

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Invest just five minutes a day, and your Faith will deepen and grow, a day at a Time

Sunday, Mar 10, 2019

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A devil of a challenge

Take on any challenge, and you quickly discover why few people are willing to walk the route you're on. Not everyone climbs Mt. Everest, completes the Appalachian Trail, or bikes across Death Valley. It also takes special zeal to fight systemic injustice, go on mission to a foreign country, or resist the tiny daily invitations to compromise your values and go along to get along. The test of self-denial this Lent is a dress rehearsal for the real moral challenges that lie ahead. If you can't say no in small ways, how can you resist when the demons come calling?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13 (24).* "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here."

Monday, Mar 11, 2019

LENTE WEEKDAY

A value-added tradition

Scripture's dramatic account of the Final Judgment includes powerful statements about the importance of caring for those who are weak, ill, imprisoned—values that are at the core of all Christian social ethics. Over the centuries great movements for human progress and compassion have been inspired by these fundamental Christian values. Western Christianity's shortcomings are frequently on display, as perhaps they should be. But let's not forget the great Christian charitable tradition, which has done so much good for so many. Find a way to make your own contribution to charitable works: From Catholic Charities to Catholic Worker houses, the options are many.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46 (244).* "What you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me."

Tuesday, Mar 12, 2019

LENTE WEEKDAY

Do you have the will?

One of the many advantages of memorized prayers such as the "Our Father" is that we can say them when we have no words of our own; we don't have to think. That's also one of their disadvantages: We don't have to think. In fact, we may have forgotten exactly what we are saying when we pray the Lord's Prayer. For example, do we really mean, "Thy will be done" or are there unspoken conditions attached: "Thy will be done—as long as it doesn't interfere

with my carefully laid plans for my life"? To turn everything over to God is truly the only way to live without fear. It's what Jesus did; it's what we are called to do as well.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (225).* "This is how you are to pray: 'Our Father who art in heaven.'"

Wednesday, Mar 13, 2019

LENTE WEEKDAY

Think small

Children are the first to tell us that it can be tough to be little. Often overlooked or taken advantage of, not always heard or taken seriously, the small ones in this world are at the mercy of the rest of us. In biblical terms the *anawim* ("poor little ones") included children, women, the poor, and the stranger. It's quite unusual when a "rich big one" like the king of Nineveh in the Book of Jonah surrendered his place of privilege and made himself small before God. Such humility gets results: His kingdom is saved. Consider opportunities today to "get small" in your dealings with others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32.* "The king of Nineveh . . . rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in the ashes."

Thursday, Mar 14, 2019

LENTE WEEKDAY

Let the children come

Children soak up experiences without having much power to filter. Be it fear or faith, trauma or comfort, loss or joy, whatever goes in, tends to stay with them and affect their lives. Adults have a responsibility to try to shape the experiences of children in positive ways. The almost complete dependence of small children on the adults around them is one of the reasons Jesus was so protective of them in the gospels—and also why scripture holds children up as examples of trust. Whether nurturing children or learning to imitate them in your relationship with God, always remember their importance.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12 (227).* "If you . . . know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him."

Friday, Mar 15, 2019

LENTE WEEKDAY; DAY OF

ABSTINENCE

What's in a name?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church lists five names for the sacrament that many of us grew up calling Confession. That term, still in use, calls up images of kneeling in darkness and recounting sins to a priest who sits behind a screen. There are, however, other

words that perhaps do a better job of describing the grace of the sacrament. These words: *conversion, reconciliation, penance, and forgiveness*, invite us to reflect on and claim our failings, express our sorrow, and, with pastoral guidance, go forth to try again to get it right. Forgiveness of ourselves or others is not easy and reconciliation is a process, but God's own grace is there to guide and strengthen us as we attempt to be people of love and mercy. Is it time to make a good Confession?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26 (228).* "Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court."

Saturday, Mar 16, 2019

LENTE WEEKDAY

Less is more

The heading catches our attention because at first glance it seems illogical. How can less be more? They're opposites, and of the two, "more" is usually regarded as better. But taken in a different light, the phrase makes good sense. Maybe we exercise restraint during a tense meeting with a coworker, saying only what is needed instead of saying something further in order to "win" an argument. Maybe we forgive someone who has hurt us with a lie instead of reminding them over and over that our pain is their fault. With less, we become more—more peaceful, more caring, more Christ-like.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48 (229).* "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Next Sunday

Sunday, Mar 17, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Let's stay here!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17—4:1 or Philippians 3:20-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36 (27).* "Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

March 9-10 -- First Sunday of Lent

There are times in our lives when, like Jesus, we find ourselves alone and hungry in a wasteland. It is tempting when all is dry rock and rubble to put our faith in things that offer comfort and security. The Scriptures today invite us to put our trust and faith in God, the only one who can save us and give us life. We must reject the temptation to make "gods" of or to place our trust in material goods, power or control and rather to cling to our Lord who is our rock and refuge.



MARCH 10, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.

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MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 5:30PM

Healing Grace for Lester Johnson, Tina Frank, Bernadette, Phifer, Betty McMurray, Mary Waters, Marie Mason, Mary Sober, Mildred Carter, Desmond Alexander, Evelyn Battle, Vanessa Little, Gene Sistrunk and all Holy Cross sick and shut in Parishioners.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 8:00AM

For the repose of the soul of Maggie Hendricks, may she rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.

MARCH 10, 10:00AM

Blessings of God and His Mercy, for our families. Requested by the Catholic Women's Organization

Happy 35th Wedding Anniversary to Ivory and Karin Gay

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Lent Reconciliation Services,
Wednesday, April 3, 2019 6:30PM

Holy Week April 14 – April 21
Palm Sunday - April 14, 2019
Masses 8:00AM - 10:00AM

Holy Thursday ~~~ April
18th
The Lord's Supper ~~~ 6:30
pm

GOOD FRIDAY ~~~ April 19th

Fish Fry ends
2:00PM
Station of The Cross
2:30PM
Passion of Christ Follows

PRAVERS AT THE FOOT OF
THE CROSS

Friends, Family and Loved
ones, with Mary and the
Disciples mourn Christ
Crucified 8:00PM

Easter Vigil - April 20th,
9:00PM

Easter Sunday April 21st,
8:00AM & 10:00AM

SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2019

Mass 8:00AM
Rosary 9:30AM
Mass 10:00AM
Byzantine 5:00PM

Weekend February 23/24, 2019

ATTENDANCE

VIGIL MASS 5:30 31
SUNDAY 8:00 am 53
10:00 am 219

Weekend February 23/24, 2019

OFFERTORY \$2985.00
Children 29.00
E-GIVING 1627.71
SVDP (E-GIVING) 75.00
SVDP 205.00
MSP 60.00
ASH Wednesday 50.00
GIFT STORE 35.00

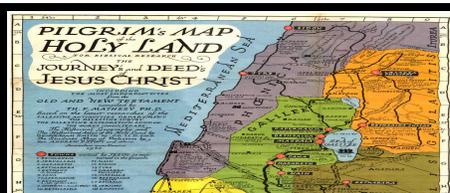
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
First Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and alms giving. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

IGBO MASS MARCH 31, 2019 Next IGBO Mass, is Sunday, March 31, 2019, 1:30pm. Help spread the news. All Catholics are welcome

TRAVELING CHALICE

Thank you to these families who have received the Traveling Chalice into their homes. If you are interested in receiving the chalice, please see Bernadette Cay.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

10-Day Holy Land Pilgrimage
Nov. 3-13, 2019
\$3490

Interested persons should contact Pat Roberts, 512.288-7542.

March Madness Bracket Challenge

The Sir Knights and the Ladies of Grace of the Knights of Peter Claver are sponsoring their second Annual NCAA March Madness Bracket Challenge. The brackets are \$20 each and the grand prize is a \$200 Visa Gift Card! Please see Gracious Lady Shaunte Collins or Sir Knight Derek Phillips to purchase your bracket or for more information. All entries must be completed by 10:00 AM on March

21st. All donations go to help the charitable works of KPC.

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC AT HOLY CROSS LENTEN RITE

The Byzantine Catholic Community that meets here at Holy Cross on Sunday nights will have Lenten Services in the Byzantine Rite every Thursday at 7pm. All are invited to come experience Lent as celebrated by the "other lung" of the Catholic Church! Next Thursday, March 14, is a special prayer service for those suffering from alcoholism and drug abuse; meal to follow.

FROM ASHES TO EASTER

The annual diocesan Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign has begun. Each family is invited to pick up a box and keep it on or near the family dining table or by their bedside table. Put in some coins each day during Lent, and pray for missions worldwide. Contributing coins each day is a corporal work of mercy that will help shelter the homeless and spiritual work of mercy that will help comfort the sorrowful. The money collected helps local missionaries and missionary projects from our diocese.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Family Life Center Capital Campaign

Five Year Payment Goal
\$1,050,000



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