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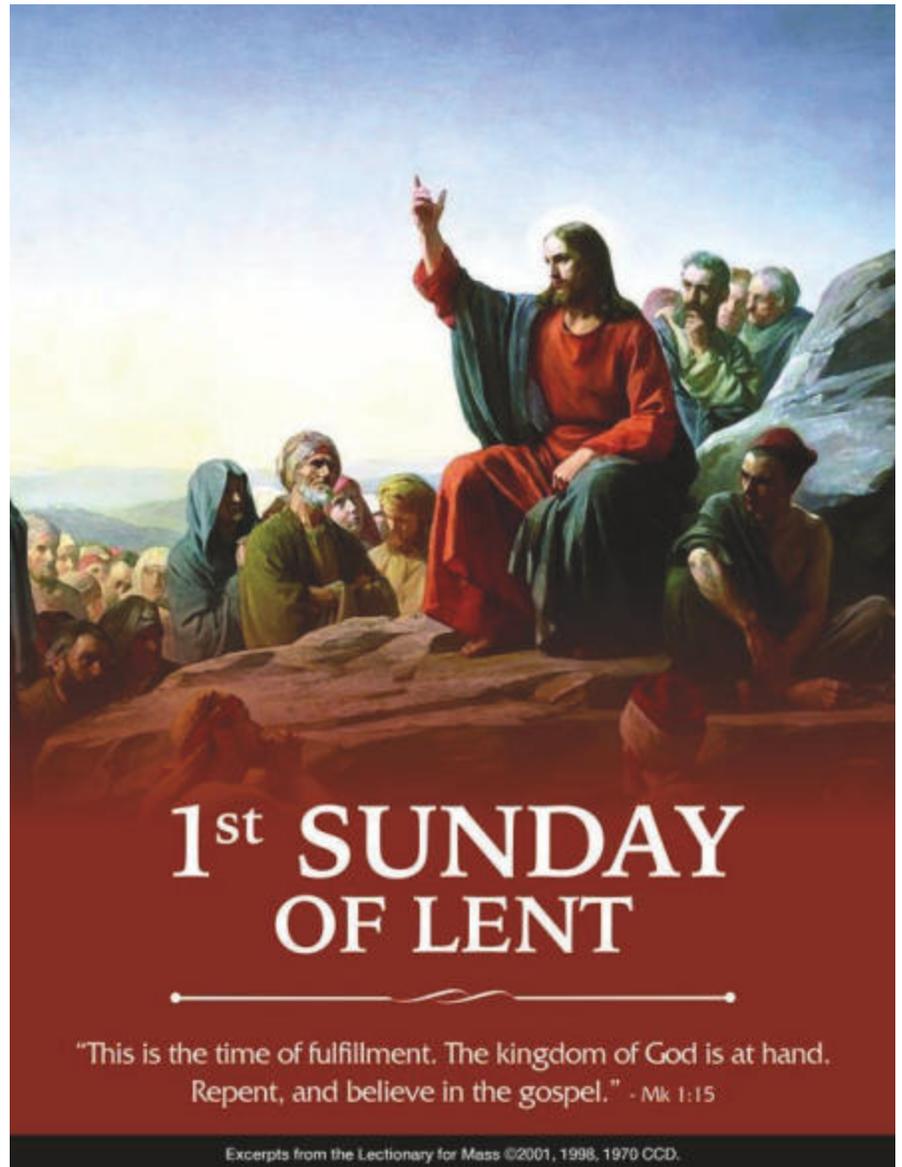
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**Weekend Liturgies and Confessions**  
Suspended until further notice

### Daily Masses

Tuesday & Wednesday, 8:00 am  
(see the link inside bulletin to sign up)

**Baptism** Complete the Baptism  
Registration Form on our website or call  
the parish office.

**Marriage** Call the pastor at least six  
months before the proposed date.

### To Register

Call the Parish Office, 763-545-1443 or  
register online at our website.

### Office Hours

M-Th 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Fri 8:30-3:30

**Bulletin Articles** Due Monday morning  
by noon for next Sunday issue.

## Readings for Sunday, February 21, 2021

Genesis 9:8-15  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15

**Due to COVID-19 Fr. Lybarger is continuing the suspension of weekend liturgies at St. Mary of the Lake through February. Reconciliations have been suspended as well. Daily masses will continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. To sign up to attend daily mass go to the link on the homepage of our website ([www.smlplymouth.org](http://www.smlplymouth.org)) or call the parish office. Please enter through the east door only; then exit through the south door. Social distancing will be enforced for seating and also for receiving the Eucharist. Masks are required. Communion will be distributed after the final blessing. *St. Mary's will continue to record the weekend liturgy and post it online each Saturday by 4:30 pm.***

## Pray for . . .

The following have asked for your prayers: Howard Gregory, Don Schnack, Dan Kirk, Mary Reckers, Chris & Janet Meyers, Kevin Smith, Alex Marquette, Thomas Claude Smith, Jr., Aurelia Drier, Ruth Heibel, Nick Hitler, Arnie Kunkel, John Hatlestad, Tom Belson, Teresa Hickey, George Wolf, Martha Schliesman, Matty Cuta, Mike Diedrich, Daryl Sather, Peter St. Peter, Lois Peterzen, Carole Svihel, Dennis Stoll, Anna Bergquist, Marian Botzet, Judy Dungan, Michelle Pajari, Eileen Cavanagh, Russell Fallstad, JoAnn Aronson and those in hospitals, nursing homes, the homebound, the families of the sick, caregivers, and the members of the military and their families.

## Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday during Lent at 7 pm  
*Sign-up at [www.smlplymouth.org](http://www.smlplymouth.org)*

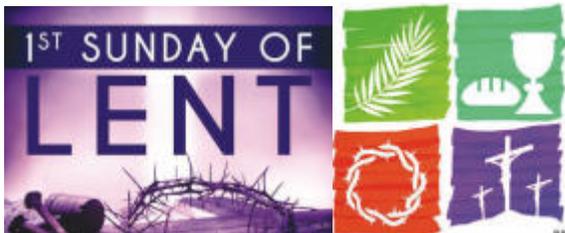
## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Feb 23

8:00 am Michael Kaczrowski †

Wednesday, Feb 24

8:00 am Rev. John C Clay †



## Gospel Meditation

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 myopic 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 feel uncomfortable. Truth often does. ©LPI

## Lenten Bible Study Program at St. Mary of the Lake

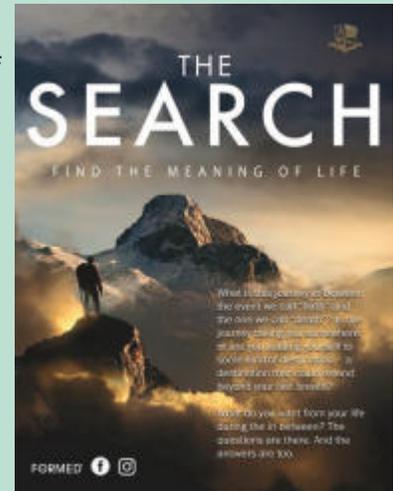
St. Mary's is excited to be offering **The Search** Bible study this Lent. As Catholics we know life is a beautiful mystery. Now explore the depths of that mystery and what it means for you. Join us for **The Search**, a beautiful video program that explores life's big questions.

What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.

Join us for "The Search", a **7-session video study presented by FORMED**. You will be able to watch each video (about 30 minutes) by yourself, in the comfort of your home and then meet once a week for a group discussion led by parishioner Patti Naples on Zoom. The study begins the week of February 21<sup>st</sup>. Each week you will be sent a link to the video. Zoom discussion takes place every Wednesday at 10 am, starting February 24th. If you are unable to attend the live zoom event we will post a recording online so you can view the discussion at any time.

Study guides will be available for pick up in the vestibule. The cost is \$10. Please register at our web <https://smlplymouth.org/registration-form>. You can pay online when you register or send a check to St. Mary's. For more information or to register, visit our website [www.smlplymouth.org](http://www.smlplymouth.org) or call the parish office.

Access Episode #1 at FORMED.org. Not signed up on FORMED.org? Visit <https://formed.org/signup> and search for our parish by name or zip code.



### Fratelli Tutti

Four sessions remain: February 24, March 23, April 27, and May 25, 7-8:30 p.m. via Zoom  
The Center for Mission is hosting a five-part series of presentations and discussions to dive into this very important encyclical from Pope Francis. This online series will feature specially selected speakers to lead us to discern how Fratelli Tutti can influence and enrich our lives. This series is open to all. Visit [centerformission.org/whats-new/](http://centerformission.org/whats-new/) to sign up! Contact Adam Fitzpatrick for more information at [Fitzpatricka@archspm.org](mailto:Fitzpatricka@archspm.org), or 651-291-4410.

### NET Virtual Retreat

Thursday, March 11, 6-9 p.m., virtual retreat  
Open to teens in grades 8-12 from around the country, this retreat will focus on the person of Jesus for the main large group presentation and is appropriate for teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and for confirmed teens who are interested in a retreat experience. Each teen will need their own device and will receive a link via email to the retreat. Register at [netusa.org/confirmation](http://netusa.org/confirmation). Cost is \$17 per teen.

### Cana Self-Guided Lenten Morning of Reflection: Living Merciful Love this Lent

Saturday, February 27, 8-11 a.m., online  
Mothers of young children, a special time for reflection just for you! Do you want to grow in your acceptance of Christ's merciful love poured out on the cross? Discover how to help your family respond to suffering with peace. Take time away to focus on God's mercy as a way to enhance your marriage and family life. Invite your friends to join you for the free Cana self-guided Lenten reflection "Living Merciful Love" using a flexible format. Register by February 23 and find details at [canafamilyinstitute.com/events](http://canafamilyinstitute.com/events). Questions Contact [cathy@canafamilyinstitute.com](mailto:cathy@canafamilyinstitute.com) Brought to you by Cana Family Institute as part of The Cana Experience.

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