Newman Announcements for
March 6, 2022
First Sunday of Lent

1st SUNDAY OF LENT
The devil said to him, “All this will be yours, if you worship me.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written: ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him alone shall you serve.’” - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

Sunday Gift Offerings February 27
$4,620.00 including electronic donations. Our charity tithe is $462.00 for our brothers and sisters in need.

“Do to others whatever you would have them do to you....” Matthew 7:12

Liturgy Schedule
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30, 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday 5:00 p.m.
Reconciliation
Wed. & Sat. 4:00 p.m.

Lenten Ladles
This simple meal has an abbreviated schedule this year and will happen on April 1 & 8 at 5:30 p.m. Come enjoy a meat-free meal and time with friends.

It's that time of year! Daylight Saving Time begins, Sunday, March 13.

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Live the Liturgy-Inspiration for the Week
Human beings did not come to believe in God just because of someone’s private testimony about him. Rather, belief in God became real when human beings understood that all of human history is being guided and lead, kept and sustained by a God who is incredibly in love with all that he has made. It is this realization that leads us to thanksgiving and gratitude for the one who gives us “this land flowing with milk and honey.” It also leads us to adoration and worship as we continue to see the creative power of God’s presence in all of the events of our lives. The Church stands as a living witness to all of these things and calls us this Lent to reflect and remember. There is a great temptation for human beings to leave the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them. Falling into this temptation we cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. While having more may seem better, the only thing we really need more of is love. This fortifies us and keeps us from falling. ©LPI

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**EVENTS**

**Blood Drive**  
Monday, March 7 from 10:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Resident Brunch**  
Sunday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m.

**WAYS TO GROW**

**Lenten Reflection Booklet**  
Everyone experiences setbacks. Fr. Sica offers insight on how to overcome these situations and keep moving forward by inviting Jesus into such times. Reflections are followed by a "simple to do" suggestion for you to take positive steps toward change. Booklets are available in Spanish.

**Jesus, Help Us Learn about LENT** is a resource for children with daily thoughts, activities and prayers. All booklets can be found throughout the building.

**Reflect on the Passion** and ways we experience suffering in our world today.

**WAYS TO SERVE**

If you have you signed up for the Blood Drive this Monday, March 7, remember to log into your account and complete the Fast Track Health History to expedite your appointment. It is also a good idea to drink plenty of water prior to your appointment.

Our Lenten Project this year will be directed to **Amigo de Jesús Orphanage** in Honduras.

Meet Raquel. She is strong, independent, and responsible but likes to tease and have fun too. She is great with the young children and is very loving. She enjoys being active especially when playing soccer. She has an older sister at Amigos who is in high school. Raquel is 15 and in 9th grade attending the Bilingual school onsite. Her future dream is to be an OBGYN so she can help mothers safely deliver babies.

In addition to helping provide for a cementery, your donations will help meet basic needs for Raquel and others at Amigos de Jesus. The Lenten practice of almsgiving is an expression of care to those in need, as well as a sign of our gratitude for all God has provided us. Please be generous in support of this year’s Lenten Project.

**World Wide Marriage Encounter Experience:** This Lent consider doing a WWME Experience. Make your marriage the best it can be. Become a better listener. Seek understanding when judgments overwhelm. Discover ways to give when you feel exhausted. The Marriage Encounter Experience at The Historic Elk Mountain Hotel, April 22-24 is an excellent opportunity to do more for your marriage. The application fee is $100. For more information and to register click [here](#) or call: (307)-298-0617.

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Learning from Jesus’ Temptations

By Fr. Mark Haydu

Every Lent, priests, nuns, monks, and many laypeople pray the following: “Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus encountered this truth in his temptations in the desert, another place in his ministry where he experienced the struggle of humanity.

The temptations begin, “If you are the Son of God….” All our temptations begin by doubting and challenging Jesus to prove himself. Although Jesus is all-powerful and all-good, we struggle to make sense of suffering and tragedies.

The temptations continue as Jesus is invited to satisfy himself, impress others, and skip suffering. But Jesus responds repeatedly in humility. In the desert he doesn’t turn stones into bread. He later does something far greater; he turns bread and wine into himself. When tempted, we cry out to him to soften the hard realities of our lives. And Jesus does just that. He suffers in his passion, dies, and rises again to become life-giving bread for us. He becomes manna in our desert.

When we wish for power, Jesus promises we will reign with him if we also let him suffer for us and we with him. The devil would have us take matters into our own hands, doubt God, and make him prove himself by our measures. Yet if we listen to Jesus, look at his answers, and learn from his life, then true power will be ours. +

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 26:4–10

Then the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders.

Romans 10:8–13

There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him.


When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

A Word from Pope Francis

Fasting makes us share the situation of many people who face the torment of hunger and makes us more attentive to others; almsgiving is a blessed opportunity to collaborate with God’s providence for the benefit of his children.

—Address to Pro Petri Sede Association, February 16, 2018

Reflection Questions

• What makes me question God the most?
• How can God’s word and Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection respond to that doubt?
Signed, Sealed, Delivered
By Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Almost illustrated Catholic Guide to Ashes by Bill Donaghy comically identifies the different shapes and sizes of the dark smudge we receive on our foreheads at the beginning of Lent. Examples include a neatly formed ashen cross as “First in Line,” an amorphous spot as “The Blob,” and an oversized, heavily stroked cross as “Father’s Revenge.”

While ministering in New Orleans, I observed people on Ash Wednesday bearing on their foreheads what may be mistaken for a flattened palmetto bug. However, I wouldn’t attribute this splotch to “Father’s Revenge” but to the aftermath of “Father’s Revelry” on Mardi Gras the day before! (I speak indulgently from experience.)

In 1949, British author Evelyn Waugh had his own observations about New Orleans: “Ash Wednesday: warm rain falling in streets unsightly with the draggled survivals of carnival. The Roosevelt Hotel overflowing with crankulous tourists planning their return journeys….But across the way the Jesuit Church was teeming with life all day long; a continuous, dense crowd of all colors and conditions moving up to the altar rails and returning with their foreheads signed with ash….All that day, all over the lighthearted city, one encountered the little black smudge on the forehead which sealed us members of a great brotherhood who can both rejoice and recognize the limits of rejoicing” (Life magazine).

Lent is the penitential season to rejoice within limits: “For you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19). We recognize our short lifespans and limitations, but we rejoice assuredly that the dust to which we shall one day return is glorified in Christ without limit! “The cross, with which the ashes are traced upon us, is the sign of Christ’s victory over death….It might be good stoicism to receive a mere reminder of our condemnation to die, but it is not Christianity” (from Ash Wednesday: Spiritual Medicine by Thomas Merton).

Thus, ashes are both a sign of mortality and purification in Christ. Before the charred remnants of last year’s palms take fuzzy form on our foreheads, the holy chrism oil first marked the spot at our baptism! “The person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark...of his belonging to Christ” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1272). Moreover, “The faithful Christian who has ‘kept this seal’ until the end, remaining faithful to the demands of his Baptism, will be able to depart this life ‘marked with the sign of faith’...in expectation of the blessed vision of God...and in the hope of the resurrection” (CCC 1274).

So, if the cross is a little disfigured on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, let its distortion represent a desire to reconfigure ourselves to Christ in Lent. Now’s the time to give alms, do penance, and amend our lives!

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—From Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

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March 7–12

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