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First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

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Rev. Father Hamish Currie

Assistant Pastor :
**Rev. Father Clarence
Narendra**

Parish Secretary :
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Office Hours :
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sunday Masses :
Saturday Vigil Mass : 5:00 PM
Sunday : 10:00 AM

Weekday Masses :
Not at this time
No Mass on Wednesday

Sacrament of Penance :
Saturday : 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

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First
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

Weekdays Scripture Readings: 22nd February to 27th February, 2021

| Day | Reading | Gospel |
|------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Monday | 1Peter 5.1-4 | Matthew 16.13-19 |
| Tuesday | Isaiah 55.10-11 | Matthew 6.7-15 |
| Wednesday | Jonah 3.1-10 | Luke 11.29-32 |
| Thursday | Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14 | Matthew 7.7-12 |
| Friday | Ezekiel 18.21-28 | Matthew 5.20-26 |
| Saturday | Deuteronomy 26.16-19 | Matthew 5.43-48 |

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THE OFFICE WILL NOW BE OPEN
9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

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INTERIOR RENOVATIONS...

*Practical tips for living the
Golden Rule in your daily life:*

Listen to others.

*Another weakness: we all want to talk,
but very few of us want to listen.*

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person, rather than just wait your turn to talk.*

*It'll also go a long way to helping
you understand others.*

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First Sunday of Lent

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, as we begin our Lenten journey, remembering how God re-established the covenant after the flood, and we reflect on how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days - driven to the desert by the Spirit.

After last week's first four days, the next three weeks of Lent represent a period of instruction, originally designed for the Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil). We can read these readings as a catechism of renewal for us all.

The first weekday reading of week one is the great giving of the Commandments: “**Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.**” Jesus gives the great parable about the last judgment - separating the charitable from the uncharitable: “**whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.**” Then, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. He says that it is an evil generation that looks for “**signs.**” He's the sign - a call to repentance. On the day we hear the desperate but faith-filled prayer of **Esther**, Jesus tells us to pray confidently. And he sums up the whole law and the prophets for us: “**Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.**” Jesus says our holiness has to go beyond the letter-of-the-law holiness; it must touch our anger, our judgments of others, and be reconciled with those we've wronged. The holiness Jesus proposes for us calls us to love our enemies, even to pray for those who persecute us. We are called to love the way God does.

Monday is the **Feast of the Chair of St. Peter**.

For the **Second Sunday of Lent** we read of how God tested Abraham's faith. In the gospel we witness how Jesus showed his disciples his glory, to prepare them for what is to come. A voice from a cloud said, “**This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.**” All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him.