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Gospel Meditation

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God’s creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?

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Prayer Support for Our Pastor and Parish

Let’s join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00 pm. God’s grace always remains with us.

March 1 - March 8, 2020	
Readings and Mass Intentions	
Sunday, March 1 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 <i>Mass intention for the People of the Parish</i>	9:00am-Mass
Monday, March 2 Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46 <i>Mass Intention for John Dumesnil</i>	4:30pm-Communion Service
Tuesday, March 3 Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15 <i>Mass Intention for John Dumesnil</i>	10:00am-Mass
Wednesday, March 4 Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32	4:30pm-Communion Service
Thursday, March 5 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12	4:30pm-Communion Service
Friday, March 6 Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26	9:30am-Communion Service
Saturday, March 7 Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48 <i>Mass Intention for John Dumesnil</i>	4:30pm-Mass 6:30pm-Spanish Mass
Sunday, March 8 Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 <i>Mass intention for the People of the Parish</i>	9:00am-Mass

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Lenten Schedule

Friday (every week)
5:30 pm — Stations of the Cross

Tuesday: March 24, 2020
6:30 pm — Penance Service

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Mark Newitt, Jim Newitt, Don Moore, Dennis Williamson, Connie McDowell, Freddy Young, Carolyn Patrick, Ernie Rumbelow, Tara McDowell, Henrietta Oakley, Arthur Little; Dana LeJune, Donna Crookes, Art Vogel, James Parson, Buster Herndon, Greg Cowart, Paige Rayburn, Elizabeth Stiver, Bill Batic, Bobby Lehman; Norton Leger, Dan Salzer, Don Watt, Steve Tompkins, Henry Rossi, Bennie Mahaffey, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Ted Koch, Fr. Frank Rossi, Cheyenne Courtney, Audrey Douzant

Repose of the soul: Deacon Larry R. David, Alma Manuel, Penny Guillory, Chester Johnson

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.

Sun. Mar 1	Mon. Mar 2	Tues. Mar 3	Wed. Mar 4	Thurs. Mar 5	Fri. Mar 6	Sat. Mar 7
First Sunday of Lent 9:00am - Mass Faith Formation following Mass		10:00am-Mass 10:30am-Senior Social 12:00pm-Lunch with speaker 1:00pm-Altar Society 3:30pm-Choir Practice 6:30pm-RCIA:Exploring the Catholic Faith		2:00pm-Bible Study 4:00pm-Rosary 4:30pm-Communion Service 6:00pm-CCE	9:30am-Communion Service 4:30pm-Communion Service 5:00pm-Divine Mercy Chaplet	9:30am-Communion Service 5:30pm—Stations of the Cross (led by RCIA) 3:45-4:15pm-Confessions 4:30pm-Mass
Sun. Mar 8	Mon. Mar 9	Tues. Mar 10	Wed. Mar 11	Thurs. Mar 12	Fri. Mar 13	Sat. Mar 14
Second Sunday of Lent 9:00am - Mass Faith Formation following Mass		10:00am-Mass 3:30pm-Choir Practice 6:30pm-RCIA:Exploring the Catholic Faith	10:00am—Stewardship 2:00pm-Bible Study 4:00pm-Rosary 4:30pm-Communion Service 6:00pm-CCE	4:30pm-Communion Service 5:00pm-Divine Mercy Chaplet	9:30am-Communion Service 5:30pm—Stations of the Cross (led by Men’s Group)	3:45-4:15pm-Confessions 4:30pm-Mass 6:30pm-Spanish Mass

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We join these candidates in their preparation to enter the Church with the Rite of Sending, Sunday, March 1,2020 as they journey to Beaumont to their Rite of Election with Bishop Guillory at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica.

Rachel Barth
RT Dowden
Regina Pierson

Senior Luncheon
Tuesday, March 3

12:00 Potluck Lunch
12:15-1:00 Presentation

“Conscience Formation for End-of-Life Care”
Presented by Maureen Peltier, M.Ed, J.D.

The dignity of dying requires care and protections. Our popes and bishops have fortunately provided us with clear guidance in these sometimes difficult areas of life and death.

Learn about the Church’s teaching, as well as recommended legal documents. Included will be take-home forms in accordance with Texas law and our Catholic faith.

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020, 6:30 PM
FAMILY CENTER

Matthew 17:1-9
The 2nd Commandment: Reverence God’s Name

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

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BREAD

“One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”

MATTHEW 4:4