February 14, 2016 First Sunday of Lent (year C)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Church Tower of St. Mary's: have you ever looked up and seen the beauty of our tower? It has five sections, each one more complex the higher up you go. On the top level there are four platforms. They were originally intended to hold four statues of the writers of the gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They were never placed there because of someone realized that the winds are so strong up there that they might be blown off.

Way of the Cross Devotion during Lent:

On the Fridays of Lent St. Mary's will have the Stations of the Cross:

In English: after the 12:05 Mass

In Arabic: at 6:45pm In Spanish: at 8:00pm

COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, February 7, 2016 was \$4,481.00

The second collection this Sunday February 14th will be annual Peter's pence collection

Religious Education: the Confirmation Class will have their Confirmation Retreat on Thursday February 18th at 9:00 to 3:00 in the Church Hall. There will be no class on Saturday February 20th.



February 14th: Face Your Temptations;

Luke 4:1-How can we face our temptations without fear?

February 15th: Be Holy;

Leviticus 19:2-We are called first of all to grow in holiness.

February 16th: Seek the Lord;

Psalm 34:4-Let us ask god to help find answers to our concerns.

February 17th: Turn from Evil;

Jonah 3:8-What evil thoughts, words or actions can you reject today?

February 18th: Seek God

Matthew 7:7-Let us seek God's presence in all we do.

February 19th: Turn away from Sin;

Ezekiel 18:28-Let us do away with all sinfulness this Lent.

February 20th: Love Even Your Enemies;

Matthew 5:45-44-Jesus challenges us to love without limits.



Pope Francis:

When we entrust ourselves to the Lord, we can overcome all obstacles that we encounter on the way.

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