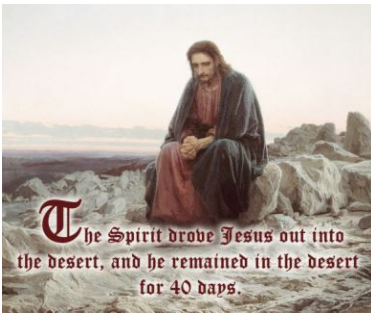


A photograph of a sandy path leading towards the ocean, framed by tall, thin grasses in the foreground. The path is made of light-colored sand and leads towards a bright blue sea under a clear sky. The text "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me" is overlaid in a bold, dark blue font.

**Your ways,
O Lord,
make known
to me**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



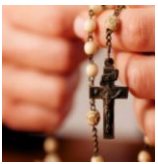
That we may place our lives in God's hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each us. "After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must

have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Scripture Readings for the Week of February 18, 2024

Sunday	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
Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Jl 2:12-13; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:18; Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



Rosary

Mondays at 7 pm in the Church
Tuesdays through Fridays at 8 am. in the Church



Pray for those who are ill:

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Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions Feb 17 thru 25

SATURDAY	5:30 PM	†Francis Kiefel †Earl Erikson
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	For the People of the Parish †Charlie & Irene Dirba †Lori Sipple †Kenneth Hinze †Annabelle Evangelista
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	†Fr. Michael Love †Shirley Gillman
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM	†Joanne Lenzi †Maria Cruz
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	†Kyle Sayes, Knight of the Month †Lisa & Steve Solis, Family of the Month
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	†Agnes & Charlie Kieler †Bubba Moore
SATURDAY	5:30 PM	†Art Vandaveer †Charles Schwertner
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	†Alane Anderson †Tomas Diaz Jr. For the People of the Parish †Jack Palasota †Alfredo Larre

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Tuesday 5—6pm Msgr. Leo
Wednesday 5—6pm Fr. Dwight
Thursday 5-6pm Msgr. Leo
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Over the years, I have experienced some powerful feelings in my encounters with our Lord. Celebrating the sacraments, retreats, reading spiritual books, listening to homilies, or those spiritual thoughts you have shared with me--they were encounters with the Lord! Before I watched the movie, I was curious how I would react. I know He died for my sins and for me. Will it be like examining my conscience as I prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Will there be thoughts and feelings of guilt?

I hope that someday I will be Christ like. I hope some day to love like Jesus loved. And so I reiterate Jesus' challenge to us as we begin this Holy Season. Let's begin to really love and bring healing peace to those we journey with through life. Have you hurt someone? Did you say 'I'm sorry'? Are you giving someone the silent treatment? Are you angry? Want to get even? Pay back? Say a Hail Mary. Say the Our Father and repeat "as we forgive those who trespass." Have a great season of Lent!

Sincerely,
Fr Dwight

With Gratitude!

Dear Parish Bazaar Donors and Sponsors,

Thank you so much for being a big part of St. Michael annual Parish Bazaar. Your donation/sponsorship really helped in furthering the success we have enjoyed at last Sunday's Parish Bazaar. For many that shared, it means a sacrifice perhaps of one less meal at a restaurant or a smaller present to a loved one. I would like you to know, your gift was very much appreciated.

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With my deepest appreciation,
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St. Michael Baptism Class will be held on **Saturday, March 9th** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Angelina Room. You must call and pre-register and get information on the required forms. Parents and godparents need to attend this class. Let us know how many will be attending.

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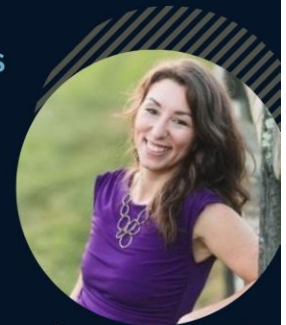
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Monday,
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TALK 7PM



Kimberly Cook



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Sign up for the dinner in the Family Life Center Hallway or at

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Kimberly Cook is the author of *Motherhood Redeemed: How Radical Feminism Betrayed Maternal Love* (TAN), as well as the host of the podcast, *The Dignity of Women*. Kimberly holds an MA in Systematic Theology and runs *KimberlyCook.ME* – an outlet for thought and discussion on reclaiming femininity and challenging modern feminism. She lives in Virginia with her husband and their children.



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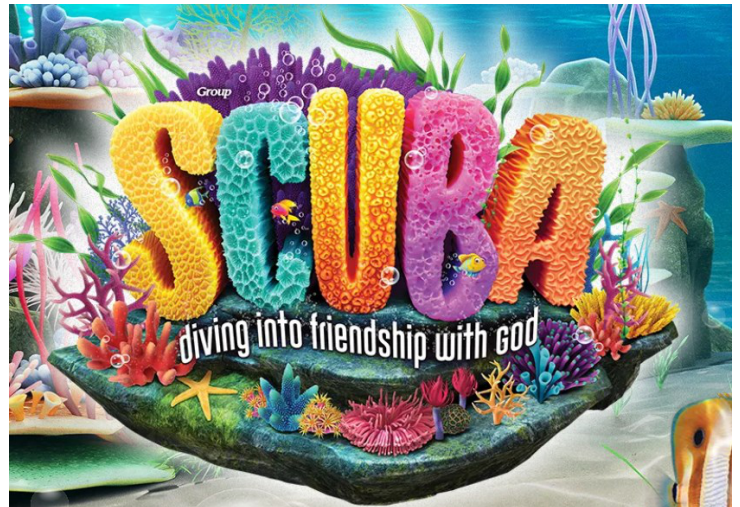
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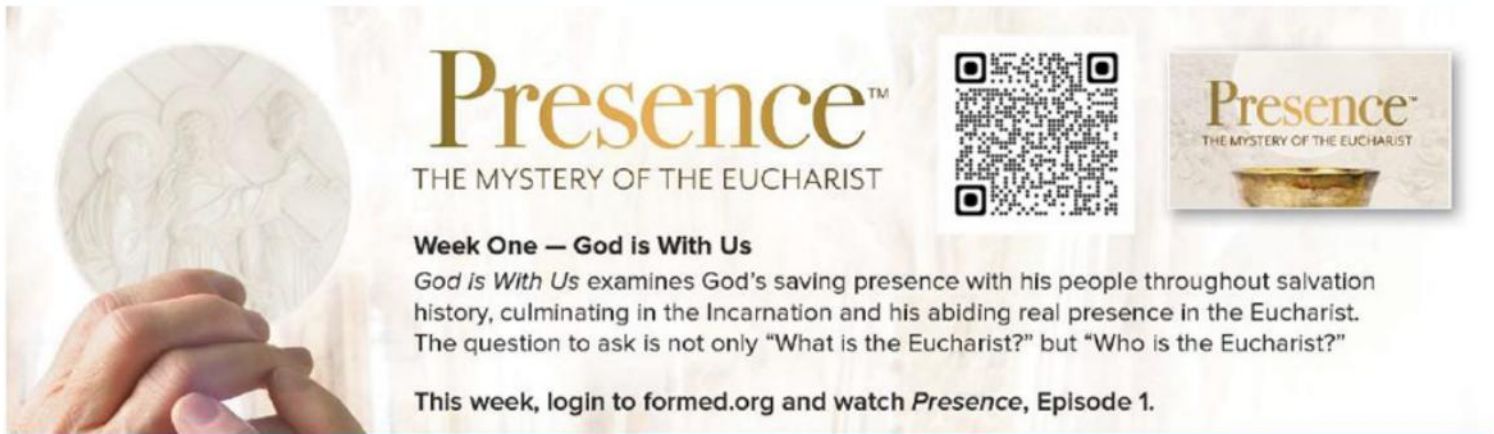
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Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

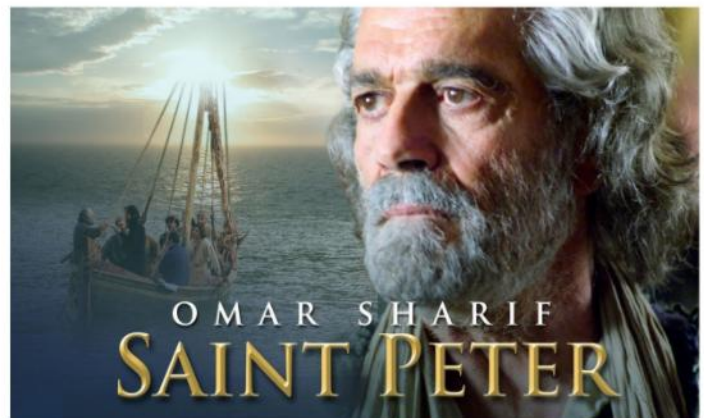
In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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