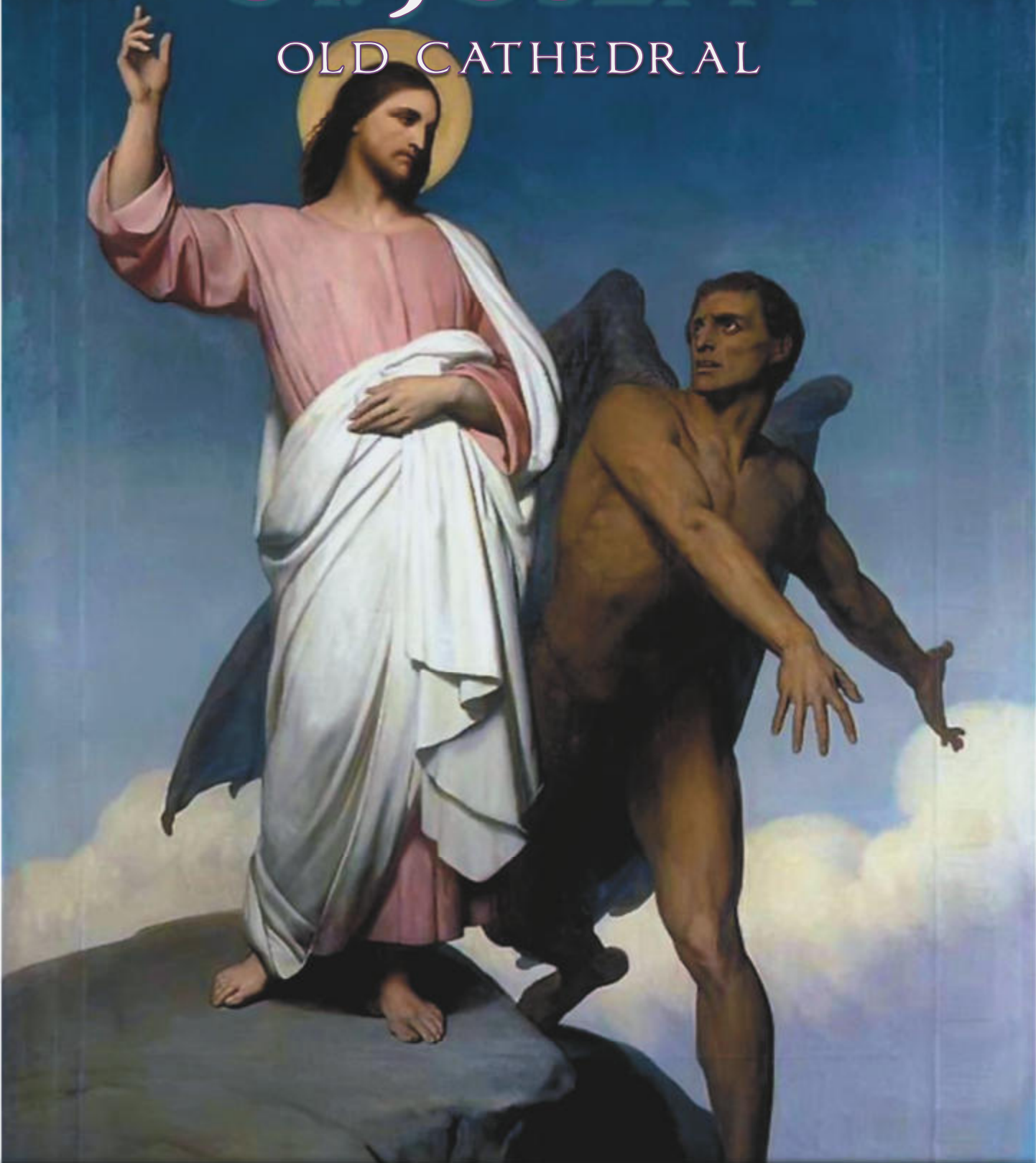


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First Sunday
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Welcome

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, February 21, 2021

At the very beginning of the Gospel of Mark, we hear that the "Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan." In order to begin in earnest, Jesus first left his familiar surroundings and the creature comforts and entered into spiritual combat, a battle that is an essential aspect of the Christian life against evil. Just as Satan tried to deter Jesus from following his path, so does Satan tempt us along the journey. Yet we must always remember that our path before us has been walked before... we can follow the path that Jesus has blazed before us, repelling the enemy through our Lenten observances of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It might feel that there is no way to defeat the evils that we face, but we are never alone. Let us pray that we may intentionally enter into this penitential season, so that forty days from now we will be found standing tall as the Easter fire is lit and Paschal candle is lifted high to scatter every shadow and even darkness itself.

I am so excited by the growth that our parish is experiencing! As we begin this Lenten season I ask you to consider taking the next step in discipleship by getting involved with one of our revised ministries. Orientation will be Saturday, March 6th from 10:00-12noon for our Usher, Altar server, and new Welcome Ministries at our parish (including the Hispanic community). Ushers and greeters play important roles in our parish of welcoming guests and the faithful, assisting people during Mass, and overseeing the offertory. Our altar server ministry will be open to boys and girls in our parish from 3rd grade-12th grade. Altar servers assist the priest and deacon at Mass and help reverently lead the parish in prayer. Orientation for parents and children will be March 6 from 10-11:00am with training on a future date. Great things are happening at St. Joseph's!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Brian

Fr. Brian Buettner, Pastor

This week's letter in Spanish is provided as a handout.

La carta de esta semana en español se proporciona como volantes.



Worship

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 4:00pm
12:00noon in Spanish

Weekdays 12:00noon

Wednesdays 6:30pm in Spanish

Holy Days 7:00am, 12noon, 7:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekdays 11:15am (English)

Saturdays 3:00pm (English)

Sundays 11:15am (Spanish)

Wednesdays 5:45pm(Spanish)

Please Note

there will be no 12noon Mass
from February 24-26

New to St. Joseph Parish?

Whether you are a regular attendee or this is your first time with us, we wanted to make sure you know how much we appreciate you joining for Mass today here at St. Joseph Old Cathedral. You are always welcome. If you are interested in joining our parish family, please contact Vanessa in our office Monday – Friday.

What are you doing for Lent?

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

<p>1. Give up sin Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.</p>	<p>2. Fast An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.</p>	 <p>3. Pray Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.</p>	<p>4. Do good works Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.</p>
<p>5. Give alms Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.</p>		 <p>6. Abstain Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.</p>	
<p>7. Do meditative reading Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.</p>	<p>8. Control desire for possessions Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.</p>	<p>9. Control desire for entertainment Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.</p>	<p>10. Carry out duties in life Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!</p>

Witness

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Our parish has been blessed to accompany four people from other faith traditions who desire to join the Catholic Church and one baptized Catholic who seeks Confirmation. They have spent the past six months growing in their understanding of the Catholic faith and preparing to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil on April 3. Please keep in your prayers the following candidates as they enter a 40-day period of deeper prayer, reflection, and preparation this Lent:

- Bryan Wietelman
- Javier Ibanez
- Jerilyn Kisabeth
- Makayla Hammons
- Melissa Klick

Seeking Ushers, Greeters, and Altar Servers

Are you seeking to serve the Lord? Then please consider joining our newly revised Usher, Altar Server, or Welcome ministries. Mass participation is quickly growing and we want all to experience joyful and sacred worship and feel they have a home at St. Joseph. Orientation & training will be Saturday March 6 from 10:00am to 11:45am. Parents and children (grades 3-12) will only attend orientation from 10:00-11:00am with separate training on a future date.

Accompany the Lord to Calvary

Stations of the Cross is a 400-year old devotion reflecting on the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. Traditional prayers allow participant to reflect on the mystery of his death. You are invited to make this part of your Lenten journey. Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday from 6pm-7pm in the church.

"I Turn to You, Lord, in Time of Trouble."

The theme of the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal focuses on turning to the Lord in times of trouble and on his desire to fill us with joy. Your financial commitment to the Annual Catholic Appeal can be an outward expression of your joy! This archdiocesan appeal supports Youth & Young Adult Ministries, Evangelization & Discipleship Formation, Religious Education & Catholic Schools, Vocation & Clergy Formation, Marriage & Family Life, and so much more. Please consider sharing in the great work of the Church by making a gift to the appeal. Visit ArchOKC.org/appeal

THANK YOU

A disciple of Jesus lives a life sharing his or her time, talent, and treasure. We are blessed by your prayers, service, and financial support.

February 13&14 Mass Offertory

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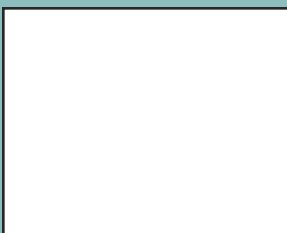
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