



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 8, 2026

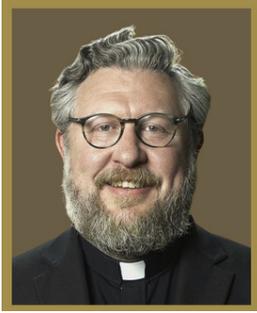
**“I am He,
the one speaking with you.”**



Third Sunday of Lent

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From the Desk of Father Trowbridge



Dear Parishioners & Guests,

The season of lent is full of rises and falls, I pray that your lent is marked by persevering. It is interesting to observe, spiritually, what we focus on to *give up* or to *do extra*; additionally, Our Lord opens or closes doors for us also. In your persevering during this lenten season may your spiritual senses be sharpened, calibrated to the Lord, so that, like driving in a heavy rain, we may keep our eyes on the path God has for us and our family!

Our gospel is long and very striking, so many opportunities for prayerful conversation with God. There are two elements in the gospel I want to draw out for your consideration. (1) Jesus proposes two questions his apostles could have asked, whereas they chose to remain silent and (2) Jesus speaks of a food that feeds Him which has no physically nutritive value but feeds His soul!

The first element draws me to courage. Sometimes our mind and heart are on the right track in life but we do not ask the question, as if our teeth were barricades never opening to speak out of uncertainty or fear. The apostles show this when they find Jesus socially engaged in an atypical way with the Samaritan woman. Had they had the courage to ask the question that their conscience was producing, maybe Jesus could have fed them with a deeper wisdom than what He quoted. Interesting to think about what God can do if we

show a little more bravery in uncertain moments, never in the harshness of pride, but always in a loving pursuit of the truth. The second point resonated very strongly because it speaks to the priestly excitement of Jesus! There is such a love and hunger in Jesus for the stray sheep to be restored that he is not concerned with food because God's Will is being accomplished. This woman is devastatingly aware of her past faults but her heart is too weighed down to fly up toward God. Jesus unburdens the Samaritan woman and she flies to others to tell the good news. We must let Jesus unburden us that we may fly in His grace. This "food" heartens Our Lord so deeply that He can embrace a fleshly sacrifice of fasting.

Time Away - I have been away for a few days and will return on Wednesday. It is never easy to leave the parish but is good to "go up the mountain" as we enter into the thick of lent in the coming weeks. All our families have been lifted in my prayer. A big thank you to our parish staff and deacons who have been so helpful while I have been away.

Fish Fry - I am excited about our third fish fry of the season, we have a little more fish on order. Join me in prayer that we can serve all to come to our parish to be fed...with fish, and the Lord!

Lent Mission - **HUMBLE OF HEART** - Your clergy are preparing a spiritual oasis for all of you. In connection with the devotion to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, each of us will "unpack" the layers of the final petition of the litany to the Sacred Heart, "*Jesus meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto Thine.*" I pray that you have the ability to join us on three evenings, March 22, 23 & 24. We will open with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:30, offer a presentation at 6:45 and conclude with prayer together before Our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration!

+ Richest Blessings,
Rev J.A. Trowbridge

Mass & Devotions



This Weekend March 7 & 8

Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. †Helen McCormick
7:00 p.m. †Jose Carmen Serrano
8:00 a.m. †Michael Coffey (Donald Coffey Family)
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa

Monday, March 9

8:30 a.m. †Richard Wells (Jean Wells)

Tuesday, March 10

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, March 11

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, March 12

8:30 a.m. †Esperanza Arroyo

Friday, March 13

8:30 a.m. poor souls in purgatory

Next Weekend March 14 & 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. †Paul Christensen
7:00 p.m. †Carmen Lara Avila (Parra/Avila Family)
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa
10:00 a.m. †Robert Sanders (Sanders Family)

Prayer Intentions

Pope Leo XIV's prayer 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.

Parishioner Intentions:

Jenny Eide, Jerry Grenier, Frank Engel,
Carol Engel, Alex Humeniak, Dale Jurs,
Julie Mullins, Beau Norris, Brian O'Grady,
Mary Kae O'Grady, Priscilla Pisarski,
Doris Seyller, Pat Stankevitz, Dawn Varacalli,
Viva Villafuerte, Trish Thibault, Eric Ortman
Janice Jastrowski, Balvina Mascote, Ed Davis,
Virginia Makovec, Nancy Burmeister,
Courtney LaMonteagne, Joseph Phelan,
Jessica Garrett, Wayne Campbell, Joaquin Alanis
Nancy Terando, Ezekiel Tomlinson

Mass Schedule

Saturday | 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. *Español*

Sunday | 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Daily | 8:30 a.m.

Confession | *Confesiones*

Saturday | 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions conclude when all have been heard.

En Español | Viernes 8:00 a.m. y Sabado 6:00 p.m.

No confessions on March 7th

Rosary

Begins 30 min. before all weekend Masses

Immediately following daily Masses.

First Friday

Adoration | 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Benediction | 6:50 p.m.

Holy Hour

Every Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Exposition | 6:30 pm

Confessions available | 7:00 - 7:20 p.m.

Benediction begins | 7:20 p.m.

En Español

Rosario

Todo los tardes a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia

Rosario de Niños Cada Jueves a las 6 p.m.

Legion de Maria

- Reuniones los Lunes a las 11:00 a.m.
información contactan Casi 815-762-7480
- Reuniones los Miércoles a las 6:00 PM. Para
información contacten a Teresa 815-784-5653

Estudio Bíblico

Lunes 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. en el salón Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Dirigido por Milton Orellana.

TRIVIA CATÓLICA

Pregunta: ¿En qué idioma se cree generalmente que se escribió originalmente el texto del Nuevo

Testamento? 



Sunday, March 8

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church
9:30 am - Confirmation I Class | DMH

Monday, March 9

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room
6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room
6:00 pm - OCIA Class | DMH

Tuesday, March 10

9:00 am - Rosary | Church
8:00 am & 7:00 pm | No Confessions

Wednesday, March 11

9:00 am - Rosary | Church
6:00 pm - Legion of Mary | K of C Room

Thursday, March 12

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

Friday, March 13

9:00 am - Rosary | Church
9:30 am - Stations of the Cross | Church
3:30 pm - Fish Fry | DMH or Drive-Thru
6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross | Church
7:30 pm - Camino de la Cruz | Church

Saturday, March 14

9:00 am - Confessions
4:30pm - Rosary | Church

Sunday, March 15

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church
9:00 am - Confirmation Class | DMH

Robert Hewlett Scholarship Application Deadline:

March 27th. Award Presented at Mass on April 12th

Lent Fish Fry

Dates: Mar 13, Mar 27

Drive thru or dine inside. Free will offering.
Meal Includes: Alaskan Pollock (10oz fried or baked), homemade coleslaw, tartar sauce, baked potato, dinner roll, butter & lemon.

Lent Mission - *Humble of Heart*

Given by our clergy.
Three evenings: March 22, 23 & 24.
We will open with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:30, offer a presentation at 6:45 and conclude with prayer together before Our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration!
Visiting priests will assist with confessions.

St. Joseph Table

Join us for an Italian meal honoring St. Joseph. Saturday, March 21 at 1pm in Divine Mercy Hall. Main entrees will be provided. Salads, breads & desserts contributed by parishioners. Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted at the South entrance of church and in the narthex.

St. Vincent de Paul Benefit Luncheon

Sunday, March 22nd at 2pm
The Country Coach House in Burlington
Tickets are \$15. 100% of your ticket cost will benefit St. Vincent de Paul in Hampshire.
Tickets will be on sale after the weekend Masses or in the parish office. Invite your friends and family.
Tickets for a table of 8 are available.

40 Cans for Lent

The knights are collecting non perishable food items for the food pantry in Genoa. Donations bins are located at the church entrances.

Parish Financials



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835.00
Total Pledged: \$29,394.00
Total Paid: \$28,550.67
Shortfall: \$843.33

Weekend Collection February 28 & March 1

Envelopes: \$5,837
Building: \$375
Given Online: \$245

St. Vincent de Paul

Donations to our poor box are forwarded to the Hampshire chapter of St. Vincent de Paul.
See page 7 for more information.

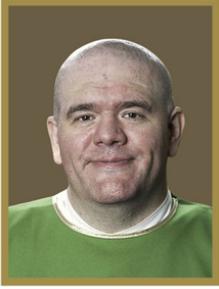


Thank you for your prayerful contributions.

Online Giving

You can conveniently donate to our church by clicking on the “GIVE” button on the homepage of our parish website. From there, follow the simple steps to set up a variety of giving options.

From the Desk of Deacon Brian Mullins



Last night I stepped outside to retrieve the trash cans and found the world wrapped in fog. The air was thick and damp, the ground glistening with moisture, yet everything seemed softly illuminated. Looking up, I saw why. A full moon hung above the mist, its light filtering gently through the dense air. The fog did not extinguish the light; it scattered it, so that the whole night seemed to glow.

For a moment, I simply stood there. Something about the scene felt sorrowful—the pale light, the heavy air, the quiet stillness. It reminded me of Our Lady of Sorrows, standing beneath the Cross. The saints often compared Mary to the moon. The moon shines not by its own light but by the light of the sun; in the same way, Mary reflects the glory of Christ into the darkness of the world. Even in sorrow, she remains luminous with the grace of her Son.

Perhaps Lent is something like that foggy night. Sin clouds the heart and blurs our vision. We stumble through life, unsure of the path before us. Yet the light of Christ has not disappeared. Even in the thickest fog, His light still shines, and there is our Mother—quietly reflecting that light and gently guiding her children toward it.

The moisture hanging in the air last night felt almost like tears upon the earth. Yet tears have a purpose. They wash and soften the ground. Lent invites us into those cleansing tears of repentance. When the heart is washed, the fog begins to lift, and we see more clearly what was always there: the light of Christ shining in the night, and the gentle glow of His Mother pointing us toward Him.

Liturgical Roles - March 14th - 15th

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	<i>open</i>	<i>3 open</i>	J. Jastrowski	J. Jastrowski	<i>3 open</i>	C. Dumoulin S. Vincent
<i>Tiempo</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>C-Monaguillos</i>	<i>Lectores</i>	<i>Comentaristas</i>	<i>Ministeros</i>	<i>Coordinadores</i>
7:00 PM <i>Semana Dos</i>	Pascual Alvaro Osorio	Mariana Osorio	Lupita Ortega Guadalupe Beltran	Ana Maria Marinez	Rosana Orozco Casy Contreras	Angie Garcia
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	P. Riedy	<i>3 open</i>	N. Burmeister	N. Burmeister	C. Ogden K. Sunderlage	K. Gallagher M. Riedy
10:00 AM	<i>open</i>	<i>3 open</i>	H. Davikos	D. Letterer	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham S. Dillett L. Brummel



Estimados Feligreses e Invitados,

Rezo para que tengas la fuerza espiritual para mantener tu concentración esta Cuaresma. Las tiendas ya tienen caramelos de Pascua en sus estanterías. El mundo quiere ganar dinero con la resurrección de Jesús sin viajar con él. La Iglesia nos invita a viajar con Jesús de forma diferente, de forma sacrificial.



Mantenemos nuestras observancias cuaresmal en primer plano en nuestra mente para poder orar en el desierto con Jesús. La Iglesia nos ofrece los caminos del ayuno, la oración y la limosna para que seamos santificados.

El evangelio de hoy se centra en la mujer junto al pozo y su interacción con Jesús. En la base de esta escena está la "sed". La mujer acude al pozo porque necesita agua, tiene sed y necesita agua para su hogar, pero Jesús le ofrece el agua eterna de la gracia que sacia la sed de su alma y ella se queda asombrada. Jesús dice en este mismo evangelio: *Mi alimento es hacer la voluntad de quien me envió.* Que sigamos siguiendo a Jesús de una manera especial esta Cuaresma. Buscar la voluntad de Dios y hacerlo nos alimenta profundamente, más que cualquier oportunidad terrenal.

+*Bendiciones,*
P. Trowbridge

Anuncios

Cena de pescado durante la Cuaresma
13 y 27 de marzo: 3:30 - 6:30 pm
drive thru o come dentro de nuestro salón parroquial. Ofrenda de libre albedrío.



Almuerzo benéfico de San Vicente de Paúl

Las entradas estarán a la venta pronto para disfrutar de un almuerzo en el Coach House de Burlington este domingo por la tarde el **22 de marzo**. Las entradas estarán a la venta pronto. El 100% del precio de tu entrada beneficiará a San Vicente de Paúl en Hampshire. Invierten entre 10,000 y 15,000 dólares cada año para los residentes necesitados de Génova y pensé que podríamos disfrutar de un buen almuerzo, aprender un poco más sobre lo que hace San Vicente de Paúl y recaudar un poco más de dinero para ellos como muestra de nuestro agradecimiento por apoyar a nuestras familias y vecinos necesitados.

Domingo, 8 de marzo

3er Domingo de Cuaresma; Inicio del horario de verano

Lunes, 9 de marzo

Santa Francisca Romana, religiosa

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario
11:00 am – Legión de María
6:00 pm – Estudio Bíblico, - Aula Guadalupe
6:00 pm – Clase OCIA - Salón de la Divina Misericordia
6:30 pm – Rosario KC | 7:00 pm – Reunión del KofC



Martes, 10 de marzo

8:00 am – Confesiones | 7:00 pm – **No Confesiones**
8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario
6:30 pm – Adoración

Miércoles, 11 de marzo

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario
6:00 pm – Legión de María

Jueves, 12 de marzo

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

Viernes, 13 de marzo

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario
9:30 am & 6:30 pm | Vía Crucis Inglés
3:30 pm - Cena de pescado | DMH
6:00 pm – Armada Blanca
7:30 pm – Vías del Crucis español

Sábado, 14 de marzo

6:00 pm – Confesiones | 6:10 pm – Rosario
7:00 pm – Misa

Domingo, 15 de marzo

4º Domingo de Cuaresma

OCIA - 2º Escrutinio
7:30 am – Rosario | 8:00 am – Misa
8:00 am – Desayuno K of C
9:30 am – 12:00 pm Confirmación de clase 1
9:30 am – Rosario | 10:00 am – Misa

Fecha límite para la solicitud de la **beca Robert Hewlett: 27 de marzo de 2026**

Entrega de premios en misa el **12 de abril de 2026**

****Respuesta:** La esposa de Poncio Pilato**.



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wwme.org (888) 574-5653.



A ministry of hope after abortion they offer free and compassionate support, prayer/retreat opportunities in our faith.

rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion



St. Vincent de Paul - offering guidance in financial hardship by networking with social services and providing prudent financial assistance to residents of Genoa, Hampshire, Pingree Grove and Burlington. Donations into our poor box (main church entrance) will be forwarded to: Hampshire Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul 297 E. Jefferson Ave, Hampshire, IL 60140

All calls to SVD are confidential 847- 463-3003



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