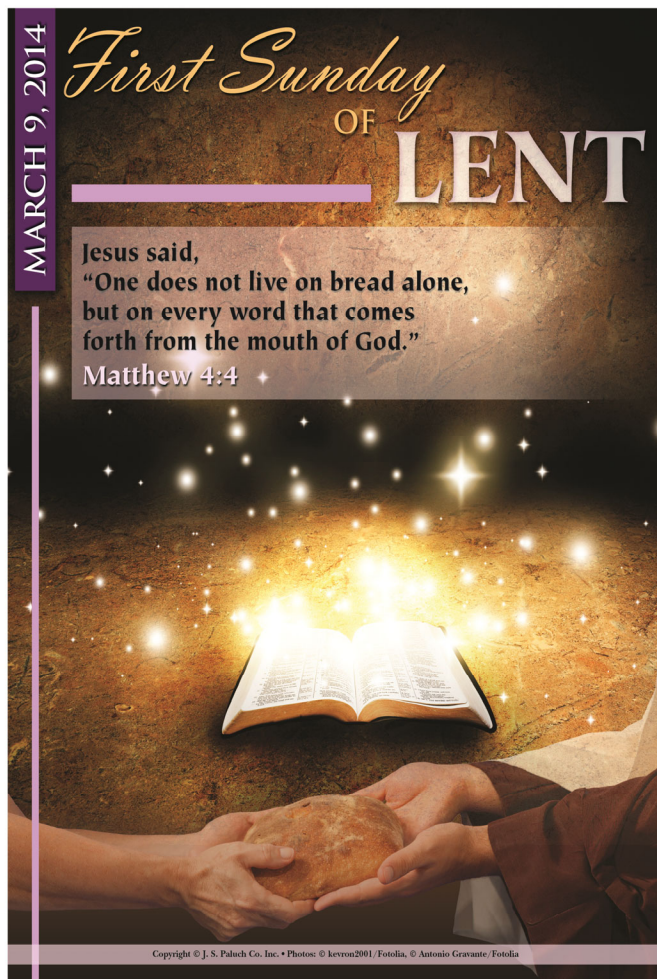


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March 9, 2014
First Sunday of Lent

THE WAY OUT

Today's readings launch us into Lent with the story of salvation. How did we humans get where we are? How do we get out? Genesis—through the Adam and Eve narrative—explains that we got separated from God and happiness through greed, selfishness, arrogance.

But, as Paul explained to the Romans, God has not abandoned us, and never will. We get out through the "new Adam," Jesus Christ, through whom the death of sin is conquered by the life of "overflowing grace."

From the start, though, Jesus—like Adam and Eve, like you and me—had to face "the tempter." Shown fame and wealth, he was tempted to grab for it. But Jesus saw through such foolishness. During Lent we will look at what the tempter spreads before us daily, then try to make choices that put us on the side of the angels.

Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 AM

Mission Staff

Sister Susana Renteria, PCI

PASTOR: Msgr. Michael Heras
PRIESTS: Msgr. Seamus McGowan
Fr. Patrick Higgins
Fr. Joseph Olikkara
DEACONS: Allen Cicora
Eluterio Farias
Richard Lewinski

Living God's Word

Today's psalm response is a wonderful prayer of the heart to carry through the week: "Rest in God alone, my soul" (Psalm 62:6a). We can pray with the psalmist that we find our peace in God who is our rock and our salvation, our stronghold.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar. 10-16, 2014



Monday

8:00 am †Esteban Olga Alaniz
6:30 pm †William Hoelscher - Margaret Mekush

Tuesday

8:00 pm †Martha Kutoc - Jean & Eddie Schwirtlich
6:30 pm †Jim & Shurley Masur - Martha Krejci

Wednesday

6:30 am †Abelina Serrata - Gonzolo, Jr. & Eva Tagle

Thursday

8:00 am Joe Huerta (Health)
6:30 pm †Charles Hickey - Jerry & Barbara Sherman

Friday

8:00 am †David Najvar - Rick & Alice Wyckoff
6:30 pm †August Bluntzer - Don & Judy Gerdes

Saturday

6:00 pm †Benito Ramirez, Jr. - Ramirez Family

COLLECTIVE MASSES

Sunday

8:00 am †Charlotte Byerly
9:30 am †Baldemar L. Garcia - M/M Ferman Garza
10:00 am †Jimmy Rodriguez & Delfino Cuellar - Janie Rodriguez
12:00 pm †Mary Kowalik - Mark Esparza Family
†Esteban Hernandez - Family
†People of the Parish
†Mary Mikeman - Gloria Welty
†Virginia Temple & Irene Latham
†Vernell Dolezal - Glades Hermes
6:00 pm † Adelina Chavez - Chano Rodriguez

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wed: 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 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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Today, we know more about the beginnings of Lent than our ancestors did. We know that Lent is first of all about baptism, and secondly that it is about the desire of all the baptized to renew the power and potential of that sacrament at Easter. For centuries, this deep truth was largely obscured, but today documents have come to light to reshape the Church's thinking and practice.

One source, discovered in the 1880s, is the pilgrim diary of a Spanish nun, Egeria, writing her sisters a detailed travelogue of a fourth-century sojourn in Jerusalem during Holy Week. She describes in vivid detail her participation in liturgies that are close cousins of our own Holy Week prayer, from a festive procession with palms to a procession to the cross. Her greatest delight is in the huge number of elect: men, women, and children who experience a time of deep retreat and identification with Christ's cross, guided by the bishop and supported by their godparents' constant nurture. The discovery of Egeria's diary proved to be a moment of grace for the Church; after a long period of "ecclesial amnesia," we know at last that baptism is really the work of a whole community of faith, convened by God.

ST. MARY'S MISSION

Envelopes \$465.00
Loose \$104.00
Total \$569.00

C.C.D Classes on Wednesday,
5:30 to 6:30 pm.
Confirmation Class - Wednesday,
7:00 - 8:00 pm.
Call Sr. Susana at 947-4601
for more information.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASSES: If you are employed or if you volunteer within the parish/diocese you must be certified in the Diocesan Creating and Maintaining a Safe Environment Program. There will be a Recertification class for anyone that has taken the class previously on Saturday, March 15 at 9 am in St. Matthew Hall.

If you have never take the class - there will be a Core Class on Saturday, March 15 at 11 am in St. Matthew Hall. You must have a background check on file before attending this class. Call Janie Pena at the parish office (241-3249) or 956-373-4488 to obtain a form.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, 1123 Main Drive, 241-2004 is having a Lenten Fish Fry on March 14, March 28 & April 11 (11 am - 2 pm only).



Menu: Seasoned, breaded Tilapia, Hot Hush Puppies, Crispy French Fries and Fresh Creamy Homemade Cole Slaw. Donation \$7 per plate. Dine in or take out

FISH FRY at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish on Friday, March 14. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. and the cost of the meal is \$8.00 per person. St. Thomas Church is located at 16602 FM 624.



Stewardship by the Book

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

Psalm 51

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE HELD EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 6:30 PM. We encourage all families to make time for extra Masses during the week and attend the stations of the cross on Fridays. This is an excellent way to help us to meditate on the suffering and passion of Jesus Christ and prepare for Holy Week and Easter.



WE HAVE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH ON THURSDAYS FROM 8:30 TO 7 PM IN OUR DAILY MASS CHAPEL. Please make time to spend an hour in prayer and adoration with Jesus and ask him to bless you and your family - pray also for vocation, peace in the world, the sick and suffering of the parish, our seminarians and the Bishops and priests of the Diocese.

BIBLE STUDY: (St. Peter's) Tuesdays in Lent. March: 11; 18; 25. April: 1; 8 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.
DREAM CLASS: (St. Peter's) Thursdays in Lent. March 13; 20; 27 at 7 pm. In the Parish Hall.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME: Every Tuesday at 7 pm in the CCD Building. Child care provided. FMI: Call Deacon Al at 241-2784 or 563-7943 or the parish office at 241-3249.or the parish office 241-3249.

Msgr. Heras with two of our little parishioners. Matthew Vela and Sophia DeLeon

