

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Casimir Parish
March, 2018

Almighty God,
grant that with the help of St. Casimir's intercession
we may serve you in holiness and justice.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS

- *That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.* (March Papal intention)
- That we accept the grace this Lent to renew and deepen our efforts at genuine repentance.
- That the pastors and preachers of the Church will listen attentively to God's word and preach the Gospel with full conviction.
- That those preparing to enter the Church at Easter will find that these final days of their preparation will be blessed in every way.
- That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility.
- That God bless Father Bacevice and the Pastoral and Finance Councils in their efforts to secure the future of St. Casimir Parish.
- That all parishioners recognize their responsibility to St. Casimir Parish's future through financial support, commitment to parish activities, sharing ideas, and most importantly prayer.
- That the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, will be protected.
- That the desolate and despondent be touched by the saving hand of God in even the most desperate times.
- That those who pray be validated in their belief of its power.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH?

March 2nd **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 8:00 – 9:00am in Church

March 14th **Eucharistic Adoration**, 6:00-7:00pm in Church

Collinwood Cluster Lenten Masses at 7:00pm:

March 5th at St. Jerome Parish

March 12th at Holy Redeemer Parish

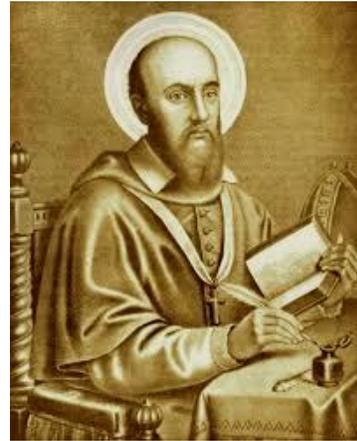
March 19th **Penance Service** at St. Mary Parish

SAINT FOR MARCH

SAINT TURIBIUS DE MOGROVEJO

Bishop
(1538-1606)

March 23rd



Christ said, "I am the truth.;" He did not say, "I am the custom."

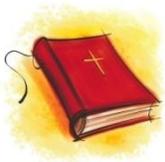
(Turibius quoting Tertullian)

Turibius was educated in the law and taught law at the University of Salamanca, a noted theological center. He was appointed chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada, where he prudently and moderately dispensed justice. Turibius' holiness and courage showed in every decision he made. When the bishop of Lima died in 1575, Turibius was appointed to the post even though he was a layman. Over his initial objections he was ordained as a priest, consecrated as a bishop, and shipped off to the New World. God needed a man who would bring Christ's teaching and his peace and justice to the Church in South America where many clergy favored the Spanish conquerors and neglected their responsibility to the poor.

Turibius set about carrying out the reforms mandated by the Council of Trent. He faced up to opposition. He corrected the laxity of the clergy. He spoke out against injustices and championed the cause of the poor. He worked tirelessly throughout the vast diocese. He traveled thousands of miles along the coastland, up mountains, and through jungles.

Turibius died as he lived. He was an old man visiting a mission when he fell ill. He received the Sacrament of the Anointing and died in a little mountain town. He was canonized in 1731 as a model of holiness, apostolic zeal and a person unwavering in truth.

Source: 365 SAINTS by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker; SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS, Loyola University Press;
IN HIS LIKENESS, Rev. Charles E. Yost; SAINT OF THE DAY, Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor



THOUGHTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Truth

2468 Truth as uprightness in human action and speech is called truthfulness, sincerity, or candor. Truth or truthfulness is the virtue which consists in showing oneself true in deeds and truthful in words, and in guarding against duplicity, dissimulation, and hypocrisy.

2470 The disciple of Christ consents to "live in the truth" that is, in the simplicity of a life in conformity with the Lord's example, abiding in his truth. "If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth." (1 Jn 1:6)



Works of Mercy

THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. *Feed the hungry.*
2. *Give drink to the thirsty.*
3. *Clothe the naked.*
4. *Shelter the homeless.*
5. *Visit the sick.*
6. *Visit the imprisoned.*
7. *Bury the dead.*

THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. *Counsel the doubtful.*
2. *Instruct the ignorant.*
3. *Admonish sinners.*
4. *Comfort the afflicted.*
5. *Forgive offenses.*
6. *Bear wrongs patiently.*
7. *Pray for the living and the dead.*

OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

Lenten Reflection #2

Christian self-denial has to do with growing into a new “me,” but on this journey I do not become **other** than what I am, but I become **entirely** what I am, which is what I was made on the day of my baptism when I was forged into a new creation. What is the new “me” in Christian terms? How do I grow into it? The possibility of the new humanity is offered to me in Christ who is the true face of humanity. As I am drawn into communion with him and grow into his image I am becoming truly human. This is not a process of acquisition but of dispossession. When I give things up, I am stripping myself of the little self-protective certainties that hide me from myself and interrupt my life with others. In giving things up I am not showing how strong I am, but where my true strength lies—in the God who made me, shaped me, and who holds me in the palm of his hand.

Self-denial in our society is a revolutionary and subversive gesture. In our world we are encouraged to define ourselves in terms of possession, what we have and what we can get. Our desires are vulgarized and exploited, drawing us to a phantom fulfillment. Temptations waft before us, we are told we can be what we want to be, but only if we possess this, have that, take the other. When we deny ourselves we are not giving up essentials; we are saying, “These trivial things on which I am so dependent are not myself. They are less than I.” In giving things up we make space for the one thing necessary, and what is that but God? Self-denial is not about achievement; it is about charity, love. That love of God who delivered himself into the hands of sinful men and women and kindled our ashes into the fire of the Holy Spirit. Our life is not a process of getting but of surrendering, and only in that way can we receive that gift which is beyond all price. At the heart of our life is the possibility of beginning again. In each new beginning we find the changeless, faithful fire of divine love.

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