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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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REPENT

Let us fix our attention on the blood of Christ and recognize how precious it is to God his Father, since it was shed for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to all the world.

If we review the various ages of history, we will see that in every generation the Lord has *offered the opportunity of repentance* to any who were willing to turn to him. When Noah preached God's message of repentance, all who listened to him were saved. Jonah told the Ninevites they were going to be destroyed, but when they repented, their prayers gained God's forgiveness for their sins, and they were saved, even though they were not of God's people.

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the ministers of God's grace have spoken of repentance; indeed, the Master of the whole universe himself spoke of repentance with an oath: *As I live*, says the Lord, *I do not wish the death of the sinner but his repentance*. He added this evidence of his goodness: *House of Israel, repent of your wickedness. Tell the sons of my people: If their sins should reach from earth to heaven, if they are brighter than scarlet and blacker than sackcloth, you need only turn to me with your whole heart and say, "Father", and I will listen to you as a holy people.*

In other words, God wanted all his beloved ones to have the opportunity to repent and he confirmed this desire by his own almighty will. That is why we should obey his sovereign and glorious will and prayerfully entreat his mercy and kindness. We should be suppliant before him and turn to his compassion, rejecting empty works and quarreling and jealousy which only lead to death.

Brothers, we should be humble in mind, putting aside all arrogance, pride and foolish anger. Rather, we should act in accordance with the Scriptures, as the Holy Spirit says: *The wise man must not glory in his wisdom nor the strong man in his strength nor the rich man in his riches. Rather, let him who glories glory in the Lord by seeking him and doing what is right and just.* Recall especially what the Lord Jesus said when he taught gentleness and forbearance. *Be merciful*, he said, *so that you may have mercy shown to you. Forgive, so that you may be forgiven. As you treat others, so you will be treated. As you give, so you will receive. As you judge, so you will be judged. As you are kind to others, so you will be treated kindly. The measure of your giving will be the measure of your receiving.*

Let these commandments and precepts strengthen us to live in humble obedience to his sacred words. As Scripture asks: *Whom shall I look upon with favor except the humble,*

peaceful man who trembles at my words?

Sharing then in the heritage of so many vast and glorious achievements, let us hasten toward the goal of peace, set before us from the beginning. Let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on the Father and Creator of the whole universe, and hold fast to his splendid and transcendent gifts of peace and all his blessings.

—*From a letter to the Corinthians by Saint Clement I, pope and martyr*



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Christopher Anderson, Jerry Anderson, Patrick Battinelli, Rosemary Bella, David Bodofsky, Sal Bonina, Aisha Bonny, Taylor Bova, Frank Carreiro, Mary Caruso, Daniel Caruso, Elena Cates, Toni Coe, Frank Colandro, Sandra Coppola, Sonya Correntee, Patti Crowley, Marge Denicola, Steven DiCiccio, Cindy Doran, Barbara Eilertsen, Carl Ezzo, Johann Fernando, Gerry Fraioli, John Gerardi, Pat Gil, Adam Godlewski, Carol Happel, Marge Hogan, Rachel Hogan, Bernard Izzo, Susan Jacobsen, Jessica Mages, Mary Joyce-McDonough, Carol Kane, Liam Kelly, Kathy L., Megan Lemoung, Gary Livia, Miguel Machado, Mark, Frank McNerney, Mary Montaine, Mary Palmer, Harper Pappas, Michael Pataky, Guillaume Paulemon, Sylvia Privil, Sandy Recchia, Rev. Alfred Riendeau, Julie Salce, Lois Scatton, Gina Stuart, Anthony Tomczyk, Lucille Tomzick, and Betty Vitti.



In your prayers...

Remember the men and women in the Armed Forces and all who protect us and put themselves in harm's way on our behalf; may they be shielded from danger; and for their families and loved ones. In particular, Andrew Anderson, Christopher Blasius, Nick Carella, Ian Francis, Samantha Krom, Christian Legaspe, Steven Nolan, and Dylan Schneider.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

This week we will briefly discuss the musical changes made as we begin Lent.

Ordinary Time format	Lenten format
Improvisation on <i>Introit</i> Gregorian chant melody	Improvisation on a Gregorian chant melody
Prelude (Organ repertoire)	Prelude (Organ repertoire)
Entrance hymn (sung)	Entrance hymn (sung)
Psalm and Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)	Psalm and Gospel Acclamation (Non-Alleluia)
Offertory (Organ repertoire)	Offertory (Organ repertoire)
Communion (Organ repertoire or hymn improvisation)	Communion (Hymn-based interlude or improvisation)
Recessional hymn (sung)	Marian antiphon (sung): Ave Regina Caelorum
Postlude (Organ repertoire or hymn improvisation)	

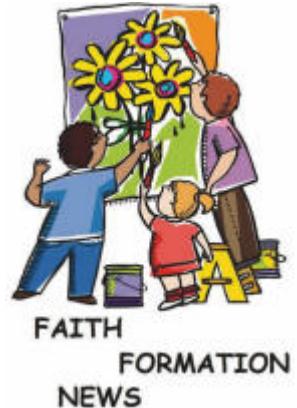
To address the typical changes, we refrain from singing Alleluia during Lent. For example, this week our Gospel Acclamation will be the Alstott setting of “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory”. Also, while we have not been singing the Gloria as part of our COVID-19-based reduction in vocal music, we won’t be reciting it during Lent, either.

A somewhat subtle change will be implemented for music during Communion. While organ repertoire served as a regular substitute for Communion vocal music, we will strictly use melodies based on hymn texts during Lent. You will likely recognize most, if not all of the melodies—some of the most well-known hymn tunes are closely associated with the season!

Finally, while we will continue to have a 10-minute organ prelude before each Mass, we will completely omit the organ postlude for the entirety of the season. Also, in lieu of a new recessional hymn each week, the seasonal Marian antiphon will be sung—which, until Eastertide, is *Ave Regina Caelorum*. Details will follow in next week’s column. —Neil Flores, Organist and Director of Music

First Penance

Eight young parishioners from Saint Maurice will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the Church. Please pray for these children and their families.



Grade One Workshop—Sunday, February 21, 2021

The first grade workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 21, 2021 in Doran Hall. We will explore Lent and the Season of Love!

First Eucharist Parent Orientation—Sunday, February 28, 2021

Orientation for parents and guardians of children preparing for the sacrament of First Eucharist will be held on Sunday, February 28, 2021 in Doran Hall. There are two meeting options: 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Parents may choose the meeting which works best for their family schedule.

Confirmation 2021

The date of Confirmation 2021 has been set by the Office of the Bishop. Confirmation at Saint Maurice will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

ZOOM Authorization

In order to hold ZOOM sessions, the parent permission form for ZOOM must be signed and returned to Sandra Kluun. This form was included in the Family Handbook packet in October 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Kluun.

Sunday Reading and Background: Gospel Mark 1:12–15

Can you imagine a movie scene illustrating the first part of today's Gospel passage? Jesus is out in the desert, where he is put to the test, or tempted, by Satan. But he is also surrounded by wild beasts and angel attendants. It must have been an interesting forty days Jesus spent preparing to proclaim the good news. "The kingdom of God is at hand," he announced in Galilee, and he called people to get ready for God's reign by reforming their lives.

For reflection and discussion—In what ways do you want Lent to be a new beginning in your life as a Christian? What will you do to work toward these goals? Who or what might help you to experience Lent as "a new day dawning"? (from Sadlier)

Resources for Lent

Lent can be like a new day dawning. It is a time for a fresh beginning and a renewal of our covenant to live as God's people. Explore these spiritual opportunities:

Sunday Family Rosary—continues at 7:30 pm every Sunday night. All are welcome.

(<https://formationreimagined.org/sundayfamilyrosary/>)

Busted Halo—You'll find many articles, including "A Catholic Guide to Holy Week Symbols" and "Holy Week Around the World." Busted Halo also offers short videos on Lent, such as a 3-minute video on Holy Week.

(<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources>)

Meet a February Saint—Saint Peter Damian—Feast Day: February 21—Canonized: 1823

Peter was born in Italy in 1007. When his parents died, he went to live with one of his older brothers, who treated him cruelly. Sometimes Peter was forbidden to eat any of his brother's food. Another brother helped solve the problem by giving Peter money so that he could afford to go away to school.

Peter did so well in school that he became a professor when he was only 25. After the school day was finished, Peter often invited students and poor people to his home for dinners that he served himself. He remembered what it felt like to be hungry.

Peter became a priest and then a Benedictine monk. He spent his days in prayer and study. After a short time Peter was elected abbot, or superior, of the community. Although this new responsibility took Peter away from his quiet life, he was an excellent leader. So many men were attracted to religious life because of his example that he established five new monasteries.

Peter was ordained the bishop of Ostia, a diocese near Rome. As bishop, Peter worked to solve problems in his diocese and to remind his priests of their mission.

Pope Stephen X recognized Peter's gifts and asked him to represent the Church in settling disputes and helping to stop practices that were preventing the Church from doing Christ's work in the world. Peter was so skilled as a peacemaker and reformer that he advised seven popes and traveled to many places representing the Holy Father. He worked with priests, bishops, kings, and emperors—all to serve Jesus.

As a monk, a bishop, and a saint, Peter Damian lived one of the Benedictine Rules completely: "Do not prefer anything to the love of Christ." He died in 1072 and is considered to be a Doctor of the Church. St. Peter Damian helps us to remember that if we put Jesus first in our lives, the Lord will always guide us in living as his faithful disciples. (from RCL Benziger)

Parish Offering

Week of February 14, 2021

Saturday, 4:00pm (32).....	\$340.00
Sunday, 8:00am (19).....	\$356.00
Sunday, 10:30am (52).....	\$379.00
TOTAL	\$1,075.00
Mailed into Parish Office	\$726.00
Online Giving	\$1,577.00

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BEREAVEMENT GROUP FOR THE WIDOWED

A support group for women and men who have lost a spouse or significant other. The meetings are held in Doran Hall. For detailed information, including dates and times, contact Donna Hughes at 203.595.0603 or donnahuz@aol.com.

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Online Giving is a safe and convenient way for you to make your weekly offertory and special collections and contributions in support of our Parish. The service is easy to set up and manage. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please consider this option.

To sign up, visit our Parish website and click on the Online Giving logo located on the main page. Thank you for considering this safe, secure and easy method of donating regularly in support of our Parish.

Our Online Giving system is also an App for Apple and Android products! You can download it free in the App Store, Google Play Store or go to OLGapp.com. If you are new to Online Giving, register and enter Church ID 1376.

THE “NEW NORMAL” FOR ATTENDING MASS

As Saint Maurice continues public worship, it is of the utmost importance these specific guidelines be followed.

- ◆ If you are sick or at high risk please do not attend
- ◆ Reservations are required via website or phone call
- ◆ Single door by rectory used as Entrance to Church
- ◆ Single door by Baptismal font as Exit from Church
- ◆ Collection basket at entrance and exit to Church
- ◆ Face masks must be worn in Church at all times
- ◆ Sanitize hands upon entering Church
- ◆ Social distancing must be maintained at all times
- ◆ Sit only in pews marked with yellow tape
- ◆ Families may sit together in same pew
- ◆ Kindly refrain from singing; Mass parts will be spoken
- ◆ At Communion: After host is placed in your hand, step aside, lower mask, consume host, replace mask and return to seat via side aisle
- ◆ Restrooms are closed and are not accessible
- ◆ Exit Church immediately following dismissal
- ◆ Do not leave *anything* in the Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 20

4:00pm Annette Lovallo

Sunday, February 21—First Sunday of Lent

8:00am Sean O'Brien

10:30am All our parishioners

Monday, February 22

8:00am Margaret Harter (Living Intention)

Tuesday, February 23

8:00am Doroveo Caballero

Wednesday, February 24

8:00am Capaducia Cala

6:30pm Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Thursday, February 25

8:00am Dominga Albor

Friday, February 26

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27

4:00pm All our parishioners

Sunday, February 28—Second Sunday of Lent

8:00am Vincenza Zinicola

10:30am Paddy Mullins

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday in Lent at 6:30pm. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction will also be offered on alternate Wednesdays along with individual Reconciliation, beginning February 24 at 6:30pm.

MASS RESERVATIONS

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED in order to attend weekend Mass. You must make a reservation for the number of people attending. An online reservation system is available on the Parish website; click on the

RESERVATION button and follow the instructions to place your reservation to attend Mass.

PLEASE DO NOT SHOW UP WITHOUT A RESERVATION! If you do so, you may be asked to wait in line to accommodate those who made their reservation in advance.

If you do not have access to the internet, call the Parish Office at 203.324.3434, extension 705, to make your reservation. Calls received by Saturday at 10:00am will show on the check-in list.

The sanctuary candle this week is in memory of Thomas Covino.

Votive candle by the statue of the Holy Family is for our nation and the world.

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 9:2-1

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