

First Sunday of Lent

February 17, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

Last Wednesday the Church invited us to embark on a journey, the journey of Lent. This journey is one that essentially leads us towards Easter. Yes, we are a baptized people but haven't yet lived fully the life of a Christian. The season of Lent calls us to a change of heart and a fuller living of the Gospel.

All three readings in the liturgy this weekend are concerned with faithfulness to God. The First reading describes the ceremony of the offering to God of the first fruits of the harvest. It was an occasion for the people to thank God, not only for the blessings of the harvest, but for all he had done for them in the past, and especially in the Exodus. The creed that the offerer recited is a summary of Israel's early history and humble origins. The readings of the following Sundays will focus on significant moments of that history.

The Second Reading contains in its simplest form the Christian credo: Jesus is Lord; he died for our sins and was raised up for our justification. Obviously for this faith to be genuine, it must be professed not just with our lips but also by the way we choose to live our lives.

In the Gospel, Luke's account of the temptations follows closely to that of Matthew, except that he deliberately changes the order of the last two temptations so that the series ends in Jerusalem. This is in keeping with his theological interest in the holy city. The three scenes serve to correct a false understanding of the mission of Jesus. Jesus repels the tempter by quoting from the book of Deuteronomy, which stresses the will of God for Israel.

It has been a difficult week for all of us as we heard of the resignation of the Pope. I ask all of you to keep our Catholic Church in prayer as we begin the process of choosing another leader. Pray that the Holy Spirit will come upon the Cardinals as they convene in their Papal Conclave.

The season of Lent brings many traditions to our parish, the first being our annual Fish Fry sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver on Friday evenings. Come out, enjoy some tasty food and relish in the fellowship of friends and parishioners. We also have daily Mass at 8:00 AM Monday through Friday and the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 6:00. Happy Lent and may these next several weeks enable you to become everything God wants you to be!

Father Michael Tang

Altar Servers Schedule

February 23 & 24

5:15 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:15 PM
Jared Baylis	Amanda Johnson	Martin Hill	Logan Bush
Jordan Baylis	Lisa Crockett	Gilberto Gonzales	Tyler Smith
Irwin Lagarde	Johnathan Johnson	Maurice Burnett	Kofi Karikari
		Spencer Fuller	Caycee Chapman

Jr. Knights Breakfast

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

after mass in the hall.

HOLIDAY

President's Day

Offices Closed Monday, February 18th

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle

Please support our **Annual Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle** every Friday from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Bring the family for fellowship and fun.

The Week Ahead

Sunday February 17

1st Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Religious Ed Class

2:00 PM Reserve Corps of St. Michael

Monday February 18

HOLIDAY

President's Day

School and Church Offices Closed

No Bible Study

Tuesday February 19

7:00 PM RCIA @ Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday February 20

6:00 PM Line Dancing

6:30 PM CCL

Thursday February 21

Youth Day @ Congress

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday February 22

9:30 AM Stations of the Cross

5:00-9:00 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Sunday February 24

2nd Sunday of Lent

St. Vincent DePaul Bundle Sunday

10:30 AM-12 PM Religious Ed Class

*Celebrating **75** Years*
A Legacy of Making a Difference
 Serving the Community Since 1937

HOLIDAY – PRESIDENT’S DAY

School Closed on February 18th

SAVE THE DATES

Transfiguration School students will participate in the **Academic Decathlon at the Sports Arena – Saturday, March 2, 2013**. Call the school office if you would like to purchase tickets at \$10.00 each.

Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 22, 2013 - Church

New Student Testing

Sunday, March 3 at 2:00 PM - School

Black History Program/Oratorical Event

Monday, March 4 at 9:30 AM - Church

Our 8th graders will be taking the high school placement tests this month. Please keep them in your prayers. Remember, these are our future leaders of tomorrow.

Special thank you goes to **Ms. Rosa Bello** for your paper donation to the school. We appreciate you!

Paper donation: Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper. Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

St. Vincent DePaul Bundle Sunday

On **Sunday, February 24** our Parish is having a **Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Stores**. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items on this day. Their truck will be at our church parking lot. Please help in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Call them for pick up of any heavy items at 323.224.6280 or 800/97-HELP-1.

Recycling Program

We are asking every family in the parish and school to save plastic bottles, glass, and aluminum cans, (**no plastic bags, no plastic utensils and no foil paper**) and bring them to the parish to recycle.

FYI:

Information is available concerning **Scholarships for college students and Twelfth Grade Students for College**. Call Jo Ann in the rectory to obtain a copy.

Saturday

5:15 PM

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

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12:15 p.m.

February 16

Soul of Dorothy Campbell

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Souls of the Hithe Family

Intention of all Parishioners

Soul of Joseph Leon, Sr.

February 18

Soul of Margaret Startz

February 19

Soul of Lillian Sterling

February 20

Soul of William Patterson

February 22

Soul of Lillian White

February 23

Soul of Clay Lockett

February 24

Soul of Tom Franklin

Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday

Dt 26:4-10, Ps 91:1-2, 10-15, Lk 4:1-13

Monday

Lv 19:1-18, Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-25, Mt 7:7-12

Friday

1Pt 5:1-4, Mt 16:13-19

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

Gn 15:5-18, Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14, Lk 9:28b-36

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, February 12, 2012

\$4,569.55 Sacrificial Gift

349.43 Building Fund

199.67 "We Care"

Sunday, February 10, 2013

\$4,948.05 Sacrificial Gift

360.15 Building Fund

205.80 "We Care"

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Stephanie Bell, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Fr. Albert Shuyaka, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whayne, and Lilla Williams.