Jo Ann Stoneburner
Sun., Apr. 13 8:30 am 10:30 am	Palm Sunday For the Parishioners Helen Law

Prayer Requests

The sick: Darlene Fox, Conor Vogel, Cathy Berghoff, Mary Oldham, Karl Dubbelde, Carol Alcorn, Jim Budde, Julie Stutz-Weindel, Jim Friedrich, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Joan Friedrich, Millie Breden, Sharon McGraw, Joe McGraw, Ben Cenatiempo, David Woods, Melvin Luebbers, Betty Graham, Randall Oldham, Stephen Burrows, Joe Tardino, Charlotte Simms, Ella Curry, Whitey Hamilton, Jack Waeltz.

Our military parishioners and friends: Gabe Swift, Kyle Graham, Dustin Boner, Eric Garner, Ryan Eaker, Jeremy Stanford, David Burns, Tim Friedel, Clay Bush, Kyle Boeser, Doug St. Peters.

KC Gun Raffle - OLQP Scholarships

Tickets for this Raffle Scholarship will be sold after all Masses outside the main entrance of the church. This scholarship is for the continuing CATHOLIC education for OLQP 8th graders. Please support this. Thank you!

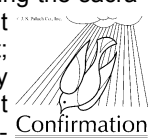
WEEKEND PARISH OFFERINGS

Week 39	March 29 & 30	Total To Date
Loose	\$508.96	\$24,853.83
Envelopes	\$8,465.00	\$396,965.40
On Line Giving	\$1,985.00	\$29,345.00
Young People	\$17.00	\$666.26
Total	\$10,975.96	\$451,830.49
Budget	\$13,435.25	\$523,974.75
Difference	(\$2,459.29)	(\$72,144.26)

Total weekly envelopes received: 229 of 858
 Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$70.00
 Other Charitable Donations: \$581.00

Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday our eighth graders will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Paprocki. It is a very important moment in their lives, in that; they will be receiving an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to help them live out their Catholic faith at a crucial moment in their personal development. I cannot think of a more important time for them to receive some extra help in their lives than now. The challenges that they face are great and even daunting. However, with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the help and support of their families, the prayers offered by our parish family, and the good character of these fine young people, I feel that they will be prepared to handle all the difficulties that life will throw at them. May God bless them and keep them from all harm.



Fr. Tom

Last Lenten Fish Fry

Please join us for our last fish fry of the season at the Bethalto to KC Hall. We appreciate everyone coming out to support Our Lady Queen of Peace School.

Youth Group Trivia Night

Saturday, April 12: The World Youth Day pilgrims to Poland are having a Trivia Night to raise money for their trip. Teams of 8 are \$120. Drinks will be provided. Call Mary at 259-4769 or Maryjo at 406-7783 to reserve your table.

OLQP Spring Sprint 5K Run/1 Mile Run/Walk

Come join us on April 26th! This is for walkers and runners at any level. There is a 5k run and a 1Mile Fun Run/Walk. Register soon to ensure you get a tee-shirt. Registration forms available in Church office, and both the church and school web sites: olqpbethalto.org and church.olqpbethalto.org. Questions/to volunteer during the run contact April Tinsley: 372-3721 or 410-8356.

Flower Memorials

Anyone wishing to make a donation (\$10) to purchase an Easter lily in memory of your loved one for our church altar on Easter, place your donation in an envelope marked 'Flowers'.

Many Thanks

Another successful Rummage Sale—we made a profit of \$1,521.00. A very big thanks to everyone who worked and/or donated to make this a huge success. Special thanks to Carrie Albarado, for coordinating this event.

OLQP School Registration

K-8 registration for next year will be April 28-May 2. All parishioners with children entering Kindergarten, as well as **NEW** students in grades 1-8 are asked to call the school office asap (377-6401). We will have a registration packet ready for you to pick up during registration week.

Roma's Fundraiser

Tues., April 8, dine in or carry out at Roma's in Bethalto. Just mention OLQP at the time you place your order and the school will receive 10% of your order. Thanks!

April 6, 2014

Summer Sizzler Raffle

Per last week's bulletin we are now \$70,000.00 below budget. At this time we have 20 of 31 days filled for the raffle. We have 16 guns, \$250.00 pledge from the Men's Club, \$250.00 from the Youth Group, \$50.00 Red Lobster Gift Card (anonymous), \$250.00 from Don Withers (Bethalto Star). We have ONLY 12 spots left if you want to donate. Suggestions: Service – window cleaning, carpet cleaning, painting, Sports – Rams tickets, Cardinal tickets, Blues tickets – Business – food certificates, merchandise certificates, liquor certificates – Groups in our Parish like the Youth and Men's organizations - Just about anything of value can be donated.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 2:25 pm, 6:30 pm

Honoring Bishop Elect Carl Kemme

Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 9th from 9:15 – 9:45 am** for a special half-hour of Catholic radio on Covenant Network. **Bishop-Elect Carl Kemme**, a priest of our diocese for over 27 years, will be on-the-air *live* talking about his appointment as the next bishop of Wichita, Kansas, and to talk about his memories of serving as a priest in so many places across our diocese. The interview will be heard on all of Covenant Network's stations during their Spring Radiothon. Would you consider making a tax-deductible donation in Msgr. Kemme's honor to Covenant Network Catholic Radio during this half hour? Your support of this not-for-profit apostolate of the New Evangelization is deeply appreciated. Let's give the Bishop-elect a great send-off. May God bless you for your prayers and generosity. **Call in on Wednesday, April 9th at 314-752-7000 or 1-877-305-1234. Listen in online at www.covenantnet.net or on these stations: AM 1080, AM 1460, or 95.9 FM.**

Buy A Brick

Make your mark in history. Buy a commemorative brick to add to our walkway in the Mary garden. A 4"x 8" brick is \$100. Order forms available on the school's website olqpbethalto.org under current parent information, in the school office or in the church office. All proceeds benefit Our Lady Queen of Peace PSA. We must have at least 20 bricks to place an order. Call Julie Collman, 377-0720 with any questions.



A Few Things You Might Consider Giving Up These Last Days of Lent & Beyond

Feelings of Unworthiness You are fearfully and wonderfully made by your creator. (see Psalm 139)

Doubt

Believe God has a plan for you that is beyond anything you can imagine. The future is brighter than you can realize.

Self-Pity

God comforts us in our sorrow so that we can comfort others with the comfort we have received from Him.

Retirement

As long as you are still breathing, you are here for a reason. You have a purpose to influence others for Christ. That does not come to an end until the day we die.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekend of April 12-13, 2014

USHERS/GREETERS:

- 4:30 pm Dale Osborne, Dan Rogers
Dave & Susan Marth
- 8:30 am Fred & Teresa Stutz
Carl & Dianne Morin
- 10:30 am Julie Kruckeberg, Tracy Streeper
Lee & Janet Friedel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 4:30 pm Jim & Bea Albarado, John Harshbarger
Joe Gulash, Marcella Dipaolo, Dan Perkhiser
Rosemary Dorsey, Rich Hayes
- 8:30 am Dianne Morin, JoEllyn Patterson, Linda Zacha
Theresa Miller, Melanie Curtis, Ray Meyer
Don & Carol Beste
- 10:30 am Theresa Hagans, Kristin Wegener, Marge Kirby
Diane Schwinn, Dave Berkenbile, Cindy Helmkamp
Sheri Frazier, Julie Kaufmann

SERVERS:

- 4:30 pm Brennan Flaherty
Erin Flaherty
Cecilia Visser
- 8:30 am Jacob Zacha
Jenna Zacha
Abby Calhoon
- 10:30 am Marissa Lahey
Patty Lahey
Cheyanne Dale

MUSIC:

- 4:30pm Shirley/Jeanie
- 8:30am Barb/Kathy
- 10:30 am Youth Group
- LECTORS:**
- 4:30 pm Dale Osborne
Carrie Albarado
- 8:30am Brenda Tebbe
Joe Grabowski
- 10:30am Lee Gonterman
Mike Inman

SCRIP Sellers— April 12-13, 2014

- 4:30 Stephanie Gvillo, Tammie Harshbarger
- 8:30 Dan & Martha Smith
- 10:30 Margy Kirby, Amy Frisch

Women's Day

Sat., April 26, 8 am—3 pm, Collinsville KC Hall. EXPERIENCE THE MIRACLE OF FATIMA. Continental breakfast, luncheon, speakers, singers, shopping at vendor booths, relic display, outdoor procession and Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. \$15/person.

Ursuline Convent Luncheon/Card Party

Tuesday, April 22, Ursuline Convent, 845 Danforth Street, Alton, 10 am—3 pm. Questions, call Virginia, 465-1362.

Parish Food Pantry

We are still in need of items to replenish our Food Pantry. Especially: peanut butter, jelly, mac/cheese and canned fruit. Bags can be picked up by the doors of the church. If you can, please take one home to fill and return to church. Thanks!

Attention Ushers

Please check the box of Usher Name Tags in vestibule of the church for your Name Tag. There are 2 sets that you will need to look through. If you do not find your name tag in either set, please write your name on the sheet by the box. We are attempting to get name tags for all Ushers.

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