

# GETTING TO KNOW JESUS – GOSPEL READINGS FOR LENT 2023

## MATTHEW

- Wednesday, February 22, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 1 & 2
- Thursday, February 23, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 3 & 4
- Friday, February 24, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 5 & 6
- Saturday, February 25, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 7 & 8
- Sunday, February 26, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 9 & 10
- Monday, February 27, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 11 & 12
- Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 13 & 14
- Wednesday, March 1, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 15 & 16
- Thursday, March 2, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 17 & 18
- Friday, March 3, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 19 & 20
- Saturday, March 4, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 21 & 22
- Sunday, March 5, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 23 & 24
- Monday, March 6, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 25 & 26
- Tuesday, March 7, 2023 – Matthew, Chapters 27 & 28

## MARK

- Wednesday, March 8, 2023 – Mark, Chapters 1 & 2
- Thursday, March 9, 2023 – Mark, Chapters 3 & 4
- Friday, March 10, 2023 – Mark, Chapters 5 & 6
- Saturday, March 11, 2023 – Mark, Chapters 7 & 8
- Sunday, March 12, 2023 – Mark, Chapters 9 & 10
- Monday, March 13, 2023 – Mark, Chapters 11 & 12
- Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – Mark, Chapters 13 & 14
- Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – Mark, Chapters 15 & 16

## LUKE

- Thursday, March 16, 2023 – Luke, Chapters 1 & 2
- Friday, March 17, 2023 – Luke, Chapters 3 & 4
- Saturday, March 18, 2023 – Luke, Chapters 5 & 6
- Sunday, March 19, 2023 – Luke, Chapters 7 & 8
- Monday, March 20, 2023 – Luke, Chapters 9 & 10
- Tuesday, March 21, 2023 – Luke, Chapters 11 & 12
- Wednesday, March 22, 2023 – Luke, Chapters 13 & 14
- Thursday, March 23, 2023 – Luke, Chapters 15 & 16
- Friday, March 24, 2023 – Luke, Chapters 17 & 18
- Saturday, March 25, 2023 – Luke, Chapters 19 & 20
- Sunday, March 26, 2023 – Luke, Chapters 21 & 22
- Monday, March 27, 2023 – Luke, Chapters 23 & 24

## JOHN

- Tuesday, March 28, 2023 – John, Chapters 1 & 2
- Wednesday, March 29, 2023 – John, Chapters 3 & 4
- Thursday, March 30, 2023 – John, Chapters 5 & 6
- Friday, March 31, 2023 – John, Chapters 7 & 8
- Saturday, April 1, 2023 – John, Chapters 9 & 10
- Sunday, April 2, 2023 – John, Chapters 11 & 12
- Monday, April 3, 2023 – John, Chapters 13 & 14
- Tuesday, April 4, 2023 – John, Chapters 15 & 16
- Wednesday, April 5, 2023 – John, Chapters 17 & 18
- Thursday, April 6, 2023 – John, Chapters 19 & 20 & 21
- Friday, April 7, 2023 – Reflect on ALL Jesus did for YOU!
- Saturday, April 8, 2023 – Sit with Him in Silence & wait!

*“My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow Me”  
– John 10:27*

*Remember the whole point of praying through the Four Gospels this Lent is to get to know more intimately the Person of Jesus!*

*Before you begin each day pray to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to reveal to you Jesus in each chapter.*

*Get a blank Journal and title it “Getting To Know Jesus.” Everyday read the chapters of the Gospels and seek to know the person of Jesus more. Focus on Jesus for now not the other people except on how Jesus deals with them. Write down your insights. Some questions you can ask yourself as you read:*

- *What does Jesus do? Why?*
- *What does Jesus say?*
- *What is in the mind of Jesus?*
- *How did Jesus live?*
- *What is Jesus trying to teach me?*
- *Add other questions that will help you get to know who Jesus is!*

*Try to focus on one characteristic of Jesus in each Chapter.*

*End each reflection with a prayer asking Jesus to let you know Him more and become more like Him!*

*“Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.”  
– John 17:3*

## **EXAMPLE OF DAILY JOURNALING:**

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 - Matthew 1& 2

Why was Jesus born into His genealogy? He came to be part of our human history and be born into our mess. He is trying to tell us that it does not matter where you come from but where you are going!

Jesus was born to save us from our sins! Vs. 21

He is named Emmanuel – He is with us! Am I with Him?

Jesus is HUMBLE – The God the Universe cannot contain became a man and entered into our mess!

*Jesus, help me to be humble like You!*

Of course, you do not have to answer each of the questions I suggested, just reflect on the chapter(s) and focus on the person of Jesus and what He said and how He lived!

*Know that I am praying for you, and I am doing this with you! I love you! Fr. Larry*

## **Lenten Practices**

*The Diocese of Erie offers the following information regarding observation of Lent in 2023:*

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023.

1. Traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.
2. Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.
3. In 2023, St. Patrick's Day (March 17 – Principal Patronal Feast Day of the Diocese of Erie) falls on a Friday in Lent. In recognition of the importance of this day for the faithful, Bishop Persico has dispensed all Latin Catholics from the requirement of abstinence from eating meat on March 17, 2023, within the territory of the Diocese of Erie.
4. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday also are days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

### **PARISH LENTEN OFFERINGS:**

Daily Mass 7:00 am

Weekend Masses Sat 4:15 PM and Sunday 10:00 am

Confessions Saturday's 3-4 PM and Sunday's 9:30 am to 9:55 am (Before 10:00 am Mass)

Stations of the Cross with Adoration and Benediction every Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM

Parish Praise and Worship Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 PM

March 18,19,20 - St. Joseph Triduum 7:00 PM (St. Joseph's Feast is celebrated on the 20<sup>th</sup> this year!)

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - Passion Talk and Confessions – 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper - 6:30 PM

Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 1:30 PM. Tenebrae 8:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - Blessing of Easter Baskets 11:00 am - Easter Vigil 8:30 PM

Easter, April 9<sup>th</sup> Mass 10:00 am