

First Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2019

Liturgy is rich in ritual. Ritual establishes the importance of an action through repetition. The Eucharist is an obvious example. So is the ceremony described in the first reading. Parts of it are very familiar: a priest presides at the altar, the people offer their gifts and bow in the Lord's presence, they recall God's saving actions. Lent is full of familiar rituals as well: receiving ashes on our foreheads, witnessing the washing of feet, following Jesus on the stations of the cross. Through repetition, these actions become ingrained in us, become a part of our being.

In tempting Jesus, the devil tries to prove that he, not God, was in control. Three times he tries to order Jesus to do something. More than anything, he wants Jesus to obey him, Jesus refutes the devil at every turn, and does so by asserting God's preeminence. All three times Jesus refused the devil's taunts by quoting scripture. By invoking God, he is not just contradicting the devil's arguments, he is asserting that God precedes all else, including Satan.

In days of old, the desert was associated with solitude, but also with danger. Hunger and thirst so affected the first Israelites that they longed for slavery in Egypt. Wild animals lived there and bands of robbers operated there, making it a risk for any traveler. Society's outcasts often were exile there; people believed demons made their home there as well. When Jesus choose to go there, he is willing to encounter all these threats. Even after over a month in this hostile environment, he is still able to withstand temptation.

Question of the Week

Where do I remember temptation? When do I give in? How do I withstand it?

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Saturday, March 9, 2019

Vigil of First Sunday of Lent

4:30a.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Leonard Belton – Leonard Gauthreaux – Ellsworth McKendall – Raymond Vinet – John and Donna Murphy – Intentions of Alton & Jerry Lombard

Sunday, March 10, 2019

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8:30a.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Calvin Tate – Melvina Kepp – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Jasper Price, Jr. – Geraldine O. Dowden – Memory Britsch – Leonard Gauthreaux – Anthony Rout – Fr. Henry Engelbrecht – Intentions of Joseph Simms – Larry and Kathy Lawson – Lena Carlos – Thanks to St. Anthony

10:30a.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Leonard Belton – Leonard Gauthreaux – Ellsworth McKendall – Raymond Vinet – Intentions of Alton & Jerry Lombard – James and Tamerle Young – In thanksgiving for favors granted.

12:00p.m. Anna Trena Guillaume – Emanuel M. Barnes, Sr. – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, March 11, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Leonard Gauthreaux – Catherine Bertrand – Beverly Wilkerson – Intentions of Larry and Kathy Lawson – Joseph Simms

6:00p.m. Pour souls in purgatory

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Fr. Henry Engelbrecht – Intentions of Joseph Simms – Stacey Martin

6:00p.m. Intentions of June Pierre – Gloria Burno – Evangeline Madison

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Leonard Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Joseph Simms – Terreal Pierre Garrison

6:00p.m. Leonard Gauthreaux – Fr. Henry Engelbrecht

Thursday, March 14, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Leonard Gauthreaux – Intentions of Joseph Simms – Stacey Martin – Alana Pierre – Beverly Williams

6:00p.m. Intentions of Marilyn DeGrasse – Enjoli Parson

Friday, March 15, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Guillory and Faciane Families – Pauline Bell – Intentions of Stacey Martin – James and Tamerle Young – Joseph Simms

6:00pm. Intentions of Deacon Terrel Broussard

Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:30a.m. The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcement

Strengthen us during this season of fasting, the Lord spreads the Eucharistic feast before us. Let us give thanks with joy this day. Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00p.m.

Bible Study

The theme for **First Sunday of Lent: “Just for me – He was tempted just for me”**. During Lent we have adopted the overall theme of: **“Just for me.”** The goal is to deepen our personal relationship with Christ through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During the first week of Lent we see that Jesus endured the temptations of power, lust, and greed as a way of showing us how to overcome temptation. The Bible Study will be held on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. in the center after the 6:00p.m. Mass. Thereafter it will be held each Monday in the Center at 7:00p.m. Bible Study celebration will be based on the readings for the **First Sunday of Lent: Reading I: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Responsorial Psalm: 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Reading II: Roman 10:8-13; Gospel: Luke 4:1-13.** Bible study is every Monday evening at **7:00p.m. in the center.**

The Knights of Columbus are having a Fish Fry on Friday March 15, 2019, from 12:00 noon till 6:00p.m. in Msgr. Gauthreaux Center. The plate includes fried fish, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, vegetable, bread, desert and drink. Donation is \$10 per plate. We accept cash, checks, credit and debit cards for payment.



Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends and family.

RCIA

During his recent Lenten address, Pope Francis warned against, “a life that exceeds those limits imposed by our human condition and nature itself.” “The sin that lurks in the human heart takes the shape of greed and unbridled pursuit of comfort, lack of concern for the good of others and even of oneself. Unless we tend constantly towards Easter, towards the horizon of the Resurrection, the mentality expressed in the slogans, ‘I want it all and I want it now!’ and ‘Too much is never enough,’ gains the upper hand.” **Are your children still Catholic? Do they practice their faith? Do you know enough about your faith to help them? The RCIA is in its Evangelization and Precatechumenate Phase. Do you know someone who wants to be Catholic?** **This week we continue our focus on the Sacraments. The Right of Election. Lent is the Period of Enlightenment.** For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard or any member of the RCIA Team or visit the website at smgnola.com

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.



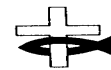
Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Joseph and Edna Belson. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Lena Carlos and Larry and Kathy Lawson



Lenten Schedule

Daily Masses 8:30a.m. and 6:00p.m. The Way of the Cross will follow the 8:30a.m. and the Friday 6:00p.m. Mass.



Fasting & Abstinence

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday who are 18 years of age until the age of 59. Only one meal should be eaten on those days and **No** meat. Those who are bound to fast may also take only one full meal. Two small meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on All Fridays of Lent.

This Week in our Parish

Monday, March 11, 2019

6:00p.m. Zumba Class – Center

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

6:00p.m. ENONAC – Center

7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Class – Center

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

9:00p.m. UTNO – Center

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

6:00p.m. Lake Carmel HOA

7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship – Library

7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting – Church

Thursday, March 14, 2019

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, March 15, 2019

7:00p.m. Fish Fry – Center & Kitchen

6:30p.m. Holy Name Social – Rms. 3 & 4

6:00p.m. AKA Meeting – Center

Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:00a.m. Lord Teach Me To Pray – Library

11:00a.m. Star Project – Rms. 9 & 10

12:00p.m. Goretti Park Banquet – Center

6:30p.m. Family Movie Night – Center

The Passion of Christ

