

GETTING TO KNOW JESUS – GOSPEL READINGS FOR LENT 2026

MATTHEW

- Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 1 & 2
- Thursday, February 19, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 3 & 4
- Friday, February 20, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 5 & 6
- Saturday, February 21, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 7 & 8
- Sunday, February 22, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 9 & 10
- Monday, February 23, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 11 & 12
- Tuesday, February 24, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 13 & 14
- Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 15 & 16
- Thursday, February 26, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 17 & 18
- Friday, February 27, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 19 & 20
- Saturday, February 28, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 21 & 22
- Sunday, March 1, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 23 & 24
- Monday, March 2, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 25 & 26
- Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – Matthew, Chapters 27 & 28

MARK

- Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – Mark, Chapters 1 & 2
- Thursday, March 5, 2026 – Mark, Chapters 3 & 4
- Friday, March 6, 2026 – Mark, Chapters 5 & 6
- Saturday, March 7, 2026 – Mark, Chapters 7 & 8
- Sunday, March 8, 2026 – Mark, Chapters 9 & 10
- Monday, March 9, 2026 – Mark, Chapters 11 & 12
- Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – Mark, Chapters 13 & 14
- Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – Mark, Chapters 15 & 16

LUKE

- Thursday, March 12, 2026 – Luke, Chapters 1 & 2
- Friday, March 13, 2026 – Luke, Chapters 3 & 4
- Saturday, March 14, 2026 – Luke, Chapters 5 & 6
- Sunday, March 15, 2026 – Luke, Chapters 7 & 8
- Monday, March 16, 2026 – Luke, Chapters 9 & 10
- Tuesday, March 17, 2026 – Luke, Chapters 11 & 12
- Wednesday, March 18, 2026 – Luke, Chapters 13 & 14
- Thursday, March 19, 2026 – Luke, Chapters 15 & 16
- Friday, March 20, 2026 – Luke, Chapters 17 & 18
- Saturday, March 21, 2026 – Luke, Chapters 19 & 20
- Sunday, March 22, 2026 – Luke, Chapters 21 & 22
- Monday, March 23, 2026 – Luke, Chapters 23 & 24

JOHN

- Tuesday, March 24, 2026 – John, Chapters 1 & 2
- Wednesday, March 25, 2026 – John, Chapters 3 & 4
- Thursday, March 26, 2026 – John, Chapters 5 & 6
- Friday, March 27, 2026 – John, Chapters 7 & 8
- Saturday, March 28, 2026 – John, Chapters 9 & 10
- Sunday, March 29, 2026 – John, Chapters 11 & 12
- Monday, March 30, 2026 – John, Chapters 13 & 14
- Tuesday, March 31, 2026 – John, Chapters 15 & 16
- Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – John, Chapters 17 & 18
- Thursday, April 2, 2026 – John, Chapters 19 & 20 & 21
- Friday, April 3, 2026 – Reflect on ALL Jesus did for YOU!
- Saturday, April 4, 2026 – 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 18, 2026 - 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 2026:

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 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 2, 2026.

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. 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 7:30 am – St. Luke M-W-F and OLMC T-TH

Weekend Masses Saturday: 4:00 PM (OLMC) 5:00 PM (St. Luke)

Sunday: 8:00 am (OLMC) 9:00 am & 11:30 am (St. Luke)

Confessions Saturday's 2:45 – 3:45 PM (OLMC) and 3:45 – 4:45 PM (St. Luke)

The Light is on Confessions – March 25, 2026 - 5-7 PM OLMC and St. Luke

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

Wednesday, April 1st - Passion Talk and Confessions – 6:30 PM (St. Luke)

Holy Thursday, April 2nd - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper - 6:30 PM (St. Luke)

Good Friday, April 3rd - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 1:30 PM (OLMC) - Tenebrae 8:00 PM (St. Luke)

Holy Saturday, April 4th - Blessing of Easter Baskets 11:00 am - Easter Vigil 8:30 PM (St. Luke)

Easter, April 5th - Mass 8:00 am (OLMC) 9:00 am & 11:30 am (St. Luke)