

February 26, 2023
First Sunday of Lent
Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7
Psalms 51
Rom5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Share in the Divine Life of the Lord

God breathes life into humankind. With that action we come to share in the divine life of the Lord.

God brings an orderly universe out of primordial chaos. Man is the climax of God's creative activity. Man resembles God in that God gives "man" dominion over the rest of creation. At the same time "man" is crafted from "clay" which, in translation, means he is "ground" for God to build on. It may also be translated to mean "soul",

The only Son of God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, is truly God and truly man. That he is truly man Jesus is tempted as all people are. Being tempted comes with being human. Being subject to temptation gives each person the opportunity to exercise his or her freedom. At the moment of temptation the person may say yes to the temptation or no to it. *WE* are able to display our love of God by choosing to reject evil and welcome God's grace.

Jesus chooses obedience to the Father. Obedience to the Father is a sign of true sonship. Jesus' triumph over temptation shows it is possible for humanity to overcome temptation. Jesus' triumph stands in contrast to Israel's inability to fully resist temptation as seen in its history.

Throughout this Season of Lent we will get a quick tour of Salvation History. We will encounter the struggles of humankind to overcome the evil that haunts us. We will strive with the grace of God in an intense manner this Lent. Let us strive toward holiness. Whatever temptations come our way may we replace with prayer and other holy exercises. In so doing we may come to realize how close we are to Jesus and how much we share in His divine grace.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn12:1-4a;2Tim1:8b-10;Mt17:1-9

Please read the readings before celebrating Mass.

STEWARDSHIP

Time, Talent, Tithing

It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself. It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.

Attendance last week:	368
Tithes Collected:	\$6,992.00
Online Giving:	\$992.00
Total:	\$7,984.00
Per Capita:	\$21.70

Thank You!

COMMUNITY & SPIRITUAL LIFE

Solidarity With Christ and His Faith Community

During Lent.

What do We Do?

Our corporate disciplines during Lent help us remain one with each other in the faith. We stand proudly together. Our Lenten practices guide us in reflection and lead us to give example of a Grace filled life. That is why we do what we do during Lent.

Fast and Abstinence

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

To *fast* is to eat lightly. That is to eat the equivalent of one meal for the whole day.

To *abstain* means to refrain from something. In this case we abstain from eating meat other than fish.

Abstinence on all Fridays of Lent.

Abstaining from something.

Giving up something for Lent has been a part of Lenten practices for a longtime.

-Fast from fault finding and nagging, a critical tongue or closed mind.

-Give up impulse purchases.

-Give up an unhealthy habit, like smoking, drug addiction, pornography.

-Limit time watching T.V. or surfing the WEB.

-Give up fast food and donate the money you save.

DO Something.

Do something good that you have not been doing. Sin is also the sin of omission.

-Go to Mass in the middle of the week besides on Sunday.

-Attend the Stations of the Cross on Thursday evenings during Lent at 7:00pm.

-Read the up-coming scripture readings that are prescribed for Sunday Mass. (Listed in the Bulletin every week.)

-Volunteer at an apostolate.

-Get up early to pray.

**Operation Utility Bag
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

It is time to pick up your "Utility Bag" for this year's drive to support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Bring the bag home. Fill it each day with money you would have used on a "treat" for yourself. Or, simply place change, large or small, in the bag each day and let it multiply.

At the End of the Easter Season return the Utility Bag to the church.

This money is used to help pay utility bills for clients of the Society.

Thank You in Advance!

The Sacraments and the Eucharist
Session #2
Saturday March 11th
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**Fatima, Lourdes & Shrines of Spain Tour
June 9th - 20th, 2023**

Land starting at \$2139 per person based on double occupancy. An \$850 deposit per person is needed to reserve your space

Starting from picturesque Lisbon, visit some of the world's most treasured Marian shrines, pilgrimage sites, and spiritual places of Portugal, Spain, and France. Hear about the apparition of the Blessed Virgin to the shepherd children in Fátima, learn about the journey taken by pilgrims from all over the world into Santiago de Compostela and visit Loyola and Manresa to get inspired by St. Ignacio's Jesuit mission. In Braga, walk the monumental steps of the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte and in Burgos, marvel at the majestic Cathedral. Join the nightly Rosary and candlelight procession in Lourdes. Spend one night by the inspiring Montserrat Sanctuary, where you will also attend Mass. End in Barcelona with time to celebrate life, reflect, and rejoice.

This 12-day group tour includes hotels, guides, historians, transportation, 11 breakfasts and 7 dinners.

Call Catholic Cruises and Tours at 860-399-1785 for more information and to make your reservation. **

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, Joseph Devlin, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, Judith Kolo, Arnold Lakso, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Jackson Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Renette Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wrisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 25

4:00 p.m. † Thomas Brosseau by Dennis Kucharewski
Miriam Cardona by Selma Cardona

Sunday, February 26

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. † Manuel Caelho Rodrigues by Fernando Rodrigues
† Spencer Mannion by Joe Johnson

Monday, February 27

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 a.m. † Lucille Chase by Dan Murphy

Wednesday, March 1

8:00 a.m. † Estelle Schlesinger by Dan Murphy

Thursday, March 2

8:00 a.m. † Marlene Wessel by St. Vincent de Paul Society

Friday, March 3

8:00 a.m. † Eugene Ford by John & Mary Grady

Saturday, March 4

4:00 p.m. † De Wagne Jack Meloy & Rachel Rosier by Barbara Clowe
† Mary & Louis Michel by Anthony & Rose Michel

Sunday, March 5

9:00 a.m. † Marie Louise Gohory by Catherine & Donald Dunn
10:45 a.m. † Fernando Armenti by Angiolina Armenti
† Victims of the Turkey & Syrian Earthquakes by Blessed Sacrament Parish