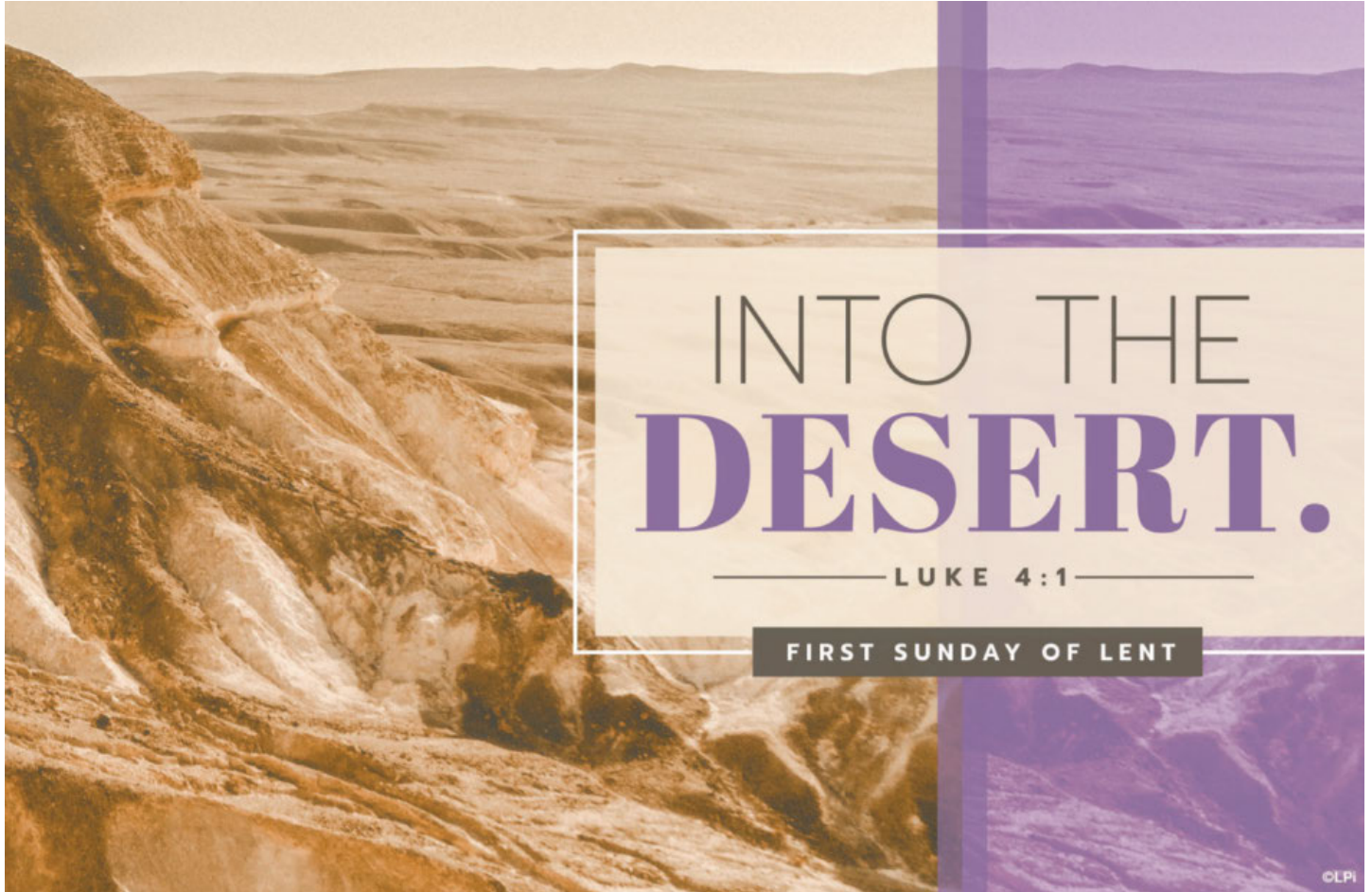


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MARCH 9, 2025 | 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass

Tuesday | 5:45pm
Wednesday - Friday | 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm
Sunday | 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday | 8:30am - 4:00pm
(closed for lunch 12 - 1)

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Reconciliation

Tuesday | 5:15 - 5:35pm
Wednesday - Friday | 7:30 - 7:50am
Saturday | 3:00 - 3:45pm

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The Catholic writer and editor Elizabeth Scalia observed: “Some years we approach our Lenten disciplines with a sense of enthusiasm; we’re ready for the challenges of the desert; we know we will emerge stronger for our time spent thirsting, climbing, and stepping forward in faith. In other years, we may look at Lent with wary eyes, all too familiar with the weight of our faults, and daunted by the bright empty heat into which we must carry them, until we find Jesus, to whom they may be surrendered.”

I can relate to both sentiments - enthusiasm and wariness - as we enter into this grace-filled season of Lent. I am attracted to the possibility of spiritual and personal growth through the paring down of so many unnecessary distractions and practices which creep into my life. I look forward to the simplicity of the desert, and more time spent with Christ and friends. At the same time, I realize the effort involved in naming my faults and surrendering them to Christ.

Priests are fortunate in that we have ample opportunities to celebrate Mass as part of our vocation and ministry. But we still benefit by taking on extra sacrifices for Lent and removing certain forms of temptation from our lives. I know plenty of priests who give up alcohol for Lent, and even one priest who gives up coffee. For many years I gave up television but this year I think I will limit the use of my smart phone to just calling, texting, and driving directions. No scrolling through social media or constantly checking email messages. Our goal is to make these 40 days different from the rest of the year so that we can become more thoughtful and considerate.

Our Lenten Mission is this Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 10, 11, and 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m. each night. Our retreat director is Abbot Justin Brown, O.S.B., the retired abbot of St. Joseph Abbey and currently the 13th Abbot President of the Swiss-American Congregation of the Benedictine Confederation. All Christian Formation classes are cancelled this week in favor of the Mission, so I hope you will be able to join us for one or more nights of the Mission. The Tuesday evening Mass this week is moved up to 5:30 p.m. to allow a short break before the Mission talk.

The Way of the Cross will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Seafood dinners will be served every Friday in Lent from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Most of the dinners will be prepared by the Knights of Columbus, but the Catholic Daughters and Youth are also signed up for one Friday each.

I am inspired by so many of you who regularly receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and I encourage those of you who have not been in a year or more to come to confession sometime during this Lenten season. I am in the confessional 30 minutes prior to our daily Masses, and at 3:00 on Saturdays. Communal penance services will take place throughout the month of March in our deanery, and the **Penance Service** here at Holy Rosary is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. Five other priests will join us for the service.

In Christ,
Father Matt



SATURDAY, March 8

4:00 PM Shirley T. Melancon, Roy & Sybil Moore, Gerald Comeaux, Catherine Brown, Buddy DeLaune, Alan Quesenberry, Lura B. Sheets, Wayne Sheets, Deacon JR Salinas, Johnny & Mary Civello

SUNDAY, March 9

7:00 AM For the Parish

9:00 AM Wesley Blank, Dale Moran, Claire Zeller, Elva & Felicien Parent, Telesmar Moran, Jr., Mason Peabody, Tommy Moran, Salvatore Molea, Rhonda Murphy

11:00 AM Morris & Eva Moran, Lois LeBlanc, Jimmy LeBlanc, Mark LeBlanc, Murdle LeBlanc, J.T. Richardson, Kat LeBlanc, Eugene Moran, Joe Gautreau, Tommy Moran, Mickey Ann Deslatte, Brett Anthony Morin, Bryan Elliott, Carey Frederic, Perry Savoy

MONDAY, March 10

8:00 AM No Mass/No Communion Service

TUESDAY, March 11

5:45 PM Memorial Guild Members

WEDNESDAY, March 12

8:00 AM In Honor of Stacy Allee

THURSDAY, March 13

8:00 AM Robbie Savoy, Jr.

FRIDAY, March 14

8:00 AM Joanne Duhé

SATURDAY, March 15

4:00 PM Ronnie Watts, Brenda T. Melancon, Bertha & Henry Graham, Jerry Lanoux, Ellis, Evelyn, & Brian LeBourgeois, Judy Blouin, Cleveland Marchand, Sr., Hermine Marchand, James B. Marchand, Alan Quesenberry

SUNDAY, March 16

7:00 AM Raymond Hebert, Dianne C. Savoy, Charles Powers, Jr.

9:00 AM Gladys Delatte, Bernard & Leona Bourgeois, Blake Bourgeois, Gail Bourgeois, Mason Peabody, Tommy Moran, Bryan Elliott, Floyd & Gloria Stelly, Greg Stelly, Sam & Paula Speligene, Doyle, Agnes, & Darrin Templet, E.J Hidalgo, Anthony Lipoma, Mary & RJ Haydel

11:00 AM For the Parish

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Mission Leader:
 Abbot Justin Brown, O. S. B.

Abbot Brown is the former Abbot of Saint Joseph Abbey in Louisiana and currently the 13th Abbot President of the Swiss-American Congregation of the Benedictine confederation.



All Religious Education Classes will be **CANCELED ON March 10th and March 11th** to allow everyone to participate in the **Lenten Mission**

"4th Cup and Lamb of God" including Seder Meal

Wednesday, March 19th 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Activity Center

A fresh biblical perspective on the Eucharist!



Presenter: Mike Fulmer



Register:
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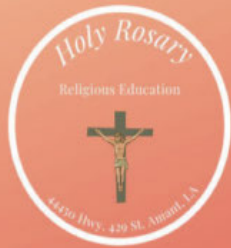
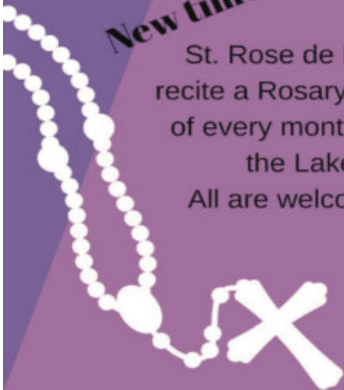
Fridays during Lent at 6PM in church



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New time

St. Rose de Lima #1194 will recite a Rosary the 2nd Monday of every month at **10:00am** at the Lake Chapel. All are welcome to join us!



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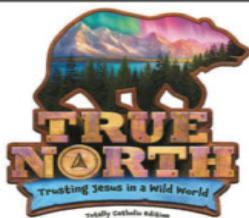
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S	Covenant Coffee Open After All Masses
M	1-7 pm VITA Tax Prep 5-7pm Covenant Coffee
T	3-7pm Covenant Coffee 6:15pm Dinner-Hot Dogs
W	6:30am Women & the Word Bible Study 8:30-1 Covenant Coffee
T	9-12 VITA Tax Prep 8:30-1 Covenant Coffee
F	11:30am Lunch-Seafood Gumbo 4-7 pm VITA Tax Prep
S	6 am Coffee with Christ Men's Bible Study

March 9-14

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

Sunday:

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
(see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/
Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday:

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/
Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— *Father John Muir*

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025 | 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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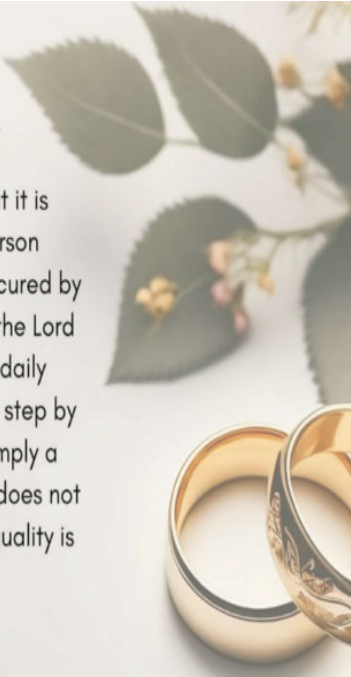
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Pope Francis Vatican,
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