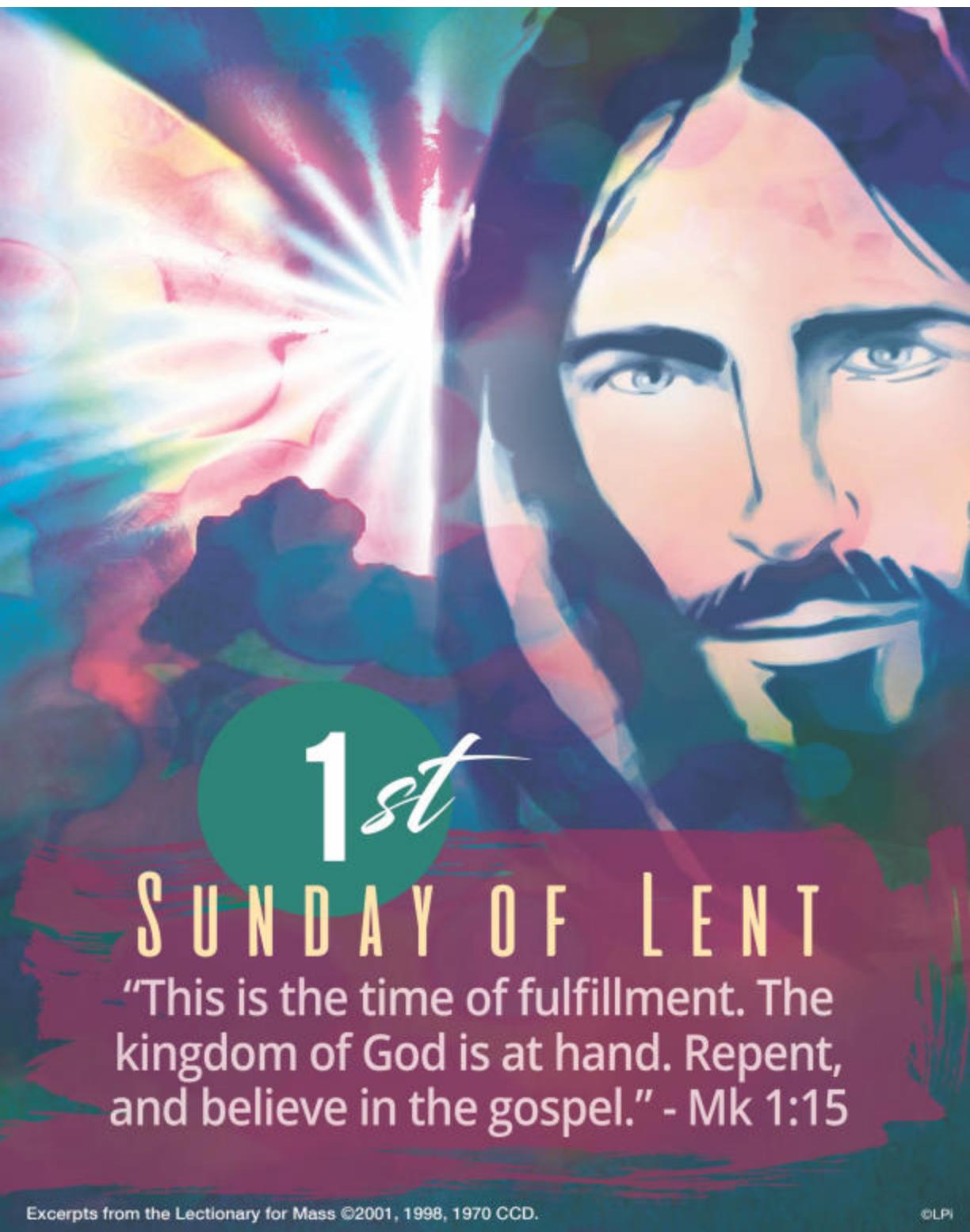




**Saint John the Baptist
Catholic Church**
4200 Delor St.
St. Louis, MO 63116

Sunday, February 21, 2021



We come together to worship God, serve our neighbors, and make disciples.

From Fr. Mitch



A member of the church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday.'

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

The Lord is my Shepherd ---- that's a Relationship!

I shall not want ---- that's Supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ----that's Rest!

He leadeth me beside the still waters ----that's Refreshment!

He restoreth my soul ---- that's Healing!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness --that's Guidance!

For His name sake ---- that's Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death--that's Testing!

I will fear no evil ---- that's Protection!

For Thou art with me ---- that's Faithfulness!

Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me ----that's Discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies-----that's Hope!

Thou anointest my head with oil ----that's Consecration!

My cup runneth over ---- that's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life---that's Blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord ----that's Security!

Forever ---- that's Eternity!

Face it, God loves you!

What is most valuable is not what we have in our lives, but who we have in our lives.

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Bulletin Notices

Must be presented in writing or email before 3:00 pm on Friday.

Mass Schedule

Weekend 4:00 pm Saturday
7:00 & 10:00 am Sunday

Weekday 6:30 am
(Monday ~ Friday)

Saturday 8:00 am

Holy Day As announced in bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 pm
At other times upon request

Sacrament of Baptism

Pre-registration necessary.
Call the rectory for info packet.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the rectory at least 6 months in advance.
Call the rectory for info packet.

New Parishioners

Please register as soon as possible after any of the Masses or contact the rectory.

Devotions in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Friday after the 6:30 am Mass

First Friday Rosary and Benediction 6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesday after the 6:30 am Mass

Rosary

After 8:00 am Mass Saturday
9:40 am Sunday



**Mass Intentions for the Week****Saturday, February 20**

8 am Deceased Members of the Corona Family †
4 pm Parishioners of SJB

Sunday, February 21

7 am Ruth Donnelly ~ health
10 am Frankie Knight †

Monday, February 22

6:30 am Intentions of the Holy Father
Tuesday, February 23

6:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory †
Wednesday, February 24

6:30 am Parishioners of SJB

Thursday, February 25

6:30 am Ann Daude †

Friday, February 26

6:30 am Intentions of the Holy Father
Saturday, February 27

8 am Deceased Members of the Kveton Family †
4 pm Patrick Bryan †

Sunday, February 28

7 am Parishioners of SJB
10 am William Kveton †

Lectors**Saturday, February 27**

4 pm N. Beasley

Sunday, February 28

7 am C. Howard
10 am D. Folz

**Readings for the Week****Readings for the week of February 21, 2021**

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

Observances for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Tuesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

**This Week at SJB**

Wednesday: SJB Senior Citizens Mtg.,
Parish Center, 11am
Parish Council, Parish Center, 7pm
(rescheduled from February 17, 2021)

Thursday: Quilters, Cafeteria, 8am

Saturday: Confessions 3-3:45pm

Mass 4pm

Sunday: Mass 7am and 10am

In your charity, please pray for the souls of



Laura Krentz
Parishioner and wife of Dan Krentz

Ann Daude
Parishioner

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.....

Mass Intentions

Would you like to have a loved one remembered at Mass for a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary? The recommended contribution for Masses is \$10. You may put your intention (with your contact information) in an envelope marked 'Parish Office' and place it in the collection basket or drop it in the mail slot at the front door of the Rectory.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. 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. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!

Please bring one food item (can/box) to Mass each week to support our local food pantry.

Needed items include: Pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned or boxed 'ready' meals, and soup.

Drop donations in the boxes at the entrances of church.

Thank you!!

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SJB Seniors Meeting

February 24th
11:00 am Doors open at 10:00 am
Parish Center
Please wear a mask



PRAYER

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and that I think I am following your will
does not mean I am actually doing so.
But I believe the desire to please you does in fact please
you.
And I hope I have that desire in all I am doing.
I hope I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know if I do this you will lead me by the right road
though I may know nothing about it.
I will trust you always
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you will never leave me to face my perils
alone.



++ Stations of the Cross ++

Stations of the Cross with Adoration and
Benediction will begin at 6pm in church
every Friday during Lent.



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