



HOPE
IN THE
DESERT

1ST SUNDAY
OF LENT

MASS TIMES

Weekends: Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am* & 11:00am

Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12:00 Noon

Tuesday: 5:30pm

Thursday: 8:00am

*8:30 Mass Live Streamed on YouTube

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Thursday: 8:30am - 9:00am

Friday: 11:15am - 11:45am

Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:30pm

Or by appointment

Baptism: Pre-baptismal program required.

Call the Parish Office for more information.

Matrimony: Call the Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired date for more information.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Anointing of the Sick: Call Parish Office to set up appointment.

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In this Sunday’s passage from Mark’s Gospel, we see that the first thing the Holy Spirit moved Jesus to do after his baptism was to drive him into the desert. At first glance, this certainly doesn’t appear to be the promise of new gifts to come. Have you ever heard anyone say: “I can hardly wait to spend all summer in the desert.”?

Alone in it, the desert quickly brings fear. Back a few years ago, my son Mark who lives in Arizona took us out to the desert to drive his four wheelers. It was a lot of fun. But before I knew it, I lost my bearings and ended up lost, even though I knew I wasn’t that far from our starting point. I remember the fear I felt as everything looked exactly the same in every direction. I wasn’t sure whether I was getting closer to everyone else or further lost in a world of rocks and sand. Being lost and afraid hardly felt like a gift from God.

I can only imagine how fearful Jesus, fully human as he was, must have felt as he experienced the desert. There was the fear of wild beasts, just as hungry as Jesus was himself. Jesus’ fasting was another source of fear. Fasting quickly takes us far beyond the limits of our comfort zone. Anyone as hungry as Jesus would have been tempted to turn stones into bread, to end the misery prematurely, and to take the easy way out by giving in to Satan. After all, Satan was promising Jesus attractive and immediate gifts; gifts that appeared could be coming from his Father in heaven to meet his imminent need.

But Jesus was there knowing he was called to discover God’s will for his ministry. He knew that only by giving up every comfort of earth could He most fully discover what would bring the fulfillment of his Father’s purpose for his life. In this, Jesus wanted to show us that only in our willingness to surrender every aspect of our lives to the will of our Father, is there so much more for us ready to come.

Emerging from his fearful desert experience, Jesus announced the first words of his public ministry: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

So, let us listen and respond to his words and repent, turning away from the expectation of another same old “fearful” Lent and toward what surprises the Holy Spirit has in store for us. As we renounce the comforts of this earth to pray, let us believe Jesus’ promise that better and better gifts of the Holy Spirit are already ours to come. As we empty ourselves in fasting, let us expect to emerge experiencing the fulfillment for which our hearts hunger. As we deny ourselves for the sake of others, let us expect to see God’s kingdom of love emerging in our midst.

Deacon Bill

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15
- Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/ Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/ Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/ Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 22

Noon - Bob & Jeanette Schreiber †

Tuesday, February 23

5:30pm - Ed Valentine †

Wednesday, February 24

Noon - Paul & Anne Therese Frommelt †

Thursday, February 25

8:00am - Rev. Richard Schaefer †

Friday, February 26

Noon - Don Sloan †

Saturday, February 27

5:00pm - A. J. Sampson †

Sunday, February 28

8:30am - For the People of the Parish

11:00am - Marv Kahle †

5 Things to Know This Week

1 Hope in the Cross

Sundays

4:00-5:30pm in the church

Join us each Sunday for our six-week Lenten Mission, *Hope in the Cross*.

We'll pray the Stations of the Cross followed by a talk and discussion. This week, Fr. Jim will talk about falling under the weight of the crosses we bear. We'll live stream each presentation for those who are unable to attend in person. If you have questions, contact Ann. Hope to see you at the Mission!



OUR NEW NORMAL

Our goal is to give everyone a chance to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist as safely as we can while protecting the most vulnerable. Things will be a little different for a while, so please keep the following in mind:

- **Face Masks:** When you arrive at Mass, you will put on your mask *while still in your car*. We are asking that everyone wears a mask.
- **Entering the Church:** You'll get out of your car and come to the main entrance leaving a 6-foot space between you and anyone who's not part of your household. You'll sanitize your hands and come through the doors where a hospitality minister will show you to your seat down one-direction aisles. **We need volunteers for seating people.**
- **Seating:** There will only be seating for approx. 90 individuals. There may be more as households may sit together. You probably won't be sitting in your usual spot.
- **During Mass:** We will have very limited singing. There will be no collection, but you can leave your offering in a basket at the Information Station. There will be no procession of gifts, holding hands at the Our Father, and no "physical" Sign of Peace. We're using Communion patterns that facilitate social distancing. We ask that everyone receives the Eucharist in the hand. Communion from the cup remains suspended.
- **Leaving the Church:** You will be dismissed after Mass by the hospitality ministers who brought you in. Leave your kneelers down so we know where you were sitting. **We need volunteers to spray pews with disinfectant after each Mass to prepare for the next.**

2 Stations of the Cross

Due to the pandemic, we have a new schedule for Stations of the Cross this year. We will not have Stations on Friday evenings this year.

Sundays

At 4:00pm as part of *Hope in the Cross*

Tuesdays

After the 5:30pm Mass

Wednesdays

After the Noon Mass



3 Confirmation Retreat

Next Saturday (Feb. 27)

Please keep our Confirmation students in your prayers as they have their retreat next weekend!



4 Treasure Talk

Tuesday, Mar. 2

10:30am in Martin Hall

Rich Lambert will talk about the Origin of Key Words in the Christian Religion. Join us for this wonderful, thought-provoking talk and a little safe socializing. The church and tunnel doors will be open. To RSVP, call Ann or Donna at the parish office (563-588-1433) or email Ann at a.sirianni@dbqarch.org.



5 Confessions

As you continue your Lenten journey, remember that confessions are open Thursdays from 8:30-9:00am, Fridays from 11:15-11:45am, Saturdays from 4:00-4:30pm, or by appointment.



Remember that attending Mass does carry with it a greater risk of exposure to COVID-19. All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are still dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. For your own health and safety, if you're 60 or older, have an underlying condition or do not feel safe attending Mass, we ask that you strongly consider not attending.

We know how difficult this is. It isn't the way that any of us want, but it is the way it will need to be to ensure your well-being. Thank you all for your cooperation and patience.

IN OTHER NEWS

Catholic Charities Offers Many Services to Families

Did you know that Catholic Charities offers a diverse array of programs and services throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque, including Mental Health Counseling, Affordable Housing, Immigration Legal Services, Jail & Prison Reentry Services, Post-Adoption Search, Disaster Services, and Crisis Pregnancy and Post Abortion Counseling? We ask you to consider supporting these services with your gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.



What is the invitation you hear in today's Gospel?

Earth is Our Home Prayer Service

You are invited to an interfaith prayer service: **Earth is our Home — Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day and the 5th Anniversary of *Laudato Si'***



Sunday, March 7, 6:30-7:30pm
 Zoom Platform: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84828535970?pwd=VEpzcTZONFIkL2hkS3psSmtRSGFyZz09>
 Meeting ID: 848 2853 5970 Passcode: 505097
 (It will also be shown on the in-house TV channels at Mt. St. Francis Complex.)

Unbound Says Thank You!

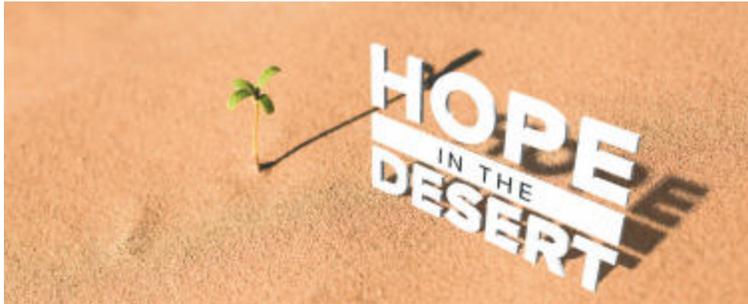
I was glad to be asked by Unbound to visit St. Joseph the Worker Church and preach on its behalf during the weekend of February 6-7. Thirteen persons were sponsored. They and their families give thanks to God for being chosen. Heartfelt gratitude is also extended to the many who, in the face of the pandemic, continue commitments made in response to previous appeals. Personally I was touched by the warm welcome I received on a frigid winter weekend. More sponsors are still needed. Please go to my web page and select a child from among those for whom I have a special concern:



unbound.org/MyOutreach/FrGeorgeKnab
 – Fr. George Knab, OMI

KC Annual Baby Shower

St. Joseph the Worker is supporting the Annual Baby Shower of the Knights of Columbus Council #510 (Dubuque) working in cooperation with Council #10069 (St. Joseph the Worker) and #15813 (St. Columbkille). All donations will be given to Birthright, Inc. Donations can be placed in the baby crib in the back of church during the period of February 17 through March 27. A list of requested items (diapers, newborn outfits, blankets, etc.) is available in the crib. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



In these difficult and uncertain times, it can feel like we're lost in the middle of a desert. But we're not alone, and the desert offers us an opportunity to grow.

Every Lent, we walk with Jesus on a journey through the desert. We take time to cut out distractions and to renew our faith in God and love for each other. And on the other side of the desert is the joy of Easter and the hope of better days.

So join us this Lent as we look at what we can learn from the desert experiences in our lives. Together, with Jesus as our guide, we can find "Hope in the Desert."

We'd love to reconnect in person or, if you're unable to gather with us in church, join us online for 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass live on our YouTube channel.

Learn more at theworker.org/lent

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

February 13-14

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| Offertory | \$50.00 |
| February 15 EFTs (72 envelopes) | \$7,532.00 |

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Check out theworker.org/lent for a full list of SJTW Lenten events and other helpful resources!

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

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WORSHIP AID - SELECTED PRAYERS

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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