

We welcome newcomers to our church! If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please complete one of the blue registration forms, which you will find on the table near the front door of the church. You can bring the form to the office during business hours or put it into the collection basket.

Mass Intentions
 2/21/21 For the People of the Parish
 2/22/21 Sr. Bernita Hessling, OP
 2/24/21 Bryan Sieben
 2/27/21 Doris Zappi

Week of February 14 - 20, 2021
 Income \$4,104.36
 CCD \$530.00
 Expenses \$850.42

Birthday List
 Paul Wilson 2/21
 Jake Torotorice 2/22
 Martha Vautrot 2/22
 Audry Johnson 2/24
 Ellie-Mae Johnson 2/24
 Mayra Saavedra 2/25
 Kristine Badar 2/26

The second collection this Sunday goes to the Black and Indian Missions.

February 21, 2021 **The First Sunday of Lent**

A hearty thanks to all who have pledged and/or paid toward the Bishop's Faith Appeal. Many thanks also to Steven for leading the effort this year! - *Father Ross+*

Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m.

What Does the Catechism Teach?

"The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him. (Mark 1:12-13) At the end of this time Satan tempts him three times, seeking to compromise his filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves him 'until an opportune time.' (Luke 4:13) The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfills Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: he 'binds the strong man' to take back his plunder. (Mk. 3:27) Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father. Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. (Matthew 16:21-23) This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: 'For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning.' (Hebrews 4:15) By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." - *from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #538-540*



Ofc. William McKeon, Lequita Baldwin, Barbara Allen, JoAnne & Travis Harris, Martin Brantley, Wanda Brantley, Nancy Huckabee, Kimberly Huckabee, Daniel Begnaud, Alice Loftin, Fred Blanchette, Castro Family, Vivian Lopez, Maylee Converse, Cody Warner, Denise Tremonte, Phyllis Rhodes, Linda Brown, Sue Dickey, Sandra Dugan, Jim Kaiser, Woodrow Guidry, Dora Robinson, Annie Marino, Kelcey Converse, Jo Frances Manuel, Mary Rogan-Reeder, Joseph Reeder, Steve Morris, Karon Preiss, Roy Harmon, Ann Crain, Edward Waggoner, Donia Brown, Cece Cobb, Patsy Bobo, Aprille McLaughlin, Norman Lytle, Sami Thibodeaux, Mrs. Martha, Melanie Pickering, Janet Swearingen, Larry Britain, Angela Grisham, The Men and Women of the USS Makin Island, Sara Spikes, Leah & Natalie Spikes-King, Abril Spikes, Mathew Mull, Stan Davis