First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

When he calls on me, I will answer him;

I will deliver him and give him glory,

I will grant him length of days.

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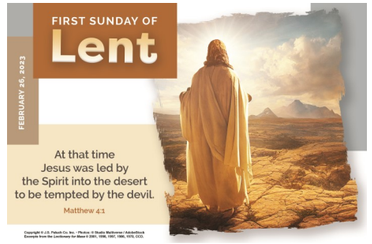

Weekly Offering Feb. 19, 2023 : Loose $1,436.00 Envelopes: $ 1,286.00 **Total: $ 2,722.00 Ash Wed. Coll.: $1,036.80**

Weekly Offering Feb. 19, 2023 - Loose: $ 45.00 **Envelopes:** $ 163.00 **Total: $ 208.00**

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 5:00 PM

† **ALBA S. GARCIA** by M/M E. B. Garcia

† **HECTOR MARIO SAENZ** by Joseph D. & Nora Hancock

† **REY VIDAL** (Birth. Mass) by family

† **DANIEL LOPEZ SR.** (Anniv. Mass) by M/M Ruben Lopez & family

† **PEDRO G. SOLIZ** by Rosales, Garza & Valadez family

Sunday, Feb 26, 2023

7:00 A.M.

† **ARNOLDO MENDIETA SR.** (1st Anniv) by Mendieta children

† **ENEDELIA RAMIREZ** by Chenta & family

9:00 A.M.

† **RAFAEL & NORMA MARTINEZ** (3rd Anniv) by M/M E. B. Garcia

11:30 A.M

† **TRAVIS JAMES GONZALEZ** by Rosie & Alonzo Resendez

† **CRISHNA MORENO** by Rosie & Alonzo Resendez

7:00 P. M.

† **ARNOLDO SALINAS** by Joey & Sally Martinez

Tuesday, Feb. 28 6:00 PM

† **ENEDELIA RAMIREZ** by M/M Ruben Lopez

† **AURELIA C. SOLIZ** by Garza, Rosalez & Valadez family

Wed. March 1 6:00 PM

† **ARNOLD OLVERA** (Anniv. Mass) by Mom & Brother

Thurs. March 2 6:00 PM

† **ROBERT DANIEL HERRERA** by HHSC family

Friday, March 3 6:00 PM

† **CARLOS J. MONTEMAYOR** by Adalberto Vera

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights

(Matthew 4:1-11).

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Saturday, March 4, 2023 5:00 PM

† **CARLOS J. MONTEMAYOR** by M/M Ruben Lopez & family

Sunday, March 5, 2023

7:00 A.M.

† **LIBRADO & ANDREA RAMIREZ** by M/M E. B. Garcia

9:00 A.M.

† **RENE R. GARCIA** by Raul & Ana Lisa Garcia

11:30 A.M

† **AMANDO SALAIZ** by M/M Norberto Cadena & family

† **FOR THE SORIANO FAMILY** by family

† **JESUS GARCIA** by Alonzo & Rosie Resendez

† **DANIEL ELIZONDO** by family

7:00 P. M.

† **ARNOLD SALINAS** by M/M J. J. Arizpe, Jr.

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE

Saturday , 03/04/2023

6:00 P.M. Cris Torres

Sunday , 03/05/2023

7:00 A.M. E. B. Garcia

9:00 A.M. David Stansell

11:30 A.M. Chris Gonzalez

7:00 P. M. Sally Lichtenberger

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: David M. Garcia, , Cleo Lopez, Alejo C. Garcia, Aurora Pizzini, Zulema Vela, Sally Lichtenberger, Anna Elizabeth Bridges, Maria Isabelle Salazar, Isabelle Sendejo, Luis D. Garcia, Rodolfo Sendejo, Jr., P.J. Gonzalez, Oscar Gonzalez, Carolina Gonzalez

* If you are going to have surgery, please feel free to come by the rectory and receive the sacrament anointing of the sick.

* The sick list will be made new every 6 months. In **July** and in **February.** If you need someone to be added to the prayer list, call the office and the name will be added.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer during Lent

Holy God, now is the acceptable time to return to you. As we walk the path of these forty days, may we turn away from sin and embrace a life of goodness and truth. Strengthen us on our Lenten journey and keep us focused on the cross and resurrection of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer. He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023 at 5:00 P. M. † **JOSE TORRES, JR.** (2nd Anniv) by Gloria Munoz † **LUIS A. GARCIA** by Gracie Barrera & family † **JOSE EMILIO BARRERA** by Armando Barrera & family

Mass Intentions for Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 5:00 P. M. † **GUSTAVO & MARIA LUISA VELA AND DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS** by M/Mrs Jesse Vera † **ANTONIO, ELVIRA AND GUILLERMO VERA** by M/Mrs Jesse Vera † **JACOB E. HINOJOSA** by Tom & Sarita Donald

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BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Many thanks to all those who participated in last weekend's appeal. Thank you for considering the needs of the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday at 5:30 PM.

RESOURCES FOR THE BEST LENT EVER

Suggested Reading –

Return a new book by Fr. John Burns – available through Amazon or the Love Note in Corpus Christi

Help for Prayer –

Divine Office – a free APP for your phone or tablet – gives you Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer from the Church's Liturgy of the Hours. Easy to use audio for your car or truck.

Sacred Space – check out the free APP – this is an excellent resource for meditating on the Sacred Scriptures

Hardcore resource for men - young and old - Exodus 90 - go to Exodus90.com.

LENT 2023 PARISH GROWTH STRATEGY

Invite a family member or friend to join us. Many souls are saved just through a loving and caring invitation.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Lent

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the Second Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as a distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation (eventually lasting forty days) gradually developed.

By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. Once again, the entire community is asked to undergo penance in solidarity with the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Thus, in order to appreciate fully the meaning of the readings during this season, the "filter" through which they must be heard is always the knowledge that we are helping to prepare our sisters and brothers in the catechumenate for their initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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