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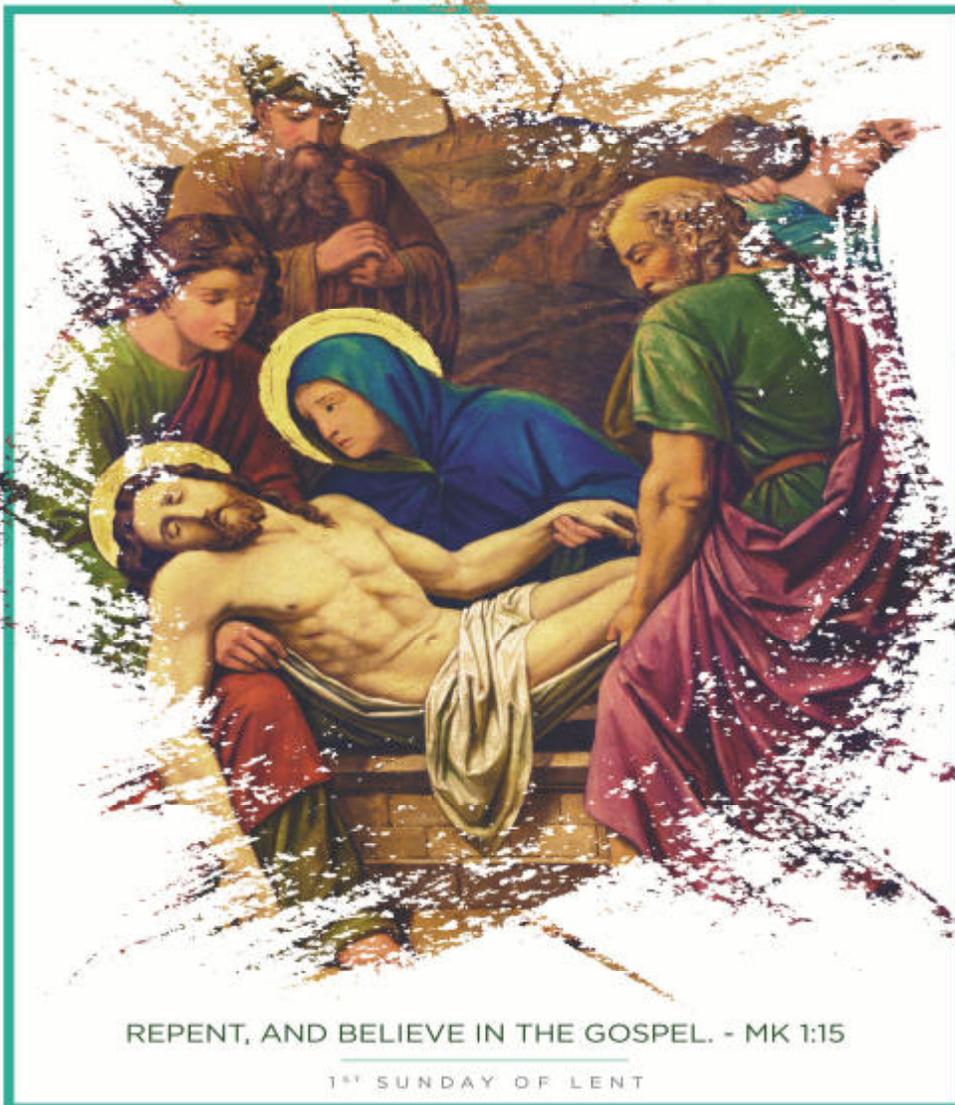
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Feb 20th & 27th
from 2:30-3:45pm
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practice social
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REPENT, AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL. - MK 1:15

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

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February 21, 2021 1st of Sunday Lent **Asking for forgiveness**

“The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” – Mark 1:15

On this first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel reading comes from St. Mark. We hear how Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, where he was tempted by Satan, in preparation for his public ministry. He begins his public ministry by announcing a time of fulfillment and calling the people to “repent and believe in the gospel of God.” Repent and believe. Those words are a major part of our Lenten journey and were likely spoken to you if you as you received ashes this past Wednesday.

The season of Lent is the perfect time to examine our spiritual journey and our relationship with God and others. It’s a journey which encompasses our everyday lives, not just an hour on Sunday. We are called to love God, to love others and to repent. It sounds simple, but we know it can be difficult. Our patience is often tested, and we can become angry, jealous of others, and self-centered by putting other things before our love of God. The two phrases in repentance when you think about it are, “I’m sorry” and “I forgive you.” Both are difficult to say, yet can bring great healing and peace to both parties involved.

In my time as a pastor, and occasionally as Bishop, I would often hear parents talk about the challenges they have with their children. Sometimes, they would be brought to tears as they struggle with that relationship. In all cases, the parents were willing to forgive out of love for their child, regardless of their child may have done. God has this same unconditional love for us.

Imagine God weeping for us as we stumble through life messing things up. God is our Father in heaven. He weeps for us in our sin just like a parent does for their child because he wants the best for us. Jesus wept for us and begged the father to forgive his transgressors while on the cross. “Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do.” This Lent, let us wipe away those tears by asking for forgiveness and by healing broken relationships with family members, friends and mostly with God.

~~Bishop Gregory Parkes

Mass Schedule:		
Weekdays:	Monday Thru Thursday	8:00am
	Thursday- Live Stream Mass	6:00pm
	Friday-Church closed for Maintenance	
Weekend:	Saturday:	4:00pm-Vigil Mass
	Sunday:	8:00am
		10:00am
		4:00pm
Reconciliation:	Saturday During Lent	2:30-3:45pm

First Sunday of Lent

Reading I Gn 9:8-15 God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.” God added: “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”

Responsorial Psalm Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 R. (cf. 10) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. **R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.** Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. **R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.** Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way. **R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Reading II 1 Pt 3:18-22 Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.

It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Verse Before the Gospel Mt 4:4b One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel Mk 1:12-15 The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

Not yet on
FORMED?

LISTEN

**LOVE, SACRIFICE, TRUST:
HE SHOWED US THE WAY
BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ**

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!

WATCH

**THE WILD GOOSE: EPISODE 10
THE SPIRIT AND THE DESERT**

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.

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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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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection. The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us. Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT
JESUS
DESERT

FORTY
SATAN
TESTED

ANIMALS
ANGELS
BELIEVE

E S Y T U O I G U F E
R A N I M A L S J O R
I T G S Y N O E A R I
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SHARING THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and he followed God's directions every day of his life. When Satan came to test Jesus he was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. If you are learning a new language, it helps to make flash cards to practice with. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in his word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too.

PRAYER

God, help me to stay close to you so that I am ready for my tests.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.

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Date	Time	Intentions	Office
Sat, 2/20	4:00pm	† Carmen Rahalho † William & Marylou Marth	Closed
Sun, 2/21	8:00am	† Neda Soldo † Mate Gagro	Closed
	10:00am	† William Kopack † Larry Labriola	
	4:00pm	For the St. Luke Parish Family	
Mon, 2/22	8:00am	Helga Hopkins † Frank & Catherine Gallagher	8:30am-12pm
Tues, 2/23	8:00am	† Vincent Fitzpatrick Marcia Durbin	8:30am-12pm
Wed, 2/24	8:00am	† Members of the John Mercado Family Sister Vigny	
Thurs, 2/25	8:00am	The Abernethy Family Bruno and Marta Soldo	8:30am-12pm
Fri, 2/26			8:30am-12pm
Sat, 2/27	4:00pm	Florrie Hopkins † Elina DeLorimier	Closed

FUNDRAISER FRIDAYS AT GLORY DAYS!

Dine in or take out at Glory Days Palm Harbor on Fridays during Lent: February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 and 26. Save your itemized guest check (not the charge card receipt) and do one of the following (1) take a photo of it with your phone and email to kathrynjkrantz@msn.com, or (2) drop it off in the designated boxes at the church entrances, or (3) drop it off at the church office, or (4) mail it to the church to the attention of the Ladies Auxiliary. Glory Days will donate a percentage of sales from the itemized guest checks collected.

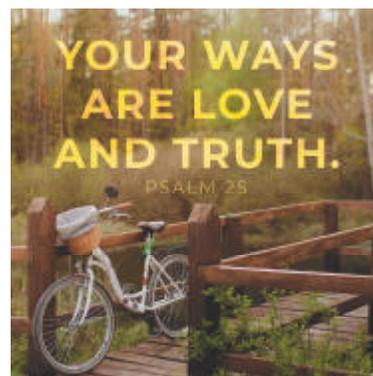


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May God Bless you.

Father Paul



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