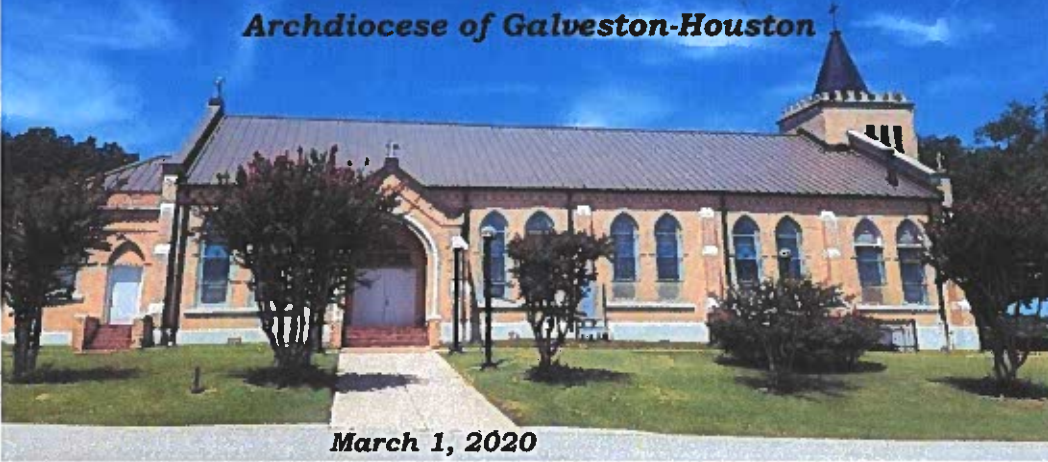


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March 1, 2020

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Mass Schedule

Wednesday & Friday

reconciliation at 11:30

Mass at Noon

Friday

***Stations of the Cross after
Noon Mass and at 7:00pm***

Saturday Vigil 4:15pm

Sunday 10:00am

March 1st, 2020

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*



The season of Lent calls us to humility, to an honest understanding of who we are.

In the first reading, the woman and her husband eat fruit from the tree of life, and realize they are naked. In the Letter to the Romans, Paul reassures us that God's grace surpasses any of our sins. In the Gospel, the devil tempts Jesus while he is in the desert, but Jesus says to him, *Get away, Satan!* and the devil leaves him.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday March 4th Noon
Marcella Reaves

Friday March 6th Noon
Kaci, Candy & Betty Kitkoski
Linda Russell

Saturday March 7th 4:15pm
Tony & Alice Szymczak

Sunday March 8th 10:00am
Linda Russell

Traveling Elijah Cup Schedule

March 7th Pat Conrey

March 14th Charlie & Ann McDuffie

March 21st Chad & Theresa Guidry

March 28th Tim & Dana Busa

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

If you cannot be present, please find a replacement



Saturday March 7th 4:15pm

Lectors:	Leonard Szymczak & Dana Wagner	Rosary: Delores Posinski
E.M.H.C	Leonard Szymczak & Gary Klodzinski	
Altar Servers:	Andrew Borski, Jacob Borski, Evan Borski	
Ushers:	Michael Wisnoski, Danny Pasket, Darrell Wagner, Johnny Pasket Jr	

Sunday March 8th 10:00am

Lectors:	Margaret McClosky & Christi Leman	Rosary: Joan Pushee
E.M.H.C	Dominic & Sara Adamo, Rosanna Molina, Margaret McClosky & Robert Maggio (Choir)	
Altar Servers	Reece Wroblewski, Ryan Wroblewski, Haden Sechelski	
Ushers:	Mike Wroblewski, Roger Vezurk, Marcus Klawinsky, Darrin Pasket	



Our Parish COMMUNITY

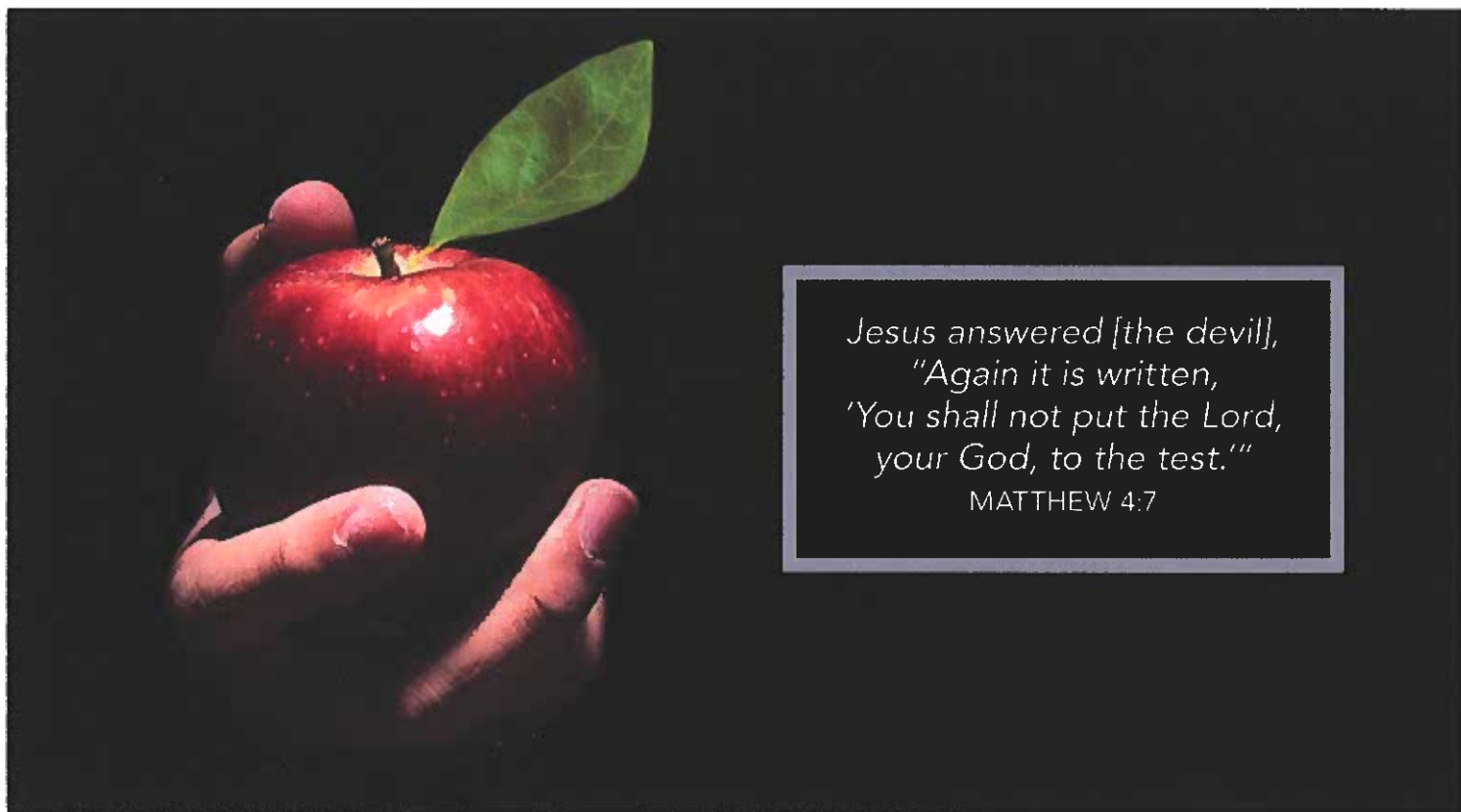
March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

Mt 4:1-11



*Jesus answered [the devil],
"Again it is written,
'You shall not put the Lord,
your God, to the test.'"*

MATTHEW 4:7

Try It! You'll Like It!

If only temptation was obvious, we might have a better chance of avoiding it. But sometimes it's so subtle. It often disguises itself as something rather attractive. This is precisely what happened in the Garden of Eden. Scripture says temptation takes on a living form—a serpent that convinces the woman that the fruit of the wisdom tree will make them “like gods, who know good and evil” (Genesis 3:5).

Who wouldn't jump at such a possibility? Actually, who hasn't already fallen into that trap—acting as if we are God, thinking we know everything or wishing to be in complete control? Our faith certainly encourages us to become more and more like God. What made that desire wrong was the way Adam and Eve sought to become like gods in their own way, not God's way.

The Gospel passage tells us that Jesus also was tempted. Who doubts that Jesus wanted to be successful in his ministry? But what would he do to ensure success? Would he use divine power to attract a following? No! Would he call upon God to protect him from misunderstanding, rejection, even physical harm? No! Would he bargain with the devil, who obviously exercised power over many people? No! That was not the way he would be the Messiah. Unlike the couple in the Garden, Jesus recognized what was wrong even when it was disguised as something good. How good are we at recognizing temptation in our lives?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *In what ways does temptation sometimes trick you?*
- ★ *What can you do so you won't be tricked?*

Dear Padre,

Is gambling a sin?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* mentions gambling in the context of “temperance” to moderate attachment to worldly goods, “justice” to render to our neighbor what is due, and “solidarity in accordance with the golden rule” (CCC 2407). “Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement. Unfair wagers and cheating at games constitute grave matter....” (CCC 2413).

Gambling, therefore, is morally neutral. When properly controlled, it can be a form of recreation for some. However, it becomes an enslavement when obsessive gamblers neglect their families or jobs, risk financial security, and compromise their responsibilities to self, others, and God. The allure of winning and the desire to win even more—along with venues that provide easy gambling credit and other incentives—often make it harder for people to know their limits. Consequently, a severe gambling addiction can lead and has led to stealing to pay debts, divorce, job loss, despair, and suicide.

No wonder St. Augustine cautioned, “The devil invented gambling.” Even if Satan didn’t invent it, he’ll gladly take credit for it when gambling becomes a means to his ends. In so many words, those who win large amounts from lotteries and games of chance frequently warn, “All that glitters isn’t gold.” Despite its enticements, gambling ultimately fails to satisfy the human heart’s longing for meaning and fulfillment.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

There are three temptations of Christ....First, wealth: seizing hold of goods destined for all and using them only for “my own people.” That is, taking “bread” based on the toil of others or even at the expense of their very lives. That wealth tastes of pain, bitterness, and suffering.

—HOMILY IN MEXICO, FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Calendar

Monday
MARCH 2
Lenten Weekday
Lv 19:1–2, 11–18
Mt 25:31–46

Tuesday
MARCH 3
Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10–11
Mt 6:7–15

Wednesday
MARCH 4
Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1–10
Lk 11:29–32

Thursday
MARCH 5
Lenten Weekday
Est C:12, 14–16,
23–25
Mt 7:7–12

Friday
MARCH 6
Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21–28
Mt 5:20–26

Saturday
MARCH 7
Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16–19
Mt 5:43–48

Sunday
MARCH 8
Second Sunday
of Lent
Gn 12:1–4a
2 Tm 1:8b–10
Mt 17:1–9

Lenten Resolutions for Married Couples, Inspired by Pope Francis

by Bethany Meola



Are you wondering how to grow in holiness this Lent, together with your spouse? Try following some advice from the Pope! In his *homilies and addresses*, Pope Francis has spoken quite directly about how husband and wife should treat each other, about prayer within the family, and other ways the family lives its identity as a “domestic Church.” So this Lent, why not commit with your spouse to try one of the following Lenten resolutions, based on words from the Holy Father?

- 1. Be courteous to your spouse.** Use polite requests: “May I? Can I?” For example, “Would you like for us to do this?” and “Do you want to go out tonight?”

“To ask permission means to know how to enter with courtesy into the lives of others. ... True love does not impose itself harshly and aggressively.” (*Address to Engaged Couples*, Rome, Feb. 14, 2014.)
- 2. Say “thank you” to your spouse.** “It seems so easy to say these words, but we know that it is not. But it is important! ... It is important to keep alive the awareness that the other person is a gift from God – and for the gifts of God we say thank you!” (*Address to Engaged Couples*, Rome, Feb. 14, 2014)
- 3. Ask forgiveness from your spouse.** Say, “I’m sorry.”

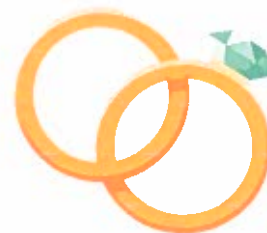
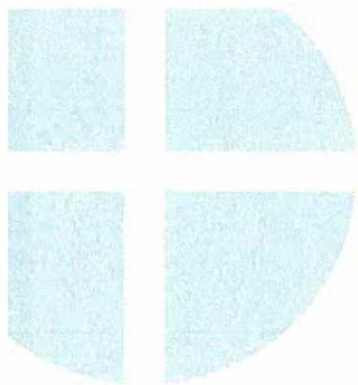
“Let us learn to acknowledge our mistakes and to ask to forgiveness. ‘Forgive me if today I raised my voice’; ‘I’m sorry if I passed without greeting you’; ‘excuse me if I was late.’” (*Address to Engaged Couples*, Rome, Feb. 14, 2014)

“Never let the sun go down without making peace! Never, never, never!” (*Address to Engaged Couples*, Rome, Feb. 14, 2014)

“It is important to have the courage to ask forgiveness when we are at fault in the family.” (*Address to Participants in the Pilgrimage of Families*, Rome, Oct. 26, 2013)
- 4. Pray together with your spouse and family.**

“Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it’s easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents...praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer.” (*Homily for Family Day*, Rome, Oct. 27, 2013)





- Pray to the Lord to “multiply your love and give it to you fresh and good each day.” Pray together, “Lord, give us this day our daily love.” (*Address to Engaged Couples*, Rome, Feb. 14, 2014)
5. Visit the elderly, especially your grandparents. “Grandparents are like the wisdom of the family, they are the wisdom of a people. ... Listen to your grandparents.” (*Address to Participants in the Pilgrimage of Families*, Rome, Oct. 26, 2013)

“How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society!” (*Angelus at World Youth Day*, Rio de Janeiro, July 26, 2013)
 6. Share the faith with others. “Christian families are missionary families. ... They are missionary also in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith!” (*Homily for Family Day*, Rome, Oct. 27, 2013)

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Gracious Givers

Lay Reader Message

Our Best Intentions

"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do," (Romans 7:15), so spoke the Apostle Paul. Somehow, he could not translate his best intentions into the actions he wished to do. This is the dilemma that has afflicted Christians who sincerely want to do God's will.

Peter experienced it too. *"Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death"* (Luke 22:33), he declared, and he meant it. His best intentions were to stick with his Lord, no matter what.

Thomas, too, expressed his intentions. When Jesus said he was going back to Judea where the Jews had tried to stone him, the disciples tried to dissuade him. Realizing that nothing could stop Jesus from going to his friend Lazarus, Thomas said to the disciples, *"Let us also go, that we may die with him"* (John 11:16). He meant it too.

Yet, Peter denied knowing his Lord, and all the disciples fled in fear the night of his betrayal (Mark 14:50). What they wanted to do, they failed to do. What they wanted not to do, that is what they did. We understand the dilemma well. Like Peter, we weep when faced with our failures. But we do not despair, for we have learned that, while on our own we fail, with God we can do great things.

Christ went to his death in order to buy us back from sin, death, and the devil. We are no longer captive to sin and immobilized by it. *"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us"* (Romans 8:37). Jesus lived the perfect life for us; he shed his blood in payment for our sins; he suffered in our places; and he gives us grace that forgives our failures and gives us more opportunities to bear the fruit he called us and chose us to bear. Truly, with God we can do great things.

A Stewardship Minute

An introduction of *Stewardship* to the congregation

March 2020

Sometimes when we are reading something, especially Christian literature, certain sentences seem to leap off the page and begin to bring enlightenment to our minds. Listen to this fascinating statement:

"God gives to us not to make us thankful but to make us generous and useful to him and others."

Now obviously when something good happens to us, when God seems to be pouring out blessing after blessing, we are very grateful. And surely most of us will take time to express our gratitude to God. That is a good response, of course. In less obvious circumstances, however, we often don't express gratitude for the many blessings bestowed upon us by God. Thanksgiving follows the realization that all we have was given to us by God. God gives us these things not to make us thankful, but to make us useful! It becomes clear ... in fact it is inescapable ... that genuine thankfulness and good stewardship are inseparably related.

This month's issue of *Stewardship* goes on to point out that by any name, what we EXPRESS to God about what has been given to us is called "Thanksgiving." What we DO with all of it is called "Stewardship." It is to love God with our heart, mind, soul, and strength. After all, is that not the way Christ loves us?

Prayer: Gracious God, keep reminding us that we are not only to be grateful to you, but to submit ourselves as faithful stewards on your behalf. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sacrifice of Praise

Second Sunday of Lent: Genesis 12:1-4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 / Matthew 17:1-9

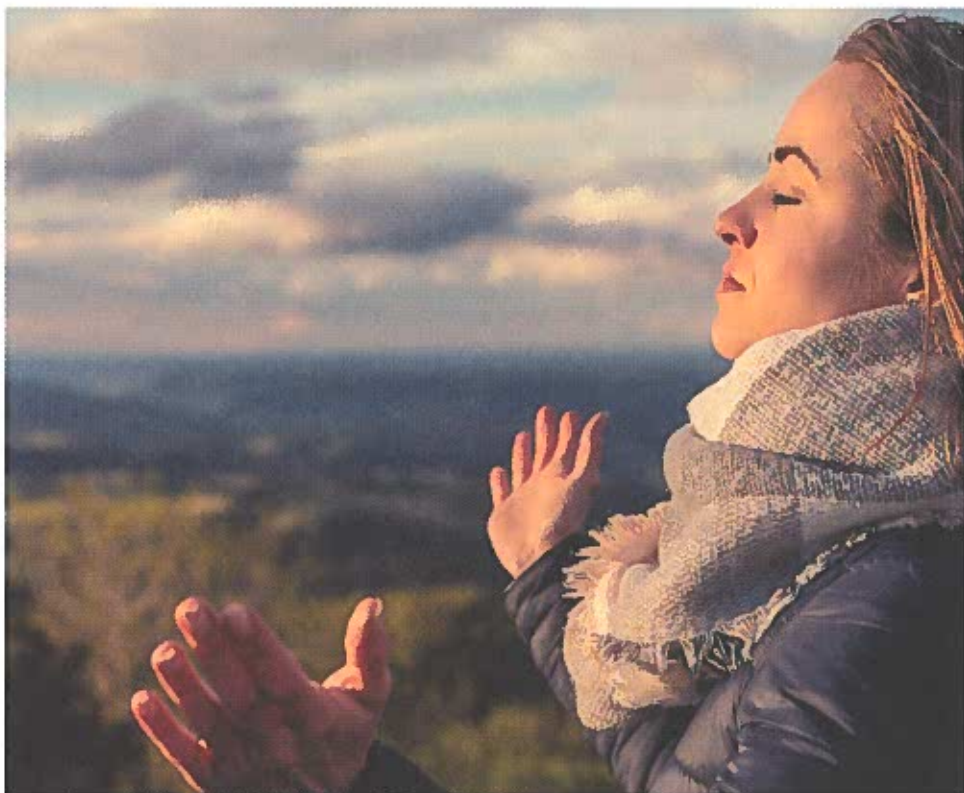
The Glory of the Lord Shone All About

Jesus led three chosen apostles — Peter, James, and John — to a high mountain. There Jesus was transfigured, appearing in dazzling white before them as a foreshadowing of his glorified self. What a magnificent moment for all to behold. The Lord's "face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light" (Mt 17:2), a "dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them" (Mk 9:3).

As if that sight were not enough, appearing alongside the Lord were Moses and Elijah. Moses represents the Law and Elijah the prophets; both figures share having encountered God on a holy mountain and experienced an exodus. Both were representing significant moments and a prefiguring of Jesus' mission, as well as being pivotal characters in the salvation history story.

How the three disciples must have doubted what their eyes were seeing. How often have we looked upon the Eucharist and doubted who was truly present before us? There on the altar in all his glory, under the guise of wine and bread, is our Lord and Savior — body, blood, soul, and divinity. Jesus, glorified in splendor before them, was preparing them for what was about to come, present to us in the Eucharist, preparing our hearts and soul for when he will come again.

Peter's response seems strange and rash. He wishes to erect three booths to freeze that moment in time. He thought it an experience so incredible and unimaginable that he never wanted it to end — a reaction anyone who has been witness to the birth of a child, stood with a loved one at a wedding, or enjoyed a special vacation would understand; those times in our lives when the



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FOR REFLECTION

- How can prayer help you witness God's glory?
- Describe how you feel in the presence of the Lord, hidden in the mystery of the Eucharist.
- Have you experienced a moment so special you never wanted to leave it?

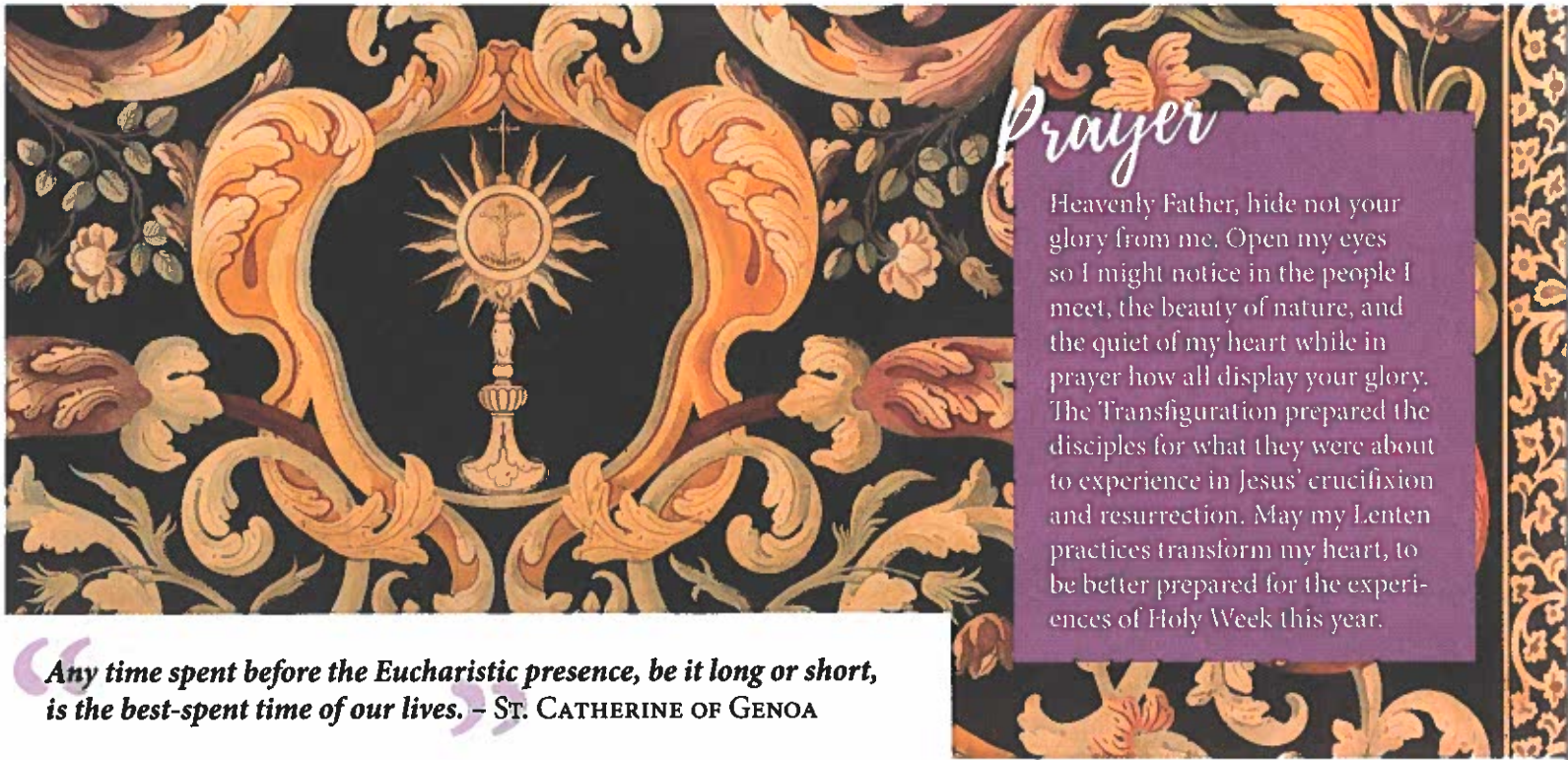
world seems to stand still as the event unfolded before our eyes, in ways so unexpected or unparalleled, our hearts burst with joy!

Then, while Peter was still speaking, a cloud descended, and the voice of God breaks through Peter's ramblings, and says, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" (Mk 9:7). God is not merely

delivering this message to these chosen three, but he is revealing Jesus' authority to each of us.

How often are we, like Peter, still speaking instead of prayerfully discerning the circumstances unfolding before us in life. How often do we allow the Holy Spirit, and the voice of God, to quiet us as to instruct and guide, that we may better know the will of God in our lives?

We are deaf to the guidance and blessings God longs to bestow — the gift of salvation, the gift only he, through his Son, can offer. How often in prayer do you sit quietly and listen for the whisper of the Holy Spirit to guide your heart? Do you allow God to interrupt your own narrative when he seeks to speak to you?



Prayer

Heavenly Father, hide not your glory from me. Open my eyes so I might notice in the people I meet, the beauty of nature, and the quiet of my heart while in prayer how all display your glory. The Transfiguration prepared the disciples for what they were about to experience in Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. May my Lenten practices transform my heart, to be better prepared for the experiences of Holy Week this year.

Any time spent before the Eucharistic presence, be it long or short, is the best-spent time of our lives. – ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA

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LENTEN TIP

How Do We Worship the Glory of God, When It Is Hidden from Us?

Almsgiving offers a chance to serve others. If you want to see the glory of God, then look for it in those he has created. As Mother Teresa said, "Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."

Here are a few suggestions for ways to worship God as we serve others:

- Help in a soup kitchen
- Spend time with your family cleaning the basement or attic — donate "your treasure"
- Visit the homebound, elderly, ill, or imprisoned
- Participate in the Rice Bowl Project
- Collect school supplies for children in need



Transfiguration Trivia

- 1 Although often presumed to have occurred on Mount Tabor in Israel, none of the Gospels specify where the Transfiguration actually happened.
- 2 The Transfiguration transpired while Jesus was praying.
- 3 Moses and Elijah each experienced an exodus, while Jesus was preparing to participate in the New Exodus.
- 4 The event is considered by some scholars as the culminating point of Jesus' public ministry, having its beginning in his baptism and conclusion with his ascension.

Power in Prayer and the Eucharist

St. Clare of Assisi, inspired by the preaching of St. Francis, left her aristocratic life to be devoted to Jesus as a cloistered nun. Clare is often depicted holding the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance. She knew the power of the Eucharist. Once, under attack by invading Saracens, tradition holds, she thwarted their advance by raising the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance while praying with great trust for God's protection. While doing so she comforted the other sisters in the convent with the words: "Don't be afraid. Trust in Jesus."



Stewardship

Live as Christian Disciples

Understanding of stewardship prompts us to initiate Jesus as the good steward, and it urges us to allow him to enter our lives and reshape our lifestyle in a manner that is pleasing to him.

Because Jesus is the "Good Steward of the New Covenant," stewardship is a serious Christ-oriented way of life. Jesus is the son of God. To be a good steward in imitation of Jesus means to adopt a Christ-centered spirituality. The decisions to live in Jesus' presence and walk in his way is to come to love him for his greatest gifts, namely himself. Christian Stewardship can be defined as "a grateful and obedient response to God's redeeming love." This internal meaning takes on an external form by our use of all our resources for the fulfillment of Jesus' mission in the world.

Christianity has always recognized that stewardship consists of a practical recognition that we are not absolute masters of our selves or our possessions. We have received every gift of nature and love from God. We must use these gifts in a responsible manner to promote the interests of God and to establish his kingdom in the hearts of all people.

What is Important?

As we consider and reflect upon our personal Christianity, Christ is asking us to take the loads and burdens of this life and let him lighten them as we, in their place, take upon ourselves his yoke ... being joined with him in doing the mighty works of God.

It will call for a whole shift of responsibility in terms of who's in charge. It means we're under new management.

As we live out our lives, it will force us to decide which is more important or consequential:

- *Signing a spiritual commitment or signing up for lessons?*
- *Walking the fairways or walking a hospital corridor to visit the sick?*
- *Tending to the altar flowers or to the home flower bed?*
- *Painting the bathroom or coming to a church meeting?*

God has a plan for each of our lives and asks us to follow and trust him to know what he's doing through us, to us and for us. We must give God some of our *time* because that is the commodity God uses to work through us!

Questions to Ponder

Here are several questions for you to answer in your spare time:

- *Why is the slowest traffic of the day called RUSH HOUR?*
- *Why do we drive on PARKWAYS, but park on DRIVEWAYS?*
- *Why is it that when you transport something by car it's called SHIPMENT, but when you transport something by ship it's called CARGO?*
- *Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?*
- *If you're in a vehicle going the speed of light, what would happen when you turned on the headlights?*
- *How does the snowplow driver get to work in the morning?*
- *If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?*
- *Why are there always flotation devices under plane seats, but never parachutes?*
- *That little indestructible black box that they always recover from crashed planes — why don't they just make the whole plane out of the same stuff?*
- *If 7-11 stores are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the front doors?*

For the Suffering

O God, our creator, I do not aspire to comprehend you or your creation, Nor to understand pain or suffering. I aspire only to relieve the pain and suffering of others; and I trust on doing so, I may understand more clearly your nature; That you are the Creator of all, and that the hairs of my head are numbered.

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IN THE LORD

SEMINAR WITH DEACON TOM VICKNAIR



SUNDAY, MARCH 22th, 2020 · 2:00PM - 5:00PM
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Deacon Tom Vicknair, from St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in The Woodlands has written a book entitled, "One in the Lord." Having once been a workaholic executive, driven by professional success, Deacon Tom used the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as his model for turning around his own troubled marriage. In his book, "Deacon Tommy" explores many deep insights into marital success garnered from the experiences of his own fifty-five year marriage and in working with many couples in his marriage workshops and seminars.

At the enrichment Deacon Tom will share practical, time-tested and scripturally-based instruction from his book that can help equip couples to achieve happy, love-filled, successful marriages and family lives. Spend an enjoyable afternoon with your spouse, laughing and learning! Individuals, married or not, may also attend the seminar..

The fee is \$10.00 per registration, and registration can either be for a couple or for an individual. *Every couple will receive a copy of Deacon Tom's book, "One in the Lord."*

Name(s) _____ and _____

(If you are registering as an individual, you may leave the second blank empty.)

Phone number: _____ Email _____

Contact: Susan Wisnoski at 936 870.5116 or return the registration form to the parish office or collection basket, along with either cash or check.



St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

Sunday March 29, 2020

11 am to 2 pm

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| 1. Visa \$500 Gift Card | Donated by Ben & Christi Leman Family |
| 2. Walmart \$400 Gift Card | Donated by Serres & Son Plumbing |
| 3. Visa \$300 Gift Card | Donated by David & Jesslyn Borski |
| 4. XBOX One - \$200 | Donated by Michael & Susan Wisnoski |
| 5. Sceptre 50" 4K Ultra HD LED TV - \$200 | Donated by Linda Moore |
| 6. Grand Station \$200 Gift Card | Donated by Carl & Tina Schroeder |
| 7. Shark Ion Robot Vacuum \$170 | Donated by Charles & Delores Posinski |

Need not be present to win

Tickets Compliments of Don and Gail Sowell

\$2.00 each ticket or \$10.00 for a book of 6

- **New date for the St. Stanislaus Festival benefiting the CCE program is March 29, 2020 from 11 am to 2 pm.**
- **The tickets are \$2 each and \$10 for a book of 6 so purchase from any CCE student.**
- **We are also asking for live Auction and Silent Auction items for the Spring Festival.**
- **If you have any questions, please reach out to David Borski at 832-530-9173 or dab81@yahoo.com**



Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to register or know someone who would like to become a member of our parish.
936-873-2291

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Announcements

Fish Fry

March 6th at K of C Hall Anderson starting at 5:00

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Altar Server Class

The new Altar Server training class will begin on Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Student must be in the 5th grade or higher. A parent or guardian must be present for this first meeting.

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Station of the Cross

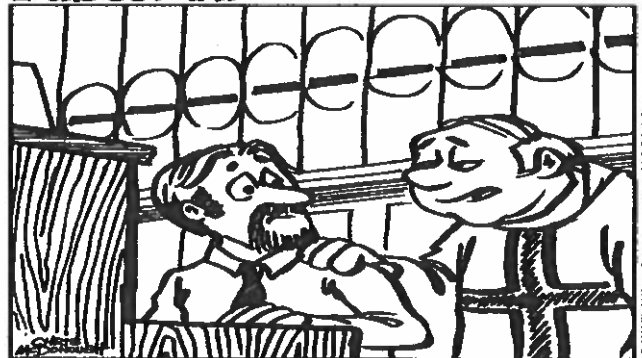
Each Friday of Lent after the noon mass and at 7:00pm starting Feb. 28th until April 3rd.
Signup sign in the back of church for leaders.

College Scholarships

Knight of Columbus Council #4054 has named its college scholarships program in honor of former Council Chaplain Fr. William Kelly. The scholarship will be called the, "Knights of Columbus Fr. William Kelly Memorial Scholarship." For the 2020-21 Academic Year, up to eight (8) scholarships will be awarded to eligible applicants from the parishes affiliated with Council #4054 (St. Stanislaus, St. Joseph's and St. Mary's,). Information and applications may be obtained by calling St. Mary's (936-894-2223) or St. Stanislaus (936-873-2291) Last day to submit completed applications is COB, Monday, April 13, 2020.

Humility is not false modesty, but the awareness of who we are: Sons and daughters of God, created by God. Yet we, like Adam and Eve, are often tempted to think of ourselves as more than creatures, as in control of the world. May God give us the grace to allow him to be God.

Pastor Al



"Even if you did go to school there, I'd prefer that you not play the 'Notre Dame Fight Song' for the postlude."

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Altar Society : Meets the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be Thursday March 5th at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome.

Anointing of the Sick : Every 3rd weekend of the month. Anointing of the sick will be held in the church following the 10:00 am Sunday Mass. Anointing of the sick is for people who are seriously ill or preparing to undergo surgery. It is also for the elderly who are suffering from the infirmities

Baptism: Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

Birthdays & Anniversaries : On the 1st weekend of every month Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month following each Mass.

Cemetery Guidelines: If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contact Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done you must call Charles Posinski first.

Choir Practice: Thursdays at 6:30 in the church. Everyone is welcome to join.

Counseling: Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands, but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at www.gratiaplenacounseling.org or call (832) 532-0129, or email info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

Divine Mercy: Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

Gabriel Project: Pregnant. Scared. Need to talk! Gabriel Project offer assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances. Please call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 or St. Mary's Catholic Church 936-894-2223

Knights of Columbus : KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. Contact Deen Miller 936-524-1700 for membership information. And James Moran 281-450-6646 for rental information . Next Breakfast Sunday March 8th, please plan on joining us.

Marriage: There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church. Please call the office for more information.

RCIA & RCIC: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

12 Hour Adoration: Our church is open every Monday 8 am to 8 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the worship with the scheduled persons.

Weekly Collections:

February 22nd \$1,988.00

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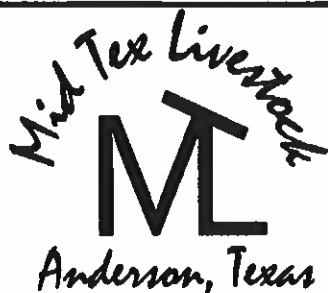
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