

**REFLECTION:**

Can you imagine a movie scene illustrating the first part of today's gospel story? Jesus is out in the desert where he is put to the test or tempted by Satan. But he is also surrounded by wild beasts and angel attendants. It must have been an interesting forty days Jesus spent preparing to proclaim the good news. "The reign of God is at hand," he announced in Galilee, and he called people to get ready for God's reign by reforming their lives. Lent can be for us like a new day dawning--just like the one Noah and his family experienced when the flood was over. It is a time for a fresh beginning and a renewal of our covenant to live as God's people.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS:**

In what ways do you want Lent to be a new beginning in your life as a Christian? What will you do to work towards these goals? Who or what might help you to experience Lent as "a new day dawning"?

**Stations of the Cross:**

Fridays of Lent at 7pm.  
Dial: 339-207-6234

**Safeguard The Children 2/21/21**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Identifying risky behaviors online  
As virtual learning continues, children are spending most of their days online. With their own jobs and responsibilities, parents likely cannot stand behind them and supervise their every move. So, it is more important than ever to assess your child's online activities periodically. Make sure you know which sites they are visiting, and who they are talking to on social media sites. Discuss risky behaviors with your children, like posting personal information (full name, age, location, school information, and more) using inappropriate language, or accessing sites with questionable content. For more information, get a copy of the VIRTUS article "Risky Online Behaviors and Young People" from <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

**Parish Community Night Prayer:**

Join our parish Community night prayer at 9:00 pm (P.T.) every night.  
To join, call (712) 775-7031 conf. ID, 221104842.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. EUGENE**

**Today: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Masses – 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual)  
10:00 a.m. (Eng) & 12 Noon (Igbo)

**Fri:** No Morning Mass

**Sat:** No Morning Mass

**Sun: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Masses – 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual)  
10:00 a.m. (Eng) & 12 Noon (Igbo)

**All Masses are in the Parking Lot**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

**Last Sunday Collection - \$1880.00**

**Ash Wednesday- \$349.00**

**For online offering please visit parish website:**

[steugeneparish.org](http://steugeneparish.org)

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Together in Mission 2020** As of 2/5/21

Archdiocesan's Parish Goal \$22,081.00

Parishioner's Pledged \$ 19,311.00

Amount Received \$17,191.94

Mass requests to be printed in Sunday's Bulletin must be submitted to church office no later than Tuesday before 12 Noon. You can also request mass intentions in writing by submitting request in Sunday's collection basket the week prior to the requested date of the Mass Intention in order for the intention to be printed in the bulletin.



**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February**

**Violence Against Women**

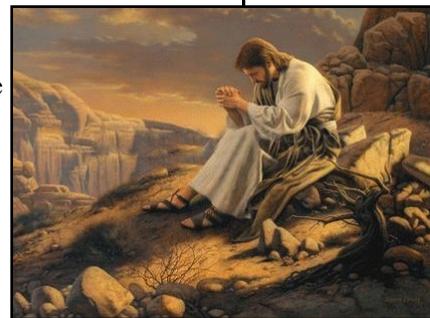
We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you" (Is 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.

**UKA NKE MBU N' OGE NCHETA AHUHU KRISTI, AFO NKE ABUO SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

**EKPERE MMEGHE:**

Chineke Nna ji ike nile, biko mee ka emume nke oge Ncheta ahuhu (Kristi) anyi na-eme kwa afo, nyere anyi aka ighotawanye ihe omimi Kristi, k'anyi site na ibi ndu di aso na-abawanye na-amara gi. Site na Dinwenu anyi.....AMEN.



**IHE OGUGU NKE MBU:** Jenesis 9:8-15

**The ogugu wetara n'Akwukwo Jenesis**  
Chineke gwara Noa na umu ya ndi ikom si, "Ana m ekwe unu nkwa, unu na umu unu, na anumanu ndi a nile so unu si n'ugbo ahu puta, anu ufe, anu ulo, na anu ohia ahu nile, na agaghi m ekwekwa ka e jiri mmiri mebie ihe nile nwere ndu n'uwa ozo. Ihe m ji mesie nkwa a ike bu nkea a; emeela m ka eke na egwurugwu m diri na mbara eluigwe, ka o buru ihe iriba ama nye unu na ihe nile nwere ndu bi n'uwa. Mgbe o bula m zitere igwe ojii n'uwa, aga m eme ka eke na egwurugwu soro ya puta ihe. Site n'uzo di otu a, aga m echeta nkwa m kwere unu na umu anumanu nile, na agaghi m ejikwa mmiri mebia ihe nile nwere ndu n'uwa ozo.

**Okwu nke Oseburuwa** Ekene diri Chukwu

**ABUOMA NA AZIZA YA:** 24:4-9, Az.10

**Aziza:** *Onyenweanyi, uzo Gi bu ikwudosi ike na ihunanya maka ndi na-edebe og bugba ndu Gi.*

1. Onyenweanyi, mee ka m mara uzo Gi. Onyenweanyi, kuziere m uzo Gi. Mee ka m na-aga n'ezio kwu Gi. Kuziere m, n'ih na Gi bu Chineke Onye Nzoputa m. **Aziza.**
2. Onyenweanyi, cheta ebere Gi. Chetakwa ihunanya ahu ejiri mara Gi site na mgbe ochie. Onyenweanyi, were ihi ihunanya Gi cheta m, n'ih na I di mma. **Aziza.**
3. Onyenweanyi di mma burukwa Onye ikpe nkwmoto. O na-egosi ndi mmehie uzo. O na-eduzi ndi umeala n'uzo ziri ezi; na-akuzikwara umu ogbenye uzo Ya. **Aziza.**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Cycle: 2 YEAR: B SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observance of holy lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever .....AMEN.

**FIRST READING:** Gen 9:8-15

**A reading from the Book of Genesis:**

GOD said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

**The word of the Lord.** —R. Thanks be to God

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
**R/. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. — **R.**
2. Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness,

**IHE OGUGU NKE ABUO:** 1 Pita 3:18-22

**Ihe ogugu e wetara n’Akukwo Mbu Pita di aso dere**

O bu ihe a kpataara Kristi jiri were otu inwu onwu maka njo nwuchitere mmadu nile onwu. Onye ezi omume nwachiteere ndi ajo omume onwu, iji durute mmadu n’ihu Chineke. Onwu ahu O nwuru bu onwu a nwuru n’anu ahu, ma e nyere Ya ndu nke ime mmuo. O bukwa n’ime mmuo ka O gara kwasaara ndi mmuo e ji na mkporo okwu Chineke. Umu mmuo ndi a bu ndi juru ikwere na Chineke n’oge gara aga, mgbe Chineke jiri ndidi chere ka Noa ruo ugbo mmiri e ji zoputa mmadu asato n’uju mmiri. Mmiri ahu bukwa ihe e ji atunyere mmiri nke mmirichukwu, nke na-abughi ihe e ji asachapu inyi nke elu ahu, kama o bu nkwa e jiri ezigbo ako na uche kwee Chineke site na mbilite n’onwu nke Jesu Kristi, Onye rogoro n’eluigwe wee nodu n’aka nri Chineke; ebe O na-achi ndi Mmuo ozi nile, na ndi nile na-achi na ike nile di n’eluigwe.

**Okwu nke Oseburuwa** Ekene diri Chukwu

**MBEKU:** Matiu 4:4

O bughi so na nri ka mmadu ji adi ndu, kama o bu n’okwu o bula si n’onu Chineke puta.

**OZIOMA:** Mak 1:12-15

**Ihe ogugu nke a si n’Ozioma di aso nke Mak dere**

Mmuo Nso wee duru Jesu banye n’ozara. O noro n’ozara iri ubochi ano. Ekwensu nwara Ya onwunwa. Ya na umu anu ohia bikwa. Ndi Mmuo ozi biakwara nyere Ya aka. Ma mgbe a tunyesiri Jon n’ulo mkporo, Jesu biara na-Galili, na-ekusa Ozioma Chineke, na-asi: “Oge ezuola, ochichi Chineke adila nso; chegharianu kwerenu n’Ozioma.

**Ozioma nke Oseburuwa** Otito diri Gi, Kristi

**EKPERE NHUNYE:**

Chineke ji ike nile, anyi na ario gi I mee k’anyi kwesi ihunyere gi onyinye ndi a anyi ji eme emume nke mbiido oge di aso nke Ncheta ahuhu Kristi. Site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi....AMEN.

**EKPERE A NATACHAA ORIRI NSO:**

Onyenweanyi, I jirila achicha nke eluigwe gbaa anyi ume. Biko, nye anyi okwukwe di ndu, nche-

O LORD. —R.

3. Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way. —R.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 3:18-22

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter: BELOVED:**

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

**The word of the Lord.** —R. Thanks be to God.

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL:** Matthew 4:4b

**R. Praise to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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

—R.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:12-15

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark:**

THE Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.** Praise to you, Lord,

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:**

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred

kwube e ji aga n’ihu na ihunanya siri ike; ka anyi wee muta inwe aguu maka Onye ahu bu ezigbo achicha di ndu; anyi ewere bisie ike n’okwu nile si n’onu Gi puta. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi .....AMEN.

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2021**

*“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18)*

*Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father’s will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ. Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

1. Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it .....**Read More:** [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/papa-francesco\\_20201111\\_messaggio-quaresima2021.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/papa-francesco_20201111_messaggio-quaresima2021.html)

**Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.**

time. Through Christ our Lord .....AMEN.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.....AMEN.

**Pray for our parishioners:**

Winston Burns, Jacquelyn Cathcart, Lillie Celestine, Eldora Dixon, Theresa Ezeokoye, Ngozi Obika, Frances Johnson, Michele Johnson, daughter of Michael & Dorothy Johnson, Arlene Miller, Rita Palacio, Michael & Mark Smith, sons of Mary Hudson, James Spann, Barbara St. Julien.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**8:00 am Mass**

1. Thanksgiving on their wedding anniversary, praying for blessings & protection -By Ebebullem family

**12:00 noon Mass**

1. Thanksgiving and petition for healing, blessings and protection -By Mbaeru & Nwakaego Mmeje & Family.
2. Thanksgiving and petition for 24th birthday and other intentions of Ugomma Ernestine Ezenne Ihekire-By Ernest & Obukam Ihekire.
3. Thanksgiving and Petition for birthday intentions of Victor and Victoria – by Ufondu and family.
4. Thanksgiving and Petition for Obinna Okolue on his birthday celebration by Okolue family
5. For the repose of Souls of Msgr. John B Akam and Msgr Martin Ezeokoli and the souls of the departed priests from All Hallows’ Seminary—by Frank & Louisa Okoye.
6. For the repose of soul of Agatha Muokebe—by Jude and Linda Muojekwu.
7. For the Happy repose of soul of Okechukwu Emechete, 2yrs Memorial-By His Wife & Children
8. For the happy repose of soul of Anne Chidebe - Nonyelu -By Okwo & Chidebe Families.

**Everyday, as long as this “today” lasts, keep encouraging one another.**

— Heb. 3:13