



**PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024**

5:00PM Fr. John  
 6:30AM Fr. Kirk  
 8:00AM Fr. Kirk  
 10:00AM Fr. John  
 12:00PM Fr. John

**Monday March 4, 2024**

6:30 Robert Kelly req. by William Bell  
 8:00 Dominic Veneziaie req. by Joanne McGuigan

**Tuesday March 5, 2024**

6:30 Edith Spear req. by Christine Hoffman  
 8:00 Kathleen Scarengelli req. by Family

**Wednesday March 6, 2024**

6:30 Romolo & Catherine Rossi req. by Lina Rossi  
 8:00 Ross Guiliano req. by Seamus & Cathy Bonner

**Thursday March 7, 2024**

6:30 Mary Ann Mulzet req. by Lina Rossi  
 8:00 Petra Gill req. by Seamus & Cathy Bonner

**Friday March 8, 2024**

6:30 Sarah Perkins req. by Lina Rossi  
 8:00 Mary McFadden req. by Benner Family

**Saturday March 9, 2024**

8:00 Alan Frith req. by Mrs. Ricci/Mrs. Daughen  
 5:00PM A. Principe req. by Lipp Family

**Sunday March 10, 2024**

6:30 Irene Coyle req. by Bernie & Pat Bolinski  
 8:00 Michael Greene req. by Teson Family  
 10:00 Gene Cullen req. by Trish Cullen  
 12:00 Ralph Daley req. by Family

**LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 10, 2024**

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
<b>5:00PM</b>	M. Derbyshire V. Haggerty	V. Haggerty
<b>6:30AM</b>	L. Konopka	M. Konopka
<b>8:00AM</b>	J. Robbins M. Bloesch	
<b>10:00AM</b>	M. Ciampoli E. Taylor	P. Cummings D. Makowiecki
<b>12:00PM</b>	B. Richmond D. Bores	J. Spear



On Sunday, February 25, 2024, one girl received the sacrament of Baptism by which she was incorporated into the Body of Christ:  
*Teagan Elizabeth Gonzalez* – daughter of Jeremy Gonzalez & Chelsea Gibson

**P R A Y E R**  
*for the infirm of our parish*

**All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:**  
William Gault, Jr- uncle of Debra Fox  
Carly Jacobs- parishioner

**All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friends:**  
Michael McCrane- father and grandfather of Schoettle Family  
Craig Paslay- husband of Patricia Paslay  
Jack O'Neill- father of Jack O'Neill  
Andy Suchodolski- father of Drew & Noreen Suchodolski

**For those in the armed forces:** Joseph Pitts-Air Force; Brendan Vizza-Marines; Andrew Morrison, Marine Corp; Eric Charles Taylor-Navy; Emma Marks-Navy; Ryan Sylvester-Air Force; Kyle Higgins-Army; Justin T. Erbrick-Army; Sean Conroy-Navy; Joseph Erbrick, III-Marines; Joseph Costick-Coast Guard; Christopher Smith-Navy; Alex McAneney-Air Force; Brian McGinty-Marines; Dan O'Brien-Air Force; Ashley O'Brien-Air Force; Daniel Patty-Navy; Michael Sheppard-Air Force; Hoku Teson-Army; John McFillin-Navy; Trevor O'Malley-Army; Daniel Taylor-Air Force; Stephen Winther-Marines; Bobby Winther-Navy; Amanda Smith-Navy; Joseph Patty-Army; Christian Curtis-Marines; Thomas Campbell-Marines; Michael Bones, Jr-Navy

**Divine Mercy Prayers** are on the third Sunday of each Month after the 10 AM Mass. All are welcome.

**Hospital Visits** - If you are in the hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please call the rectory office at 215-637-7515. Due to HIPPA laws we are unable to get information from the hospital - we must hear directly from the patient/family.



**Stations of the Cross**

**7:00PM with Benediction** on Friday during Lent with Deacon John Teson.

**Lenten Holy Hour with Benediction – 7:00PM**

Tuesday, March 12 – The Story of The Eucharist  
Tuesday, March 19 – Bread for the Journey



**EASTER LILY SALE –**

you can purchase a Lily Plant for your home or to decorate the altar for Easter until March 13, 2024. Forms can be dropped off to the rectory or they will be sold after each Mass. Any question, please contact Sheila Picinich at [s.picinich@olcalvaryschool.org](mailto:s.picinich@olcalvaryschool.org)

**Novena for Divine Mercy Sunday** will begin on Good Friday – March 29 immediately following the 3PM service

Holy Saturday- March 30 – 6:00PM (before the Easter Vigil)

Easter Sunday – March 31 – after the 10AM Mass  
During Easter Week April 1 thru April 5 at 6:00PM in the Chapel or the back of church

**Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America** is the second collection on March 9 & 10, 2024. For many years Catholics in the United States have expressed solidarity with the Church from Mexico to the Caribbean, to the southern tip of South America through this collection. This contribution makes a positive impact by supporting seminary studies for future priests, pastoral ministries that provide reconciliation, spiritual direction, and job search assistance to prisoners completing jail sentences, and other vital ministries that bring the light of Christ into the lives of thousands in Central and South America and the Caribbean Islands. There is not an envelope for this collection.

**The Catholic Preaching Institute** – The CPI at Saint Charles Seminary again invites you to participate in what could be the largest-ever study of preaching in the nation! Tell us what you think in a 10-minute online survey at <https://catholicsleaders.online/phillypreaching>. Please share this info with your family members, friends, and contacts so that we receive maximum input...to help us better design programs that will make your experience of homilies more compelling!

**Our Lady of Consolation** is sponsoring their annual Palm Making on Monday, March 18 thru Friday, March 22 from 3PM-8PM. All help is greatly appreciated/we will teach you what to do. To volunteer call Tony at 215-837-7666 or email [tonyvolpe22@hotmail.com](mailto:tonyvolpe22@hotmail.com)

**GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIPS** – Every year at this time we ask parishioners and friends of OLC to consider a donation of any amount toward a Memorial Scholarship for a deserving OLC 8<sup>th</sup> Grader to assist with their high school tuition. The Class of 2024 has many deserving students that would benefit from your generosity- if you are able to do so. Checks may be dropped off at the school or rectory and made payable to Our Lady of Calvary School. Any consideration to invest in their future Catholic education would be greatly appreciated.

**CALVARY SENIORS** meet every Tuesday – doors open at 9:30AM and meetings begin at 10:30AM. We meet at Regina Coeli Hall, 9617 James Street. Come join us and enjoy playing cars and bingo.

**VENDOR/CRAFT FAIR** – sponsored by St. Hubert High School Parent Association on April 6, 2024 from 9AM to 2PM. Contact Sheila Picinich at [s.picinich@olcalvaryschool.org](mailto:s.picinich@olcalvaryschool.org) for more information.

**Nazareth Academy High School Parent's Association** will be holding their annual Craft Fair and Food Truck Festival on Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. There will be over 50 crafters and 6 food trucks for you to enjoy. Please stop by and check out the beautiful crafts and delicious food.

**Nazareth Academy High School** is hosting a 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Paint Night on Friday, March 1, 2024 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. We invite girls to join us for a fun evening as they go on a scavenger hunt through the school! The event is free of charge; pizza and refreshments will be served. To register for this please visit [NazarethAcademyHS.org/Admissions/visit-us](http://NazarethAcademyHS.org/Admissions/visit-us). Any questions, contact Ashley Figaniak at 215-268-1026.

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**Our Lady of Calvary appreciates**  
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## Bioethics: Stem Cell Research & Human Cloning

**What is a stem cell?** A stem cell is a relatively unspecialized cell that, when it divides, can do two things: make another cell like itself, or make any of a number of cells with more specialized functions. For example, just one kind of stem cell in our blood can make new red blood cells, or white blood cells, or other kinds – depending on what the body needs. These cells are like the stem of a plant that spreads out in different directions as it grows.

**Is the Catholic Church opposed to all stem cell research?** Not at all. Most stem cell research uses cells obtained from adult tissue, umbilical cord blood, and other sources that pose no moral problem. Useful stem cells have been found in bone marrow, blood, muscle, fat, nerves, and even in the pulp of baby teeth. Some of these cells are already being used to treat people with a wide variety of diseases.

**Why is the church opposed to stem cell research using the embryo?** Because harvesting these stem cells kills the living human embryo. The Church opposes the direct destruction of innocent human life for any purpose, including research.

**If some human embryos will remain in frozen storage and ultimately be discarded anyway, why is it wrong to try to get some good out of them?** In the end we will all die anyway, but that gives no one a right to kill us. In any case, these embryos will not die because they are inherently unable to survive, but because others are choosing to hand them over for destructive research instead of letting them implant in their mother's womb. One wrong choice does not justify an additional wrong choice to kill them for research, much less a choice to make taxpayers support such destruction. The idea of experimenting on human beings because they may die anyway also poses a grave threat to convicted prisoners, terminally ill patients, and others.

**Has research using adult stem cells accomplished anything?** Thousands of lives have been saved by adult stem cells – most often in the form of “bone marrow transplants” for leukemia and other conditions (where the active ingredient in the bone marrow is stem cells). Today, adult stem cells have been used to help people with Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injury, juvenile diabetes, lupus, multiple sclerosis, sickle-cell anemia, heart damage, corneal damage, and dozens of other conditions. The danger is that this progress toward cures will be halted or slowed by campaigns that divert attention and resources toward embryonic stem cell research.

**What is human cloning and how is it related to stem cell research?** In human cloning, the DNA from the nucleus of a person's body cell is inserted into an egg whose own genetic material has been removed, and the egg is then stimulated to begin embryonic development. The resulting cloned embryo would genetically be an almost identical twin to the person supplying the body cell. This research overlaps with the stem cell issue. That is, human cloning might be done to create an embryo who will be destroyed to provide stem cells genetically matched to a patient, so the cells will not be rejected as foreign tissue. But some cloning research is done for other purposes – for example, to create embryos with devastating illnesses from the body cells of sick patients, to study the early progress of that disease. *Most embryonic stem cell research involves embryos created by in vitro fertilization, not cloning.*

**Why does the Church oppose human cloning?** Cloning is a depersonalized way to reproduce, in which human beings are manufactured in the laboratory to preset specifications. It is not a worthy way to bring a new human being into the world. When done for stem cell research, it involves the moral wrong of all embryonic stem cell research (destroying an innocent human life for possible benefit to others) plus an additional wrong: It creates human beings solely in order to kill them for their cells. This is the ultimate reduction of a fellow human being to a mere means, to an instrument of others people's wishes.

**Does opposition to cloning and embryonic stem cell research come only from one theological or political view?** No. Serious moral concerns about these practices have been raised by an array of both religious and secular groups, including some who disagree with the Catholic Church about abortion – Friends of the Earth, the United Methodist Church, etc. The human cloning ban supported by the Church has been approved twice by the House of Representatives by an overwhelming bipartisan majority. Many other countries (including Canada, France, Italy, Germany and Norway) have passed similar bans. Oppositions to the idea of treating early human life as a mere object or commodity in the laboratory transcends religious and political divisions.

*For the U.S. bishops' official 2008 policy statement “On Embryonic Stem Cell Research” and for more information, see [www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/bioethic](http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/bioethic). Also, check out DignitasPersonae, paragraph#28-35 [https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_20081208\\_dignitas-personae\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20081208_dignitas-personae_en.html)*