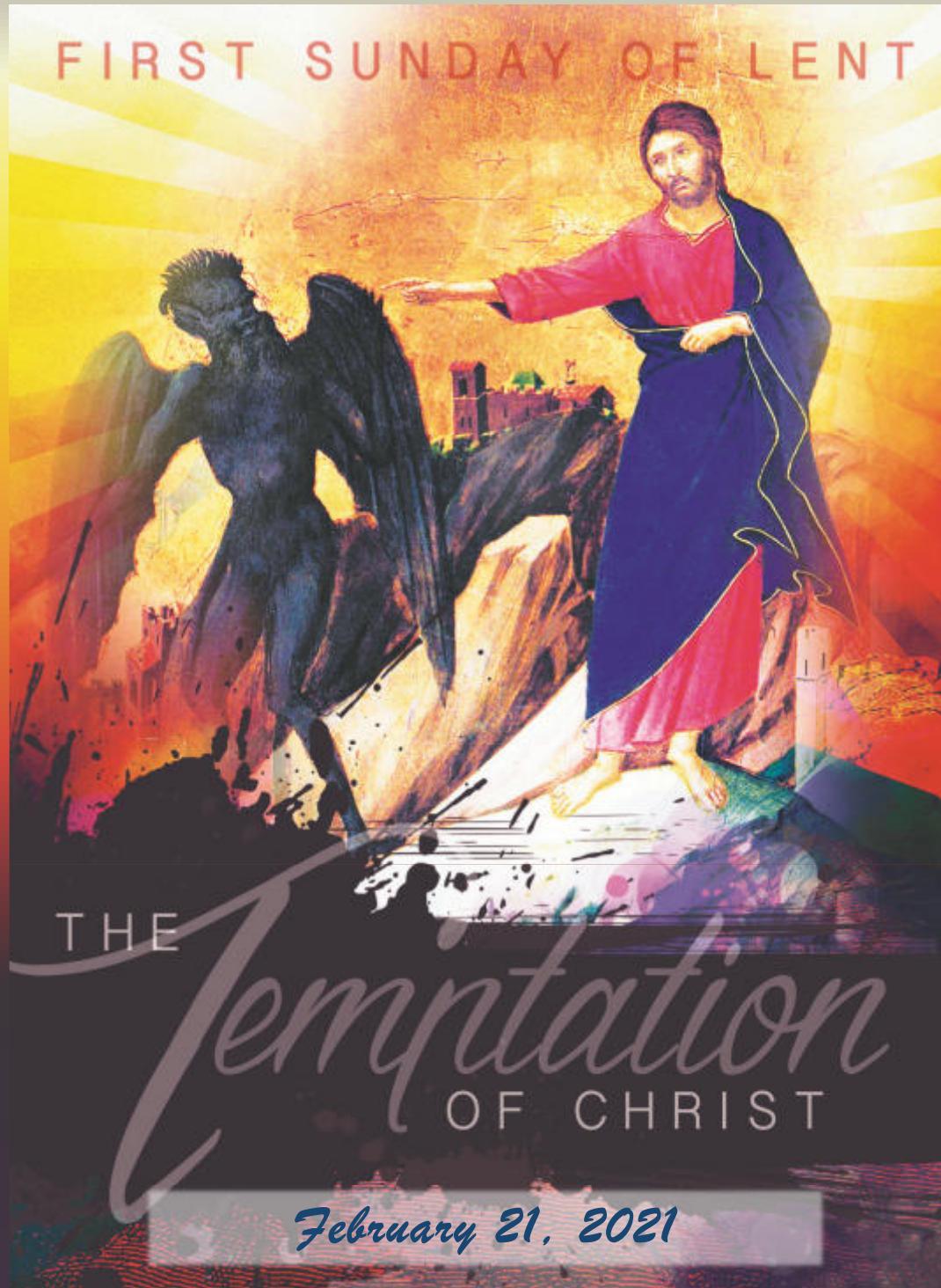


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- THURSDAY
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- FRIDAY
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Pastor's Ponderings. Greetings and the Father's Blessing be upon you, my dear spiritual children. If you have not yet noticed it, you will, that I am omitting a word from the *Collect* of the Mass or opening prayer – the word “one.” We no longer say “one God, forever and ever” as this is a new change with the last English translation of the Mass prayers; even in 2011 this came up, but for some reason was passed over until now. As the story goes, a communication from the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gave approval to join with other English-speaking countries in making this correction to the doxology of the *Collect*, which is referenced in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)*, number 54: *The Collect*. You may recall that the GIRM is the “handbook” or “instruction book” for the Mass, which tells the celebrant “how” to pray the Mass and how the participants are to join in, as well as directing some particulars about architecture and furnishings.

This correction in translation from the Latin into English of the *Collect* concerns the word “*unitate*” (“unity/one”) of the doxology. The original Latin text says, *Per Dominum nostrum Iesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.* For which the 1985 *Sacramentary* (an abridged Missal (a Missal is what we say the Mass from currently because it is all inclusive) a *Sacramentary* is most of a Missal, but not all) says, *Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever;* while the 2011 *Roman Missal English edition* says, *Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.* It would appear the word “*unitate*” was originally translated as “one” and misplaced to make it fit for the English understanding for the 1985 *Sacramentary* – in other words, they moved the word’s location. Then “*unitate*” was translated to its other meaning (unity) and duplicated in the 2011 Missal translation while leaving the other translation in place. The point is that the word “*unitate*” only appears once in the original Latin, and based upon its placement in the original Latin, one cannot mistake “*in unitate Spiritus Sancti,*” in unity (not using “*in one* Holy Spirit” because it does not make good theological sense) of the Holy Spirit, but somehow for the last almost ten years the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) did. They are correcting it for us now.

Therefore, effective February 17, 2021, Ash Wednesday, the word “one” is henceforth omitted so that we will only pray, *Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.* The correction is the accurate translation of the Latin text and “affirms the Christological truth.” The change is simple enough to exclude the need to purchase any new or different liturgical books. The Congregation of Divine Worship also states that this change should be adapted also for the Liturgy of the Hours (*Breviary*), even though the orations are still from the old translation.

General Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass Expiring March 13. The *general dispensation* from the Obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation is set to expire March 13, 2021, exactly one year from the original closure of public Mass in 2020. Therefore, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14, 2021, will be your first Sunday Obligation to return to Mass under obligation to avoid sin. Once again, however, several ***particular dispensations*** remain in place for (1) the ill or if your health condition would be significantly compromised if you were to contract a communicable illness (i.e., you have underlying conditions or are in a high-risk category); (2) if you exhibit flu-like symptoms; (3) if you have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (e.g., you were in recent contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as covid or influenza); (4) if you care for the sick, home-

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bound, or infirmed; (5) if you are pregnant; (6) if you are 65 years of age or older (per the CDC's recommendation of high-risk individuals); (7) if you cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own (e.g., no Mass is offered, you are infirmed, or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control (e.g., your ride did not show up, the church was at capacity)); (8) if you have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass.

Considering the grave obligation we have of being physically present with our brothers and sisters at Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation for the Eucharist, each of us is asked to make a good and sincere judgement as to whether these circumstances apply or not. Where doubt or confusion persists, consult any priest for clarity. Those within categories #1 – 8 above must still observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death and resurrection. I would recommend one hour meditating on the Sunday readings, or praying the Rosary or the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

Catechism of the Catholic Church Preface for this Weekend's Readings to Ponder. "The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfills Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: he "binds the strong man" to take back his plunder. Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 539).

Peace,

Fr. James



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 21

- 8:00 am Mass ~ Rite of Sending
- 9:30 am RCIA
- 9:30 am RE classes
- 11:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Children's Church/Babysitting
- 4:00 pm Confession
- 5:30 pm Mass
- 7:00 pm QUEST gathering

Monday, February 22

- 9:00 am Mass
- † Mary Lou Cowhy
by Jerry & Irene Huber

Tuesday, February 23

- 9:00 am Mass
- Dominic DeVeny
by Chris & Suzy DeVeny
- 5:30 pm Youth Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 24

- 4:30 pm Small Church Community 3
- 6:30 pm 1st Communion Parent Mtg.
- 7:00 pm Small Church Community 12&16

Thursday, February 25

- 12:00 pm Mass
- Todd Askew
by Chris & Suzy DeVeny
- 5:00 pm Adult Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm Confirmation Session

Friday, February 26

- 6:00 am TMIY
- 9:00 am Mass
- † Bernice & Eugene Melezarczyk
by Michael & Mary Byington
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent

with Adoration/Benediction/Confession

Saturday, February 27

Sunday, February 28

- 8:00 am Mass
- 9:30 am RCIA
- 9:30 am RE classes
- 11:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Children's Church/Babysitting
- 4:00 pm Confession
- 5:30 pm Mass

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*"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young.
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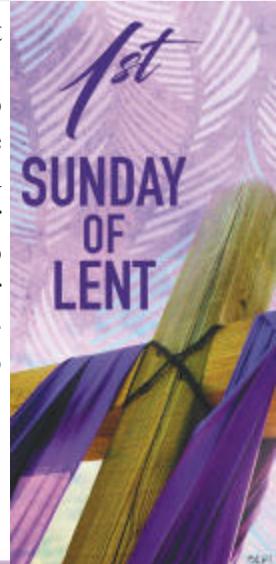
But What Can I Do for Lent

In last week's bulletin I spoke about the three areas that Catholics traditionally focus on during Lent: **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.** People have asked me for ideas on how to incorporate activities that fall under these areas into their daily lives, so I wanted to share this chart that has exactly that! These forty Lenten suggestions include opportunities for not only individual reflection but also opportunities to reach out to our families and communities. Although it is titled "for families" these ideas also work well for singles or empty nesters. Hang the chart in a place where you will see it daily. You can choose an activity each day or several a week, and there is no set order in which to do them. Allow God to help guide you in your choice-

es. However, remember that Lent is a season of reflection and redemption, so the purpose isn't to "do more" but rather to become *more intentional* about how you spend your time. Quality over Quantity! May you continue to rely on God as you continue your journey through this Lenten season and may we all remember to pray for each other.



Lenten Blessings,
Kristi Socha



40 Lenten Activities for Catholic Families

Give up television and Internet for one day.	Genuinely compliment someone who isn't expecting it.	Donate a bag of food to a local church or charity.	Go to a weekday Mass.	Pray for good things for someone who has been unkind to you.	Visit an elderly friend or relative who doesn't get a lot of visitors.	Make homemade pretzels, a traditional Lenten food.	Make an almsgiving box and collect change throughout Lent to donate.
Plan a simple meal and talk as a family about how to help the hungry.	Pray for people in your parish's RCIA program preparing to enter the Church.	Do a craft, piece of art, or creative project that glorifies the Lord.	Send a card or note of encouragement to a priest or a member of a religious community.	Pray for an increase in religious vocations.	Ask for forgiveness from someone that you have wronged.	Not just Friday. Have an additional meatless day one week during Lent.	Pray for someone preparing for First Communion or Confirmation.
Light a candle at church and pray for someone in your life.	Volunteer some of your time to help at church, school, or home.	Clean up a mess that somebody else made (without complaining).	Memorize a prayer that you don't already know by heart.	Surprise someone by doing a task or chore that they normally do.	Donate a bag of things that are still nice, but that you just don't use.	Pray the Rosary (or even just a decade) as a family.	Thank someone who has been a good influence in your life.
Read a religious book individually or as a family.	Listen to religious music while doing a task you have been putting off.	Attend (or read at home) the Stations of the Cross.	Pray for world political and religious leaders.	Make hot cross buns.	Learn more about a saint that your family is unfamiliar with.	Do something healthy to take care of the body God gave you.	Clear your mind of other things and sit quietly with God.
Do something to help the Earth.	Go to Adoration, even if it's just for a little while.	Pray for the Pope.	Watch a religious movie together as a family.	Give up sweets and other snacks for a day.	Read one book of the Bible.	Do a foot washing with your family members.	Attend a Holy Week Mass.

Join Us FOR QUEST!

Feb. 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
 Hands-on Stations of the Cross
 Feb. 28, NET Retreat , 4:15-8:30pm
 Holy Family Parish for grades 7-12.
 March 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
 QUEST Gathering in the Social Hall
 March 14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
 QUEST Gathering in the Social Hall

Mark Your Calendar

Subiaco Day Retreat
 March 20, 9am-7pm.

FIRST Communion

PARENT ONLY MEETING
 February 24, 2021, 6:30 pm
 in the Social Hall

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

February 25, 6:30-8:30pm is our next in-person session. Remember to complete Session 2 at home and text Suzy or Kristi when you're done. Questions, call the Timothy Office 810-364-4100 ext. 204

Bible Study Reminders:

Young Adult/Teen Bible Study is **Sunday, February 28, 9:30-10:45am** in the QUEST/EDGE Room. The topic is **Scriptural Apologetics** (understanding & defending the faith). No prior experience with Bible studies necessary and it's ok to miss from time to time. Remaining dates are as follows: **Mar 14, Mar 28, Apr 18.**



Annual Ministry Gala Thursday, March 11, 2021 @ 7pm-8pm!

Our annual gala goes virtual! Hear stories of the lives saved and transformed at the Center and learn how you can partner with us. We are excited to re-envision our signature fundraiser with WATCH PARTIES premiering an amazing video we have made! St. Christopher in Marysville is hosting a party with past, current, and future supporters for fellowship, to hear the exciting ministry updates, and support Spero Pregnancy Center financially for the upcoming year.

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1st Sunday of Lent



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Musical Musings

As we enter the holy season of Lent, we can observe differences in the Liturgy. A more somber tone reflects the penitential nature of the season. The Gloria is not sung until the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19th), and then again on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25). It will then fall silent again until Holy Thursday. To further mark the difference in the season from Ordinary Time, at our parish we will use a different setting of the Mass, the *Heritage Mass*.

Another difference at Mass during Lent, musically speaking, is that solo instruments are not used; therefore the organ is subdued, and is played on a low setting, only to support the singing. Again, this is to emphasize and encourage more intense and reflective prayer, Lent being the time of repentance, penance, fasting, and almsgiving. After 40 days of true repentance and intense prayer, Easter is then marked with true rejoicing at the Resurrection of the Lord, and that rejoicing is reflected in the music of the Mass.

On a slightly different topic, I'll mention here that starting this Sunday (the First Sunday of Lent), at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, notwithstanding my introduction at our parish of the Liturgical antiphons, we will go back to the singing of some hymns, i.e. an opening hymn, Communion hymn and closing hymn. This change comes with the encouragement of the Worship Commission, so that those who have loved singing the hymns at Mass and miss the singing of hymns will have an option to assist at Mass in this way. Although the Roman Missal encourages the singing of antiphons as the first option, appropriate hymns are allowed. The offertory antiphon will remain and a short antiphon will be sung before the Communion hymn.

At the 11:00 a.m. Mass and the 5:30 p.m. Mass, we will retain the Entrance, Offertory, and Communion antiphons, and sing together the closing hymn.

Next week, I'll wrap up my series on Gregorian Chant. Until then, I wish you all a blessed and fruitful Lent.

Deidre Collins
Director of Sacred Music

WEEKLY PRAYER



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

SUN 2/21	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
MON 2/22	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
TUE 2/23	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
WED 2/24	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
THR 2/25	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
FRI 2/26	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
SAT 2/27	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
SUN 2/28	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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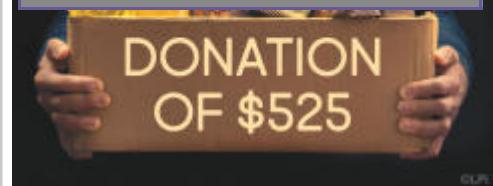
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Weekend Liturgy for February 28, 2021

Day / Time	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 11:00 am	Sunday 5:30 pm
Mass Intentions	† Mary O'Brien by Christine Sass † Bob Mitchell II by his Family † Gordon & Betty Nelson by EJ & Cheryl Anglebrandt	Parishioners & Territorial Souls of St. Christopher	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
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