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CATHOLIC CHURCH



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1st SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.” - Mk 1:15

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Sacraments & Liturgies

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish), 10:30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

First Friday Mass: 12:00 p.m. at

St. John's Chapel

Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

Baptism: By appointment, contact
Parish Office.

Weddings: Six months notice
required. Please contact the pastor
to begin the preparation process.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Friday

6:00-7:00pm.

February 21, 2021 • 1st Sunday of Lent

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.

Catechetical Corner

Religious Education Classes

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

First Communion & 5th - 8th Grade

Prayers for the Sick:

Please pray for:

Juan Franco, Jean Beesley, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Don Perno, Judy Diskin, Dianne Perno, Lindsey Roberts, Richard Contu, Evangelina Harly, Donna Esko.

Happy Birthday to: Mary Johnson, Scott Mulvihill (21); Fred Trachte (22); Jeannie Baber (25).

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the office so we can update our information.

Mass Intentions: February 20th - 26th, 2021

Saturday Betty Conway t / Catherine Ritchie
Sunday 8:00 Special Intentions
Sunday 10:30 Terry & Brandi Wilson t / Dale & Joan Wilson
Tuesday Betty Conway t / Mike & Cindy Tanner
Wednesday Carma Casey t / Rick & Jennifer Rumsey
Thursday Special Intentions
Friday Special Intentions



Readings for the week of February 21st, 2021

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Lectors: Saturday 1st & Second Readings

February 20th - Mike Tanner
 February 27th - Jeff Everard
 March 6th - Karen Sontag
 March 13th - Mike Tanner

Lectors: Sunday 1st & Second Readings

February 21st - Charles Gebetsberger
 February 28th - Josette Haskell
 March 7th - Sara Beuchat
 March 14th - Nancy Wise

Ushers - volunteer basis

Sacred Heart Church Collections



February 14, 2021 Collection

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February 7, 2021 Collection \$ 3,682.05

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7

LIVE THE LITURGY
- 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!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus: The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Contact Grand Knight Robert Mulvihill 918-906-7170.

Prayer Network: For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office.

Women's Bible Study Group: Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.

Fatima Ladies: Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.

Grief Support Group: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays/8 wk sessions Contact Connie Anderson by text at 319-470-2800.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, February 26th - Please join us for Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

3rd Annual 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive. The Knights of Columbus Council 9333 is asking each member of the Parish to join them in celebrating Lent in the spirit of almsgiving by donating one non-perishable food item or toiletry item each day during Lent.

Faith & Works Annual Appeal. Whether you have given in the past, or you would be a first time giver please give prayerful consideration to donating this year. It is up to all of us to help provide the 77 parishes and 2 missions in Eastern Oklahoma with the services and ministry resources no single parish could provide for itself. There are many services our parish benefits from throughout the year. Please help our faith go further by making a pledge to the Faith & Works Annual Appeal. You may return your envelope to the church through February 28th or mail it directly to the diocese.

Save Lives on the Sidewalk - Learn to reach out lovingly and effectively to women as they enter the Tulsa abortion clinic and offer them free ultrasounds and life-affirming alternatives from the Go Life location across the street. Over 30 babies have been saved since January 2018. Sidewalk Advocates for Life training will be on Saturday, March 6th, at Go Life Mobile Medical, 3210 S. Norwood Ave., Suite E, Tulsa, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. To register call 918-518-0648 or sarah@golifemobilemedical.com



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