

March 6, 2022 The First Sunday of Lent

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

3/6/22 For the People of the Parish
 3/7/22 Samuel Washington Biggers
 3/9/22 Mr. & Mrs. Waggoner
 3/10/22 Martha Waggoner

Week of February 27 - March 5, 2022

Income \$3,005.00
 CCD \$92.00
 Expenses \$2,458.62

LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

FASTING

Catholics from age 18 through 59 are permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

ABSTINENCE

Catholics age 14 and up abstain from meat (mammals & fowl) on Fridays in honor of the sacrifice of Christ.

The Second Collection today goes to the Black & Indian Missions & Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

As part of the processing of returning to "normal" Church life, we are resuming (somewhat) the reception of Holy Communion in the pre-pandemic way. Two lines will come up to the altar and receive Communion from me or the one Communion Minister. Those of you sitting in the side pews will also come up to receive. Two lines will also come up at daily Mass. If you're not comfortable with this pattern yet, please let me know and I or the Minister will bring Communion to you. There are no plans at this time to restore the People's drinking from the cup. - *Father Ross*

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

The Knights of Columbus meet Thursday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry meets next Sunday, March 13, at 4:00 p.m.

The St Joseph Table Altar Celebration is Sunday, March 20, after Mass. Donations support the Caring Christians Sharing Mission of Sour Lake.

You can make a donation to the Appeal for Catholic Ministries online.

Please go to this link: dobgifts.org/appeal-for-catholic-ministries-2022/

Birthday List

Tookie Grisham	3/8
Tisha Rothenberger	3/9
Frances Watson	3/9
Sharon Nelson	3/12

The story of the Temptation of Jesus, which is always read on the first Sunday of Lent, is accompanied today by confessions of faith from the Old and New Testaments. At the center of the account of his temptation, we find Jesus too acknowledging God and God alone. According to this Gospel account (Luke 4:1-13), Jesus' ministry begins with a homeless wandering in the wilderness. It carries overtones of the forty years of Israel's wandering in the wilderness, a time of testing and often of genuine temptation, to which the people more than once succumbed. It was also a time when the people gained practice relating to God, just as Christian confessors, apostles, and saints often begin their mission among men only after years in the wilderness and solitude with God. That their faith is forged into tempered steel during such a time shows that they are following in the footsteps of their Lord, who fasted in the wilderness and passed the test posed by the temptations regarding his messianic mission. We dare not underestimate or doubt the depth of temptation Jesus went through. He who took our sins upon himself also wanted to learn to know our temptations with all their cleverly deceptive power to seduce. The three verses with which Jesus counters the devil are not neatly memorized aphorisms but painfully acquired responses. In a higher sense one can call them an existential confession of faith. - *from Light of the Word, by Hans Urs von Balthasar*



Lequita Baldwin, Barbara Allen, Martin Brantley, Wanda Brantley, Daniel Begnaud, Alice Loftin, Fred Blanchette, Castro Family, Vivian Lopez, Maylee Converse, Cody Warner, Denise Tremonte, 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, Cece Cobb, Patsy Bobo, Aprille McLaughlin, Norman Lytle, Sami Thibodeaux, Janet Swearingen, The Men and Women of the USS Makin Island, Sara Spikes, Leah & Natalie Spikes-King, Abril Spikes, Jennie Beeve, Donna Collier, Joe Wheaton, Kelvin Wheaton, Ray Shawn Wheaton, Erica Redmon, Yvonne Guidry, Carol Marsh, Jaystan Davis, Justin Steele, Sue Abshire, Linda Campbell, Jacque White, Matthew Waston, John Nolte, Lea Uptigrove, Phillip Grisham, Noah Dinet, Trevor Cantu, Hunter Williams, Helen Windsor