

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 18 - 1st Sunday of Lent

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. John Crecca (RIP) by Jodie Crecca Family

Monday, February 19 - Lenten Weekday;

St. Edward Day of Adoration

9:00 a.m. Joyce Hawk (RIP) by Marc & Tonya Hawk

Tuesday, February 20 - Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. Curtis Barbour (RIP) by Bill & Cindy Kendrick Wednesday, February 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Christina Brown by Carmen Lopez

Thursday, February 22 – The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9:00 a.m. Karen Sullivan (RIP, Birthday) by Tim Sullivan Friday, February 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 a.m. Michael Crecca (RIP) by Bill & Cindy Kendrick

Saturday, February 24 – Lenten Weekday

5:00 p.m. Edison & Brian Smith (RIP) by Anita Smith **Sunday, February 25 – 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish **10:45 a.m.** Michael Carpenter (Birthday) by Maggie Barno



Fr. Tim: As I pray and bow to the congregation, I invite you to also pray, "Lord, give him the homily You want me to hear. Give me the ears to hear it, the heart to receive it, and the grace to put it into practice in my life."

Notes from the Loft

☐ On the First Sunday of Lent, the Litany of the Saints may be sung as a prayer for the entire Church and, in a special way, for those who will be initiated into the Church during the Easter Vigil. Traditionally, the Litany has been chanted as part of a penitential entrance procession at the beginning of the Mass attended by those who are preparing for initiation. St. Edward does not designate only one Mass for them to attend, so we chant it prior to all three weekend Masses. May the saints intercede for those going through OCIA (formerly RCIA) and for us all. All holy men and women, Saints of God, pray for us!

☐ Translations, pronunciation guides, and audio recordings of the Lenten chanted Mass parts are available online. Go to saintedwards. org/music and click on "Chant Mass parts."

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ST. EDWARD EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS



Due March 11 – If you would like to make a donation for Easter Lilies in memory or in honor of a loved one, please use your Easter Flower Offering

envelope or fill out this coupon and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office by Monday, March 11. A listing of memorials will be published in the Easter bulletin. The suggested donation is \$20.00.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2024 – YEAR B

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY: Led by the Spirit (#128, vs. 1-3 as needed)

SANCTUS: chanted (#860)

MEM. ACC.: Save us, Savior of the world... (arr. Weber)

AMEN: chanted or recited AGNUS DEI: chanted (#864)

COMMUNION: Your Words Are Spirit and Life (#606)

COMMUNION 2 (Cantor/Choir): chanted Communion antiphon

CONCLUDING RITES

CLOSING: Jesus, Remember Me (#413)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Dave Conway 8:15 a.m.: Griffin Helms 10:45 a.m.: Beth Spieles



FISH FRY HELPERS

If you are having difficulty signing up to help with Fish Fries, please call Michelle Gardner at 614-537-6978.

Bakers – It's time to start baking those delicious homemade goodies that the St. Edward Fish Fry is famous for. Please drop your baked goods in Enke Parish Hall any time on Thursdays, or on Friday morning. We appreciate you!

Confirmation Class – Need Service hours? The Fish Fry is the perfect solution! It takes many volunteers to make the St. Edward Fish Fry a success and we need your help. Please contact Noel Gremling at ngremling@gmail.com and offer a bit of your time this Lent. Participating in the Fish Fry is a wonderful way to give back to your community, have fun with friends, and meet members of your Parish. Sign up now!



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil

Welcome

"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

WELCOME, all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship today! To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us. Children are always welcome at Mass! We hope you will return regularly to worship at St. Edward Church! If you would like to be a member of St. Edward Parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, or stop by the Church Office, or call us at 740-587-3254. **God bless you!**

spirits that prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT **FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

A Word from Your Pastor



Dear Parishioners:

Lent has begun! With this First Sunday of Lent, we now enter into a series of Scriptures that draw us closer into the life of Jesus and His first disciples. As we reflect on their work together, we are called to discover what God has in store for us. God is inviting us to continue the work of proclaiming the Gospel and of bringing others into the awareness of their relationship with Him.

Each Sunday of Lent has a theme. The first Sunday gives us a look at the Temptation of Jesus in the desert. This year, we have the account from the Gospel of Mark, which is very short and does not give any details about the nature of the temptations. The simple point is that Jesus was tempted and that He related both to God and Angels and to earthly creatures. This picks up the theme of the Covenant that appears in the first reading concerning Noah and the rainbow.

Our relationship with God deserves to be at the center of our lives. When God is first, all else falls into place, no matter what happens. In times of joy and delight, we enjoy the world around us and we pray with the angels and saints. In times of sorrow and struggle, we endure with the strength that comes from God Himself and we reach beyond these challenges to Faith to Hope for glory. God is provident. He is with us.

Lent invites us to give God our all. It is fitting that we are restoring the practice of receiving Eucharist under both forms. Jesus gives Himself to us fully as Heavenly Food in each kind. When we receive from the chalice, our Amen acknowledges in a particular way our willingness to die with Him. We say, by our very act of receiving under this form, we will be with Christ through to the end of our earthly journey, whatever the cost. May this time together in the desert of Lent bear fruit in the life of our community!

Please note that next weekend, we will be welcoming our parish seminarian Nicholas Arnold to share with us his experiences in his first year of seminary in Cincinnati. The Diocese of Columbus is also inviting us to share in the cost of seminary education through a second collection. Please be generous! The young men in discernment are willing to offer themselves. Let us join them through our prayer and contributions. They are our future pastors.

Nev. Timothy M. Hayes

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes, Pastor



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by email, text, or Flocknote without contacting you personally. Always feel free to call the office to check out anything suspicious. Report spam email to whatever email system you use. Thanks for your generous spirit in being willing to help, but do not be deceived. Fr. Tim



Have you been a Eucharistic Minister in the past? Would you like to become a Eucharistic Minister? You are Eucharistic needed. Please call Deacon John at 740-366-4124 or call the office.

We need more Eucharistic Ministers

to prepare for the return of the distribution of the Precious Blood at all Masses on the First Sunday of Lent, February 17 and 18. Deacon John will hold training sessions for ALL Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, both existing Ministers and new Ministers. Please contact him today.



Altar serving is a blessed ministry.

We need boys and girls, and young men and women, from 4th grade to adulthood to serve the Lord at the altar during Mass. If you have made your First Communion, you can be an altar server. Showing up on your designated day is important or getting a substitute if you are ill or on vacation. PLEASE CONTACT DEACON JOHN FOR TRAINING

at barfamilybour@yahoo.com. One parent must attend the session with their student.





St. Edward's Day for The Bishop's Call for Adoration is Monday, February 19, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Bishop Fernandes has asked that every church in the diocese take one day during Lent for Adoration, called the "40 Days of Adoration."

St. Edward has chosen Monday, February 19 from 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. for our Day of Adoration. Adorers will be needed every hour. February 19 is Presidents' Day, to give parishioners who normally work on Mondays the opportunity to attend morning Mass and Adoration.

Sign up on the Flocknote that was sent on February 6. Sign up for an hour; however, you are welcome to stay as long as you like.

Bishop Fernandes also asked parishes to have a "Holy Hour of Adoration" on the First Friday of each month in reparation for sins against human life and dignity, and to pray for the building of a civilization of love. The next First Friday Adoration is March 1, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the chapel behind the sanctuary. Come at any time during the hour and stay as long as you want.

The bishop has asked that we give up meat on all Fridays. Weekly Adoration is until 11:30 a.m. after Monday Mass.

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	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lector:	Altar Servers:			
February 17/18: First Sunday of Lent						
	Gary Kristensen					
Saturday,	Gerry Moses	Sharon	Kevin Bollo			
5:00 p.m.	S.A. Beaver	Stancavage	Aaron Wolf			
	Volunteer Needed					
Sunday,	Jane Dougan	Selma Lesher	Avery Miller			
8:15 a.m.	Volunteers Needed	Sellila Lesliei	Sydney Miller			
	Noelle Gremling					
Sunday,	Rebecca Gassman	Dana	Katelyn Shaw			
10:45 a.m.	10:45 a.m. Paul Gassman Updegrove Volunteers Needed		Anna Beth Zigan			
February 24/25: Second Sunday of Lent						
Saturday,	Kathleen Kiebel	Helen	Case Long			
5:00 p.m.	Jerod Long	Anderson				
3.00 p.iii.	Volunteers Needed	Allueisoli	Dean Long			
Sunday,	Cindy Barbour	Karla Long	Francis Aransky			
8:15 a.m.	Volunteers Needed	Naita Long	Paul McDonald			
Sunday,	Margo Downing		Warren Moberg			
10:45 a.m.	Von Downing	Sheila Heist	Leah Moberg			
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Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.

Supporting St. Edward Church

"Each one must do as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."



2 Corinthians 9:7

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Basket:	\$	12,982.00
Online:	\$	2,381.23
Total:	\$	15,363.23
Weekly Offertory Needs:	\$	17,442.00
Weekly Deficit:	(\$	2,078.77)
Yearly Budget:	\$	907,000.00
Year to date Offertory:	\$	465,167.00

Please consider Online Giving. Sign up on the St. Edward website homepage at www.saintedwards.org.

Diocesan Second Collection

Black & Indian Missions - February 18



For Our Country & World to Return to God
For all War-torn Countries in the World
For Catholics to Return to Church
Bishop Fernandes & All Bishops and Priests
For Young Men to Heed the Call to Become a Priest
For St. Edward's Youth Group to Grow
For Sick & Homebound Parishioners
All Staff, Teachers, Volunteers & Members of St. Edward
Contact Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 for prayer requests.

This Week at St. Edward

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Mass - 8:15 a.m.

Mass - 10:45 a.m.

2nd Collection - Black & Indian Missions

Choir - 9:30 a.m.

OCIA – noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Lounge

Youth Group - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - PRESIDENTS' DAY

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

St. Edward Bishop's Call to Adoration – 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Walking with Purpose Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

in Enke Parish Hall

Office Closed

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Soup Supper – 6:00 p.m. in Enke Parish Hall

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Parish Council - 6:30 in the Lounge

Handbells-7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Walking with Purpose Bible Study – after Mass in the Lounge PSR – 6:00 p.m.

Painting – 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Liturgy Committee - 5:30 p.m. in the Lounge

Choir - 7:00 p.m.

Book Club - 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

FISH FRY! 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Confession - 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Mass - 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Mass – 8:15 a.m.

Mass - 10:45 a.m.

SVDP Meeting - 9:15 in the Lounge

PSR - 9:30 a.m.

OCIA - noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Lounge

*Pushkar Baum maintains the calendar.
Contact him for additions/corrections to the calendar.



The Food Pantry needs grape jelly, toothbrushes and Hamburger Helper.

Please put Food Pantry donations in the box in the Gathering Space or the wooden box outside

of the Parish Office. Your continuous donations are a blessing to others. Thank you!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT **FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

God Washes Away our Sins

each other. Only Noah and his family still remembered forgotten about God. They only cared about themselves. They didn't care if In the time of Noah, the people had God and tried to do what was right. they sinned against God or against



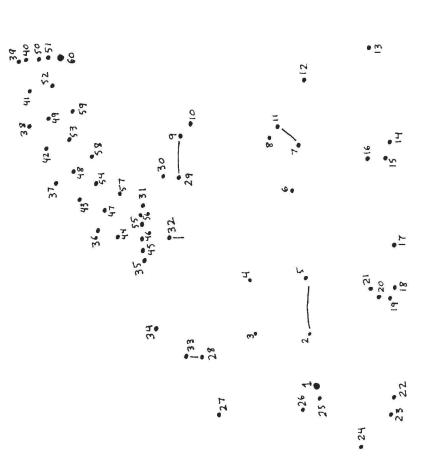
God let a flood destroy all the people other than Noah's family. He wanted to wipe out fresh start at living in peace with Him. He washed the sins away with the great flood. the sins of the world and give people a

But the people still sinned, just like we So Jesus did something that would have the power to take away all the sins that do even after we have been baptized. BLESS ME, FATHER sins. Now all we have to do is be sorry cross, letting His blood wash away our forgiveness that He is waiting to give are ever committed. He died on the and turn to God and accept the us in Confession.

Answers: Front page: Noah's ark Inside: He was tempted by the devil.

The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent **February 18th, 2024**



What was the story mentioned in today's first reading that talks about God washing away the sins of the world and making a covenant with His people? Connect the dots to find out what the story was about!

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Saints Francisco and Jacinta February 20















SAINT FRANCISCO AND SAINT JACINTA KNEW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PRAY AND DO SACRIFICES TO SAVE PEOPLE FROM HELL. THEY WOULD GIVE UP THEIR LUNCHES AND WEAR KNOTTED ROPE AROUND THEIR WAISTS TO SUFFER FOR SINNERS. WHAT IS A LITTLE SACRIFICE THAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP SINNERS?

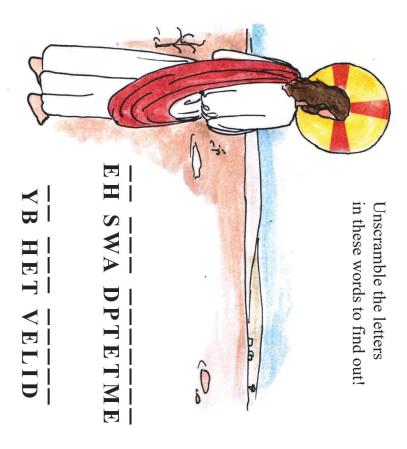
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IESUS IN THE DESERT

Today's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus was fasting in the desert for forty days. He was preparing Himself for His special work.

We know that Jesus was a real person. He was like us except that He never sinned. There was something that happened when He was in the desert that shows us that He had to decide between right and wrong just like we do. What was it?



Lectio Divina SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

"If in Christ we have been tempted, in him we overcome the devil. Do you think only of Christ's temptations and fail to think of his victory? See yourself as tempted in him, and see yourself as victorious in him. He could have kept the devil from himself; but if he were not tempted he could not teach you how to triumph over temptation."

+SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

Monday, February 19 ~ First Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Meditation: Jesus' parable about goats and sheep must have both amused and surprised his audience. Goats and sheep shared the same grazing ground during the day, but had to be separated at night. Goats were less docile and more restless than sheep. They came to symbolize evil and the expression "scapegoat" has become a common expression for someone bearing blame for others. (*You might want to read Leviticus 26:20-22 for a description of the ritual expulsion of a sin-bearing goat on the Day of Atonement.*) Separation is an inevitable consequence of sin and judgment. The Day of Judgment will reveal who showed true compassion and mercy toward their neighbor.

Prayer: Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: This parable is similar to the parable about Lazarus and the rich man. The rich man, who let Lazarus die on his doorstep, was doomed to crave for drops of cold water he had not thought of giving to the poor man. When Saint Martin of Tours, a young Roman soldier and seeker of the Christian faith, met an unclothed man begging for alms in the freezing cold, he stopped and cut his coat in two and gave half to the stranger. That night he dreamt he saw the heavenly court with Jesus robed in a torn cloak. One of the angels present asked, "Master, why do you wear that battered cloak?" Jesus replied, "My servant Martin gave it to me." Saint Martin's disciple and biographer, Sulpicius Severus, states that as a consequence of this vision Martin "flew to be baptized." God is gracious and merciful; his love compels us to treat others with mercy and kindness. When we do something for one of Christ's little ones, we do it for Christ himself. Do you treat your neighbor with mercy and love as Christ has treated you?

Tuesday, February 20 ~ First Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15 Jesus said to his disciples: "In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "This is how you are to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. "If you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions."

Meditation: We can approach God confidently because he is waiting with arms wide open to receive his prodigal sons and daughters. That is why Jesus gave his disciples the perfect prayer that dares to call God, Our Father. This prayer teaches us how to ask God for the things we really need, the things that matter not only for the present but for eternity as well. We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through his death and resurrection. When we ask God for help, he fortunately does not give us what we deserve. Instead, he responds with grace and mercy. He is kind and forgiving towards us and he expects us to treat our neighbor the same.

Prayer: Look upon your family, Lord, that, through the chastening effects of bodily discipline, our minds may be radiant in your presence with the strength of our yearning for you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Consider what Saint John Cassian wrote about the Lord's Prayer and the necessity of forgiving others from the heart: "The mercy of God is beyond description. While he is offering us a model prayer he is teaching us a way of life whereby we can be pleasing in his sight. But that is not all. In this same prayer he gives us an easy method for attracting an indulgent and merciful judgment on our lives. He gives us the possibility of ourselves mitigating the sentence hanging over us and of compelling him to pardon us. What else could he do in the face of our generosity when we ask him to forgive us as we have forgiven our neighbor? If we are faithful in this prayer, each of us will ask forgiveness for our own failings after we have forgiven the sins of those who have sinned against us, not only those who have sinned against our Master. There is, in fact, in some of us a very bad habit. We treat our sins against God, however appalling, with gentle indulgence: but when by contrast it is a matter of sins against us ourselves, albeit very tiny ones, we exact reparation with ruthless severity. Anyone who has not forgiven from the bottom of the heart the brother or sister who has done him wrong will only obtain from this prayer his own condemnation, rather than any mercy." Thus we need to honestly ask ourselves: do I treat others as the Lord has instructed me – with compassion, mercy, steadfast love, and kindness?

Wednesday, February 21 ~ First Week in the Season of Lent Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:29-32 While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them, "This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah. Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. At the judgment the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and there is something greater than Solomon here. At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here."

Meditation: The Lord Jesus came to set us free from slavery to sin and hurtful desires. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit he pours his love into our hearts that we may understand his will for our lives and walk in his way of holiness. God searches our hearts, not to condemn us, but to show us where we need his saving grace and help. He calls us to seek him with true repentance, humility, and the honesty to see our sins for what they really are – a rejection of his love and will for our lives. God will transform us if we listen to his word and allow his Holy Spirit to work in our lives. Ask the Lord to renew your mind and to increase your thirst for his wisdom. James says that the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity (James 3:17). A double-minded person cannot receive this kind of wisdom. The single of mind desire one thing alone – God's pleasure. God wants us to delight in him and to know the freedom of his truth and love. Do you thirst for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14)?

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may so follow the teaching and example of the Bishop Saint Peter Damian, that, putting nothing before Christ and always ardent in the service of your Church, we may be led to the joys of eternal light. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you pay careful attention to warning signs? Do you pay attention to these signs at all? Many fatalities could be avoided if people paid attention to such signs. When the religious leaders demanded a sign from Jesus, he gave them a serious warning to avert spiritual disaster. It was characteristic of the Jews that they demanded "signs" from God's messengers to authenticate their claims. When the religious leaders pressed Jesus to give proof for his claims he says in so many words that he is God's sign and that they need no further evidence from heaven than his own person. The Ninevites recognized God's warning when Jonah spoke to them, and they repented. And the Queen of Sheba recognized God's wisdom in Solomon. Jonah was God's sign and his message was the message of a merciful God for the people of Nineveh. Unfortunately the religious leaders were not content to accept the signs right before their eyes. They had rejected the message of John the Baptist and now they reject Jesus as God's Anointed One (Messiah) and they fail to heed his message. Simeon had prophesied at Jesus' birth that he was "destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that inner thoughts of many will be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35). Jesus confirmed his message with many miracles in preparation for the greatest sign of all – his resurrection on the third day.

Thursday, February 22 ~ First Week in the Season of Lent Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

Holy Gospel: Matthew: 13:16-19 When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Meditation: Jesus tests his disciples with a basic, yet crucial question: "Who do men say that I am" followed by "who do you say that I am?" Jesus was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets -- John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was the Christ, the Son of the living God. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God. Jesus then confers on Peter authority to govern the church that Jesus would build, a church that no powers would overcome. Jesus plays on Peter's name which is the same word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek. To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest of compliments. The ancient rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon." Through Abraham God established a nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to recognize Jesus as the Anointed One (Messiah and Christ) and the only begotten Son of God. The Lord Jesus tests each of us personally with the same question: "Who do you say that I am?"

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that no tempests may disturb us, for you have set us fast on the rock of the Apostle Peter's confession of faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus Christ also asks each one of us: "Who do you say that I am?" Obviously our personal response has great ramifications. A wonderful response to come not only from our lips, but from deep from within our hearts would be: "Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Savior. Make my faith strong and help me to live in the victory of the cross by rejecting sin and by accepting your will." Our response to Jesus' question requires sincere thought and discernment. But more importantly it requires action in how we think, speak, and live out our daily lives. Ask yourself: Do I live my life as a disciple of Christ? If not, what's holding me back?

About the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter: This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon Christ and his Apostles, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.

Friday, February 23 ~ First Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26 Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the Kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, *Raqa*, will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny."

Meditation: Do you allow sin or anger to master your life? Maybe at first glance you say "no, of course not." But take a deep look, an honest look at yourself, at your life, at how you live. The first human to hate his brother was Cain. God warned Cain: 'Why are you angry? ...Sin in couching at the door; it's desire is for you, but you must master it (Genesis 4:6-7). Sin doesn't just happen; it first grows as a seed in one's heart. Unless it is mastered, by God's grace, it grows like a weed and chokes the fruitful vine. Jesus addressed the issue of keeping the commandments with his disciples. The scribes and Pharisees equated righteousness with satisfying the demands of the law. Jesus showed them how short they had come. Jesus points to the heart as the seat of desire and choice. Unless forbidden and evil desires are eradicated, the heart will be corrupted. Jesus points to forbidden anger with one's brother. This is a selfish anger that broods and is longlived, that nurses a grudge and keeps wrath warm, and that refuses to die. Anger in the heart as well as anger in speech or action are equally forbidden. What is the antidote to anger and rage? Mercy, kindness, and forbearance spring from a heart full of love and forgiveness. God has forgiven us and he calls us to extend mercy and forgiveness towards those who cause us harm and grief. In the cross of Jesus we see the supreme example of love and the power for overcoming evil. Only God's love and grace can set our hearts and minds free from the tyranny of wounded pride and spiteful revenge. Do you harbor any anger towards another person? And are you quick to be reconciled when a rupture has been caused in your relationships? Ask God to set you free and to fill your heart and mind with his love and his timeless truths.

Prayer: Grant that your faithful, O Lord, we pray, may be so conformed to the paschal observances, that the bodily discipline now solemnly begun may bear fruit in the souls of all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Saint Eusebius, a Father of the Church, offered the following prayer as instruction for his fellow Christians: "May I be no man's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides. May I never quarrel with those nearest me: and if I do, may I be reconciled quickly. May I love, seek, and attain only that which is good. May I wish for all men's happiness and envy none. May I never rejoice in the ill-fortune of one who has wronged me. When I have done or said what is wrong, may I never wait for the rebuke of others, but always rebuke myself until I make amends. May I win no victory that harms either me or my opponent. May I reconcile friends who are angry with one another. May I never fail a friend who is in danger. When visiting those in grief may I be able by gentle and healing words to soften their pain. May I respect myself. May I always keep tame that which rages within me. May I accustom myself to be gentle, and never be angry with people because of circumstances. May I never discuss who is wicked and what wicked things he has done, but know good men and follow in their footsteps." Do you seek to live peaceably and charitably with all? If not, pray that you will! Lent is about reconciliation, not only with God and Jesus, but with anyone whom we have harmed through our actions. Reconciliation is the first step toward conversion of mind and heart. Step-by-step, we turn away from sin and selfishness, and turn back to Christ. Begin these steps now, during Lent.

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Daily meditations and contemplations adapted from the Irish Jesuits' *Sacred Space* web page and *Biblical Medications for Lent* by Rev. Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P.; prayers are from *The Roman Missal*, Catholic Book Publishing, 2011; information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture web site.

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Lenten Speaker is Dana Updegrove

Tuesday, February 20:

The Eucharist in the Christian Story

Tuesday, February 27:

The Eucharist as Sacrifice

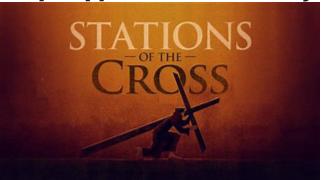
Tuesday, March 5:

The Eucharist as Real Presence

Tuesday, March 12

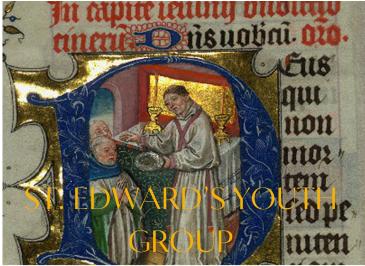
The Eucharist & Growth in Holiness

Soup Suppers are followed by:



Tuesday, March 19
Penance Service 7:00 p.m.





TOPIC: THE IMPORTANCE OF LENT/THE SYMBOLIC MEANING OF ASHES.

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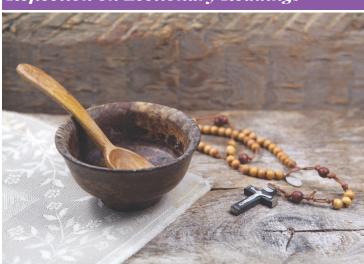
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Reflection on Lectionary Readings



FEBRUARY 18, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

GN 9:8-15; PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 PT 3:18-22; MK 1:12-15

Today's readings remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the Resurrection of Christ on Easter.

St. Peter reminds us in our Second Reading of the blessings we receive from Christ's Passion, death, and Resurrection — "Christ suffered for sins once... that he might lead you to God." And again, "[Baptism] is... an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ."

To receive the blessings more readily from Christ's Passion, death, and Resurrection, we, too, are called to endure 40 days "in the desert." In our Gospel, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified, but rather, to endure the temptations of man for our sake. He was fully man, and experienced temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin. We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer.

Let us strive to purify our hearts so that we might be ready to receive the glorious gift of Christ and partake in the riches that pour forth from this Gift.

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