

First Sunday of Lent

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The Power Of Love

The story of the temptation of Jesus in the desert falls between two very important moments in his life. Before the desert is Jesus' baptism, when the Spirit of God descended upon Him and the voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." After the desert Jesus departs from his home in Nazareth to begin His ministry.

The story of Jesus' temptation is about the source of Jesus' strength. Mary Jo Leddy, the founder of Romero House for refugees in Toronto, writes, "Because Jesus knew He was from God, He also lived in the realization that He was with God, that His identity was constituted through this most fundamental relationship. This was the source of His power...It was the power of love unleashed through active gratitude." Does our family derive strength in the love of God and one another?

Way Of The Cross



The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

We encourage all parish families to participate in praying these beautiful prayers as we follow Christ's passion, death and resurrection for the salvation of all mankind. We particularly encourage parents to bring their children, so they might come to better appreciate God's great gift to us.

Lenten Regulations—Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics age 14 and older on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasion for Christian penance. The Spirit of the season of Lent should be maintained throughout the weeks of Lent.

K.C. Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 12, from 8 a.m. Noon in the Parish Hall at \$5 per plate. Proceeds are used to finance scholarships for our own Church Parish's high school seniors.

Time Change—Next Weekend

Move clocks AHEAD one hour.

Mathew Kelly—Next weekend

Offertory Giving

Almsgiving is a key part of Lenten growth. We "give up" some comfort ourselves and turn it into money or other necessities for people who need them.

Jesus told us almsgiving is best done in secret. Almsgiving should cost us something, a routine pleasure. Choose something to do without, until Holy Thursday. What have you Chosen?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,100.00
Last Sunday	
Envelopes	\$4,271.00
Loose	669.00
Total	\$4,940.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$248,500.00
Cumulative Income	247,635.35
<Behind>	<\$ 864.65>

Building Fund

The parish Building Fund will be next weekend's second collection.



Save The Date

On Saturday evening March 11, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, the youth who attended Washington, D.C., will serve a meal, present a slide show of pictures, and give personal testimony of the March For Life trip.



Please join these young people for a great meal and presentation.

Feast Of St. Joseph

The annual St. Joseph Altar will take place **Saturday, March 18**, in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to come and view this beautiful altar in tribute to St. Joseph and to enjoy a meatless meal with friends and family. Parishioners who are able are invited to donate a **MEATLESS** vegetable, seafood, rice or pasta dish, a casserole, for serving to the public. Prepared dishes will be accepted Saturday after 9:00 a.m. The schedule is as follows:



Blessing of Altar and Tupa Tupa

Blessed by Fr. Burnick Terrebonne on Saturday, March 18, 11:00 a.m.

Meals served to public from noon until 4:00 p.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions Requested**Monday, March 6***(Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)*

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, March 7*(Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)*

8:00 a.m. Jerry Zimmer

Wednesday, March 8*(Joh 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)*

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, March 9*(Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12)*

8:00 a.m. Cambron Frost

Friday, March 10*(Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)*

8:00 a.m. Adele Salzer

Saturday, March 11*(Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)*

5:00 p.m. Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Roszczynialski Family, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Robert Reinecke, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Nancy McCann, Imelda Gares, Roger Doucette, Brenda Ford, Raye Ann Story

Sunday, March 12*(Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9)*

7:00 a.m. Maurice Bersuder, Sr.

8:30 a.m. Josephine Rodriguez, Barbara Fandal, Andrew Lambert, Nancy McCann, Robert W Mayreau, Margaret Clayton, Ethel A Angell, Ramon Garay Sr., Betty L Spurgeon, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Amy Fandal, Robert Reinecke

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Grand Adults of Sts. Peter & Paul—Monday, March 6, at noon, GASPP meets in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite covered dish and a friend.

Legion of Mary—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

Antonians—Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. men of the Antonians will meet at Rotolo's Pizzeria, 64167 Highway 41, PR. All men of the Parish are invited to join us for a meal Dutch treat and meeting.

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

Knights of Columbus—Wednesday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. after Mass in St. Anthony Hall

Apologetics—Wednesday, March 8, at 7:05 p.m. in the Parish Hall: Topic: "Why God" a multimedia presentation, that substantiates the existence of God using science, history and reason, exposes the fallacies of atheism.

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Lenten Mission—March 20-23—7 pm

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience perhaps the best Lenten Mission ever. There is no registration—just show up. Your life WILL be changed forever. He is just that good!

St. Clement of Rome Parish, 4317 Richland Avenue, Metairie

Help us welcome Father Larry Richards, a gifted speaker, dynamic teacher and retreat master. Fr. Larry is the host of EWTN's radio show. The Reason for Our Hope, he is the author of the books. "Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You To Be" and "Surrender! The Life Changing Power of Doing God's Will." Fr. Larry Richards is not only an inspiring speaker he is the most entertaining Catholic Speaker. Besides being entranced by his powerful message, you will laugh out loud during his sessions and go home every night feeling happy and fulfilled.

Free Uplifting Morning—June 3

Dr. Scott Hahn will be discussing the importance of the Creed. Seating is limited. You must **register**: maryqueenofpeace.org The event will be held at Mary, Queen of Peace Church in Mandeville.

Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of Parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish.

**Pray For The Sick**

Valdeana Bauer, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, Jo-Ann Brewin, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Deacon Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernwein, Amy Fandal, Carroll Fourcade, Julia Drake, Jeanette Gomez, Doris Hall, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Elizabeth Kittel, Pat Langsford, Cheryl Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Vito Montalabano, Shelia Morgan, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Robert Reinecke, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith, Darlene Vinet

WEEKLY EVENTS

I Loved You Enough

Some day when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a parent, I will tell them:

I loved you enough to ask you about where you were going, with whom and what time you would be home

I loved you enough to insist that you buy a bike with your own money that we could have afforded to give you.

I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your hand—picked friend was a creep.

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that would have taken me fifteen minutes to do myself.

I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, disgust and tears in my eyes.

I loved you enough to admit I was wrong and ask for your forgiveness.

I loved you enough to let you assume responsibility for your actions at 6, 10 or 16.

But most of all, I loved you enough to say NO when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.

Pope Francis—Five Finger Prayer

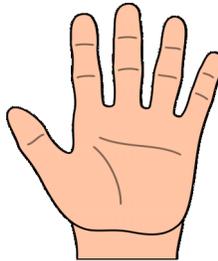
1 The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a “Sweet Obligation.”

2 The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.

3 The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God’s guidance.

4 The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.

5 And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.



Best Lent Ever

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. You will get: short inspirational videos, practical tips and study guides (for groups or individuals).

Based on Matthew Kelly’s latest book, *Resisting Happiness*, this year’s program will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it.

Sign up at: DynamicCatholic.com/Lent17

In Community

Christ does not send us out alone to do His work. He sends others along to help carry the load. We should always listen to each other, encourage each other, and eagerly spur each other on. We should share all that we have, whether it is material or spiritual, as we work together.

Welcome

To all who need comfort, to all who need friendship,

To all who are lonely and need companionship,

To all who want sheltering love, to those who need a Savior;

To those who would serve a living god, Whosoever will,

This church opens wide its doors and in the name of JESUS says... “WELCOME”

Forgive Us

Our Father, forgive us when we ignore the ones we love,

and take for granted the friends who believe in us,

and discredit the ones who rebuke us for our intemperance.

Save us before there is no one whom we can call “friend”.

AMEN



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Lent

“The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinies, and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devote themselves to prayers, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises” (Ceremonial of Bishops, 249).

- ◆ Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper exclusive on Holy Thursday.
- ◆ Lenten weekdays are not commemorated on Solemnities and Feasts. Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week take precedence over all Solemnities and Feasts.
- ◆ Volume II of the Liturgy of the Hours is used from Ash Wednesday through Pentecost Sunday, the close of Easter Season.
- ◆ All Memorials of saints occurring during Lent are observed as optional. Hence, they may be omitted or observed as (Commemorations of Memorials in Privileged Seasons).
- ◆ *Alleluia* is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil; nor is the *Te Deum* sung at **OR** on Sundays of Lent.
- ◆ During Lent the altar should not be decorated with flowers, and musical instruments may be played only to give necessary support to the singing. On the Fourth Sunday of Lent (“*Lætare*”) and on the Solemnities and Feasts, musical instruments may be played and the altar decorated with flowers.
- ◆ The presentations of the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer normally take place after the first and third scrutinies.
- ◆ If marriages are to take place during Lent, couples are to be reminded that wedding plans should respect the special nature of this liturgical season; they should refrain from too much pomp or display.
- ◆ The readings for the Lenten Masses have been chosen in relation to the themes of baptismal renewal and penance. The gospels and readings from the Hebrew scriptures have been selected for their mutual relationship.

◆ It is fitting that the Lenten Season conclude, both for the individual Christian as well as for the whole Christian community, with a penitential celebrations, so that all may be helped to prepare to celebrate more fully the paschal mystery.

In the cycle of weekday readings, Lent falls into two parts. The first part, including the “pre-Lent” of Ash Wednesday and the rest of that week, runs through to Saturday of Week 3. In these three and a half weeks, the Gospel texts are taken from the synoptics and the Old Testament readings are chosen accordingly. The message running throughout is a call to a life of Gospel conversion. The periscopes speak of beginning anew, of fasting, prayer and almsgiving; of conversion; of mutual forgiveness; of hardness of heart; of love of enemies; of absolute claims of justice and love over ritual and cult; of the call to holiness and so forth. (Occasionally, what appears to be salvation history narrative is interspersed among those moral texts—a story like the call of Naaman or the workers in the vineyard, for example—but, in this context they are meant to be read as call to conversion rather than as referring to Christ or to the Easter mysteries.)

The readings for the second half of Lent are taken from the Gospel of John, beginning on the Monday of the fourth week of Lent at 4:43 and going through, omitting passages read on Sundays and during Easter, to chapter 13. It is clear that these readings from John do not constitute a kind of “crash course” in the life of Jesus, so much as a presentation of the mystery of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, of whom John says that all who believe in him will have eternal life. Christ is presented as the healer and life-giver, as the one who gives life through his confrontation with death and gathers into one the scattered children of God.

How do these two sections of the lectionary fit together and what can they tell us about the spirit of Lent? The shift from the “ethical” to the “Christological” is no accident. The purpose of the first part of Lent is to bring us to compunction.

It is in answer to this profound awareness of need that the lectionary shifts from the Synoptics to John, from the demands of discipleship to the person of Jesus. John presents Jesus as the Savior, but Jesus can only save those who know their need for salvation. “The Spirit of Lent,” Mark Searle in Assembly, vol 8:3