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Mass Schedule

Weekday	Monday to Friday 6:30 AM and 5:30 PM Saturday at 6:30 AM
Weekend	Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM Sunday 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM; 6:00 PM

Confession/Reconciliation

30 minutes before each Weekday and weekend
Masses and from 3 to 4 PM on Saturday

Baptisms

FIRST Sunday of each month (except during Lent)
following the 11:30 AM Mass. Baptismal Seminar
on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the
Life Center Building. Please call the Church Office
for arrangements.

Weddings

Arrangements should be made six months before
the wedding. Please call the Church Office to
schedule.

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Church Office Hours

Monday to Thursday
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Closed for Lunch 12 noon to 1:00 PM

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:

Feb. 29 - Mar. 1, 2020

Now that we have concluded a short carnival season (a.k.a. Mardi gras), having exhausted ourselves with parades and foods and fun, with the powerful reminder of Ashes still fresh on our foreheads and minds, we now begin our solemn journey through the Lenten Season.

The Lenten Season is a period of renewal for us. It's a season of looking within to see how you are doing with regards to your relationship with God and with others. One's faith and life is better understood if seen from the perspective of God and how we relate with others, these two aspects always go together.

Responding to the results of the short and small Survey that our Pastoral Council did last year, we came up with some new (and few) ideas to offer you for Lent this year. In last weekend's Bulletin Insert, we listed some opportunities for you to take advantage of this Season of Lent. (One) There is the **"Best Lent Ever: An Online Program"** for those who would like to do a personal development in their spare time during Lent. (Two) **"Made for More"** is a Small Faith-Sharing Group on Thursdays (12 pm) for those who would like to grow in the faith in group context. (Three) **"In the Breaking of Bread: Brown-Bag Lunch with Lenten Reflections"** (Wednesdays from 1-1:30 pm), for the multi-tasker. (Four) **three Masses daily** with (Five) **Confessions before each Mass.** (Six) and the **Way of the Cross** every Friday after the afternoon Mass. Call the Church Office for more information about any of these. With these opportunities available, everyone has something to do, attend and be a part of this Lenten Season. To those who have suggested, we are providing. To those who asked, we are giving. To those who want more, there they are. So, therefore, let us begin.

The theme of our readings for this 1st Sunday of Lent is about **"going back to the basic."**

In the 1st reading, we are reminded how God created the 1st humans and provided an abundant garden (Eden) for them to dwell. At this garden, they were tempted by the serpent that caused them to sin.

In the Gospel reading, we read how God was led to a deserted place to be tempted by the devil. At the desert, Jesus was tempted by the devil with an abundance of sinful things, and yet Jesus did not succumb to them. In resisting the temptations, Jesus restored humanity (us) to the grace of God and the possibility of salvation.

In the 2nd reading, St. Paul narrates how the fall of "one man [Sic]" (Adam & Eve) sin entered the world (and us). Adam & Eve's sin (transgression) caused our death from God's grace. Through the sacrifice (righteousness) of "one man" (Jesus), God gave us a new life and restored us to God.

The flow of the readings begins with the 1st Reading: creation-abundance-temptation-sin; in reverse order from the gospel: temptation-sin-abundance-restoration; St. Paul summarizes all in the 2nd reading.

In these readings, Jesus went back to basic (on how we lost God's grace) in order to restore us. As the gospel narrate, Jesus' "return to basic" was hard (going to a deserted place), painful (He starved!), and fearful (confronted by the Devil). Yet, that was the only way He could begin His mission to save us. For Jesus, the process of restoration was hard-work and yet He persevered for the sake of His beloved – us! As the Letter to the Hebrews (12:2) said: "to restore all things to Himself, He endured the cross."

God wants us back in the same grace and dignity He created us. Though sin (transgressions) removed and separated us from God, He will do everything in His power to redeem and restore us, sometimes even by going back to the basics of how we lost His grace.

At some points and moments in the "desert moments" of our lives we have lost God's grace. If you did, what is it do you want to restore (return) to God Lenten Season? May be it is time for us to go back to the basics of our faith again.

Father Vic+

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Please remember **Alcida Adams** who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that her family may find comfort and consolation through their faith.

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A small group study
During Lent
Thursday's @ 12 Noon
in the Life Center

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ST. JOSEPH ALTAR Canned Good Drive March 7th /8th & March 14th/15th

Please bring a canned good item for a donation to the local Food Bank.

Collection Baskets will be at the entrances of church both weekends.

Viewing of the Altar will take place in church on
Thursday, March 19th from
6:30 AM Mass till 5:30 PM Mass.
Canned goods will also be
collected at this time.



SECOND COLLECTION

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Black & Indian Mission

These funds are distributed as grants to support and strengthen evangelization of Black and Indian peoples in the U.S. Several church parishes in our diocese receive grants from this collection.
Thank you for your generosity.

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays @ 6:30 AM, 12:10 PM & 5:30 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent
(following 5:30 PM Mass)

****March 6- Members of Jacob's Ladder & Church Office Aides Ministry (Money counters, bulletin stuffers), your attendance is Requested.****

The following were
Baptized into the family of
Christ recently:



Josephine Elise

Child of Timothy & Ericka Dalton

William Luke, Travis James & Joseph Clay

Children of Jared Thompson &
Katherine Bergeron

Lenten Gumbo!



That time of year is here again! Our annual Lenten Gumbo will be every Friday during Lent. Once again we will have take-outs and drive thru as well as table seating in the Life Center. Hours are 11AM-1PM. Our proceeds go to the Good Samaritan Food Bank. The Meal will be \$10.00.

Thank you for your continued support!
Hope to see you there!

A Little Serving for your Soul

Through prayer and faith, may we recognize God's blessings in ourselves and others.

LENTEN ACTION:

Spend an hour praying with a loved one!