

Queen of Apostles
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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YOUR WAYS
ARE LOVE
AND TRUTH.
PSALM 25

Mass Schedule

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY MASS 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,
11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY to FRIDAY 9:00 AM

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Every 1st Friday After the 9AM mass

Every Saturday 3:00 - 5:00 PM

CONFESSION

SATURDAY 4:00 PM

Location: Our Lady's Chapel

This Week @ QofA

SUNDAY | 2/18
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM | Sunday Mass
9:00 AM | Sunday Mass
11:00 PM | Sunday Mass

MONDAY | 2/19
8:30 AM | Rosary @ the Chapel
7:00 PM | Community Rosary
• on Zoom

TUESDAY | 2/20
8:30 AM | Rosary @ the Chapel
7:00 PM | Community Rosary
• on Zoom

WEDNESDAY | 2/21
8:30 AM | Rosary @ the Chapel
7:00 PM | Community Rosary
• on Zoom

THURSDAY | 2/22
8:30 AM | Rosary @ the Chapel
7:00 PM | Community Rosary
• on Zoom

FRIDAY | 2/23
8:30 AM | Rosary @ the Chapel
7:00 PM | Community Rosary
• on Zoom

SATURDAY | 2/24
4:00 PM | CONFESSION
• In Our Lady's Chapel

5:00 PM | Vigil Mass
7:00 PM | Community Rosary
• on Zoom

SUNDAY | 2/25
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings For the Week

SUNDAY | 2/18
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- GN 9:8-15
- 1 PT 3:18-22
- MK 1:12-15

MONDAY | 2/19 | LENTEN WEEKDAY

- LV 19:1-2, 11-18
- MT 25:31-46

TUESDAY | 2/20 | LENTEN WEEKDAY

- IS 55:10-11
- MT 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY | 2/21 | LENTEN WEEKDAY

SAINT PETER DAMIAN
(BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH)

- JON 3:1-10
- LK 11:29-32

THURSDAY | 2/22

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

- 1 PT 5:1-4
- MT 16:13-19

FRIDAY | 2/23 | LENTEN WEEKDAY

SAINT POLYCARP
(BISHOP AND MARTYR)

- EZ 18:21-28
- MT 5:20-26

SATURDAY | 2/24 | LENTEN WEEKDAY

- DT 26:16-19
- MT 5:43-48

SUNDAY | 2/25
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- GN 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18
- ROM 8:31B-34
- MK 9:2-10

From the Pastor's Desk *with* Pope Francis

WITH JESUS, LET US ENTER THE DESERT OF SOLITUDE, TRIALS, AND TEMPTATIONS

Last Wednesday, we began our Lenten journey. Today, the first Sunday of this liturgical season, the Word of God shows us the path to living fruitfully the 40 days that lead to the annual celebration of Easter.

It is the road Jesus travelled, which the Gospel, summarizes by saying that before he began his preaching, he withdrew into the desert for 40 days, where he was tempted by Satan.

St. Mark emphasizes that “the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness” (v. 12). The Holy Spirit descended upon him immediately after the baptism he received from John in the River Jordan. The same Spirit now impels him to go into the desert, to fight against the devil. Jesus’ entire existence is placed under the sign of the Spirit of God, who animates, inspires, and guides him.

But let us think of the desert. This natural and symbolic environment, so important in the Bible.

The desert is the place where God speaks to the heart of humankind, and where the answer of prayer flows from, that is, the desert of solitude; the heart, detached from other things and alone, opens itself to the Word of God in that solitude.

But it is also the place of trial and temptation, taking advantage of human frailty and needs, insinuates his lying voice, as an alternative to God’s, an alternative voice that makes you see another road, another

Indeed, during the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, the “duel” between Jesus and the devil begins, which will end with the Passion and the Cross. Christ’s entire ministry is a struggle against the evil one in its many manifestations: healing from illnesses, exorcisms of the possessed, forgiveness of sins. It is a struggle. Jesus demonstrates that he speaks and acts with the power of God, it seems that the devil has the upper hand, when the Son of God is rejected, abandoned, and finally captured and condemned to death. The devil appears to be the winner.

In reality, death itself was the last “desert” to cross in order to definitively defeat Satan and free us all from his power. And in this way Jesus won in the desert of death, so as to win in the Resurrection.

Every year, at the beginning of Lent, this Gospel of the temptations of Jesus in the desert reminds us that the life of the Christian, in the footsteps of the Lord, is a battle against the spirit of evil. It shows us that Jesus willingly faced the Tempter, and defeated him; and at the same time it reminds us that the devil is granted the possibility of acting on us too, with his temptations. We must be aware of the presence of this astute enemy, who seeks our eternal condemnation, our failure, and prepare to defend ourselves against him and to combat him.

The grace of God assures us, with faith, prayer, and penance, of our victory over the enemy. But remember that Jesus never enters into dialogue with the devil, never. And in the desert, it seems that there is a dialogue because the devil makes three proposals and Jesus responds.

But Jesus does not respond with his words. He answers with the Word of God, with three passages of Scripture. And we should also all do this. For if we enter into dialogue with the devil we will be defeated. Keep this in your mind and in your heart: you can never enter into dialogue with the devil; no dialogue is possible. Only the Word of God.

During the Season of Lent, the Holy Spirit drives us too, like Jesus, to enter the desert. It is not a physical place, but rather an existential dimension in which to be silent and listen to the Word of God, [so that “we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects”] (cf. Collect, First Sunday of Lent, B).

Do not be afraid of the desert; seek out more moments of prayer, of silence, in order to enter into ourselves. Do not be afraid. We are called to walk in God’s footsteps, renewing our Baptismal promises: renouncing Satan, and all his works, and all his seductions. The enemy is crouching there, beware. But never dialogue with him.

Let us entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 17

5:00 PM VIGIL

- Poor souls in purgatory
- Emeline Van Valkenburg +

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 18

7:30 AM

- Roming Carlet +

9:00 AM

- Missa Pro Populo

11:00 AM

- Bertha Valencia + (Death Anniversary)

7:00 PM

- No Intention

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 19

9:00 AM

- Deceased Priest and female monks
- Father Jim+
- Bea Magie +

TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 20

9:00 AM

- Priest, Religious Men and Women
- Molly Ryan +
- Father Jim +

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 21

9:00 AM

- Pray for the sick
- Ricardo Villaran +

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 22

9:00 AM

- Prayers for ancestors
- Joseph Sagan + (Birthday)

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 23

9:00 AM

- Cecilia Que +
- Anthony Nguyen +
- John Carlo +

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 24

8:00 AM

- Linda Hernando +

5:00 PM VIGIL

- Chul-Ki Nam +
- Roshin Joseph (Birthday)
- Grandfather Vincent Oddo + (Birthday)
- Joseph Phung Vu +
- Oaul Nguyen +
- Soledad Cruz
- Fred Colmenar

Weekly Collection

For the week ending February 4, 2024

OFFERTORY

\$9,221.00

AVERAGE WEEKLY GOAL

\$10,000.00

SECOND COLLECTION

\$265.00

- *Saint Vincent de Paul*

\$60.00

Faith Formation Schedule

HOLY FAMILIES

2/25 | in the community center at 10 AM

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

2/25 | Retreat Planning in the Gym at 5:30 PM

YOUTH MIN/CONFIRMATION

2/25 | Confirmation Night–Chosen Session 7

Announcements

1. You are invited to EVERY FRIDAY of LENT

6:00 PM | SOUP SUPPER | Community Center

7:00 PM | STATIONS OF THE CROSS | Church

Contact Pat Huttlinger to bring a soup,
cheese, vegetable, fruit or dessert

@ 408-207-5838

2. CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Please pick up a **RICE BOWL** box and place
your dollars and change in it throughout Lent.
Choose to eat a simple dinner one night each week.
Rice Bowls will be collected at Easter time.

Make our world a better place for our brothers and sisters globally
and fight hunger and poverty in our own community.

3. ADA 2024

OUR PARISH GOAL: \$ 138,981.00

1ST WEEK: \$14,267.50 (thanks to 23 contributors)

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Social Justice

with Kathy Fanger



One of my favorite illustrated children's stories is

The Three Questions
by Jon J. Muth

based on a tale by
Count Leo Tolstoy.

A young boy,
Nikolai, said,

"I want to be a good person
but I don't always know
the best way to do that.

IF ONLY I could find
the answers to
my three questions."

The story then describes
how Nikolai helps various
animals. He realizes:

What is the most important
time?

Now.

Who is the most
important one?

The one you are with.

What is the most important
thing to do?

**Do good to the one who is
standing at your side.**

THIS is why we are here.

This is why YOU are here.
Create holy moments.

Lent is a time of transformation-

to reflect on our lives and ask the Lord for help in turning away from
sinful and unhealthy habits and becoming the best versions of ourselves.

We are asked to:

PRAY

Start with 2 minutes, then 5, then 15. Google the mass readings each
day. Then LISTEN-Lord how can I serve you today?

FAST

Consider Pope Francis' suggestions:
Fast from hurting words and all forms of impatience -replace with
kindness. Fast from sadness, and be filled with gratitude.

GIVE ALMS or CHARITY

Do you have time, talents or treasure you can share?
Remember that your listening presence can be a comfort
to someone who is lonely, discouraged or grieving.