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# LENT 2021

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February 21, 2021

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To Be Appointed

**Sunday Masses**

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**Holy Day Masses**

9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**Daily Masses (Monday through Friday)**

8:00 a.m.

**Penance**

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals**

Arrange with Pastor

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*Repent*

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*Believe*

**MASSES THIS WEEK****Sun., February 21st 1st Sunday of Lent***Genesis 9:8-15; I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15*

Sat., 4:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sun., 10:00 a.m. Josephine Suter (daughter, Sharon)

**Mon., February 22nd The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle***I Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19*

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

**Tues., February 23rd***Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15*

8:00 a.m. Zora Devčić (Linda Gatton)

**Wed., February 24th***John 3:1-10; Luke 11: 29-32*

8:00 a.m. Paul Lucas (friends)

**Thurs., February 25th***Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12*

8:00 a.m. Craig Hrdlicka (Jerry Bennett)

**Fri., February 26th***Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26*

8:00 a.m. Franjo Čibarić (brother, Peter)

**Sat., February 27th***Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48*

8:00 a.m. No Service

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Confessions

**Sun., February 28th 2nd Sunday of Lent***Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10*

Sat., 4:00 p.m. Parishioners

Sun., 10:00 a.m. Amparo Quizon (Dostalek family)

**MINISTRIES NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**4:00 p.m. Reader: G. Chiconas10:00 a.m. Reader: L. Gatton**Last Sunday's Collection:** ..... \$1,961.00*Thank you for your generosity!***Our parish goal is \$10,000.00**

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**Lenten Reminders****Prayer - Fasting - Alms**

Use your Catholic Update and Daily Reflections for Lent booklet! Good prayer for these Lenten days!

*Put aside the frivolous - Reflect on the basics!*

Drop something in your Rice Bowl; these are still available in the vestibule. Return boxes by Sunday, March 28th. One of many ways to give alms!

*Attend Weekday Mass a few times  
or one time per week.*

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**Stations of the Cross**

This devotion lifts our hearts and minds to what God has done for us through the death/resurrection of Christ and motivates us to reach out to others with God's love. Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays during Lent; starting this Friday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. Scripture, prayers, hymns and silent reflection are included in this devotion. All are encouraged to take part in this processional prayer so appropriate for the Lenten season.



**Easter Flower Envelope:** This special envelope is in the February packet. If a memorial, mark the name(s) of the deceased/donor on the envelope. Return by Monday, March 29th. Only such memorials will be published at Easter.

**MOSCA - A Message from the Principal:** Each week, we select the names of two students who met their goals in their tech programs and buy them the lunch of their choice. It is a small gesture to encourage continued progress toward goals, even amidst the challenges that our students continue to face throughout this unprecedented year. We are currently registering our students for either in-person or digital learning for trimester III. I know that many of our students who have been remote all year are anxious to return to in-person learning, so we may have to get a little creative with scheduling. However, we are planning for a return to a 'normal' year for the fall and would love to enroll any friends, family members or neighbors that you know who might be looking for a great faith-based learning environment. If you would like to be one of our tuition angles, we are still in need of \$11,797. Please reach out to me directly at the school. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Jen Vega, principal.



**First Sunday of Lent:** As Lent began this past Wednesday ashes were sprinkled on our heads with the words “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” Today, Christ in the Desert Sunday! All who came to church on Wednesday had ashes sprinkled on their heads. We were with Christ in the desert and pledged ourselves to overcome the evil one. A worthwhile lenten thought! During the remainder of Lent, our life will again be seen through baptism into the mystery of Christ, his victory over sin and death becomes our victory over Satan. The readings for this Sunday present Jesus as the triumphant presence of God over the evil one. A simple presentation of God’s victory is found in each of the three readings. Christ victorious over the evil one - good overcomes evil.

In the **first reading** God is presented as making a covenant between himself and all living creatures. God pledges that water will never again destroy all mortal beings.

## PREFIGURING BAPTISM

In the **second reading**, the saving waters of Noah are presented as prefiguring baptism which saves us now. Jesus who has gone to heaven has taken all humanity with him.

# WATER

The **Gospel reading** is from Mark’s gospel and is the shortest of the three gospel acclamations of Christ. It simply says Jesus went into the desert, remained there forty days tempted by Satan, was among wild beasts and angels ministered to him. It doesn’t include all the details of Mark and Matthew but we can imagine the temptations.

# 40 DAYS

*We will not use water, sand or violet ribbons this year because we were asked not to use such items which are dangerous for spreading Corona virus. Hopefully some of these items will be useful later on.*

## *It's Not About Us*

St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented lenten experience. God is giving us this lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal his presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship he has with his people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with him. In short, we will see our short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us uncomfortable. Truth often does. ©LPI

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