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Monday – Thursday / Lunes a Jueves

9:00am-2:00pm 401- 722-9054

WEEKEND MASSES

MISAS DE FIN DE SEMANA

Saturday: 4:30pm English

Sabado 6:00pm Español

Sunday: 9:30am English

Domingo 11:30am Español

DAILY MASSES

MISAS DURANTE LA SEMANA

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am English

Martes y Viernes 7:00pm Español

Bilingual Mass Saturday/Sabado at 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday / Sabado 3:30pm & 5:30pm

BAPTISM / BAUTIZO

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of every Month after the 11:30am Mass. Please call the rectory a month in advance to schedule.

Los Bautismos se celebran el segundo Domingo de cada mes después de la Misa de las 11:30am.

Llame a la rectoría con un mes de anticipación.

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Every Friday / Todos los Viernes

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Informes: Llamar a

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Viernes a las 7:30pm en el sótano

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Feb./Febrero – Monday Lunes 22

9:30am to 11:00am - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Wednesday/Miercoles 24

9:30am to 11:00am

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Open Tuesday at 10:30am

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First Sunday of Advent February 21, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus was "led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." Jesus had been fasting for forty days and forty nights - **this was the first Lent!** Jesus is hungry, and so the devil slithers in to tempt Him with food. He tempts Jesus to turn the stones into bread so that He wouldn't be hungry anymore. This is known as the "**temptation of the flesh**". We are tempted in a similar way today with the appetites of the flesh: drugs, drinking too much alcohol, sexual activity outside of the Sacrament of Marriage, wandering eyes (pornography), gluttony with food, and the like. These temptations are always accompanied with fleeting pleasure. How do we fight against these temptations of the flesh that the devil offers us on a daily basis? How did Jesus respond to this temptation by the devil? He referred to the Word of God - *Sacred Scripture*. At every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we hear the Word of God proclaimed, and then we are able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life. We can resist and fight against these temptations of the flesh through being faithful to Mass, and reading and studying the Sacred Scriptures. Secondly, the devil tries to **tempt Jesus with "power"**, by testing His relationship with His Father. He urges Jesus to throw Himself off a cliff, because if Jesus is really the Son of the Father, then the Father will save Him. In our society today, we see this temptation played out with the evils of abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide. Human beings, including many doctors and nurses who are supposed to be protecting and caring for all human life, have put themselves in God's place, using terminology like "quality of life", "blob of tissue", "fetus", and other such terms to devalue these same human beings. Politicians are also involved in these temptations of "power" when they approve such laws against human life. We can also be complicit in these temptations by voting for these politicians who support such evils. Jesus combats this temptation of power by referring to Scripture again, reminding the devil that God the Father is in charge! When we humble ourselves before our Heavenly Father as His sons and daughters, we resist this temptation of power offered by the devil. Frequently doing an examination of conscience, as well as confessing our sins and receiving God's mercy in the Sacrament of Confession will help us. Finally, we have the devil tempting Jesus a third time. The devil offers Jesus the "**world**" if only He would bow down and worship him. The devil is constantly trying to tempt us in this same way as well, by offering us the things of this world, whether it be unhealthy relationships with others or material things. We can resist these temptations to have and possess things, and to be liked by everyone, by worshipping and serving God Alone, just like Jesus resisted the devil with these same words in the Gospel. God Alone must be our all! During this grace filled time of Lent, let us focus on our relationship with Him. God Bless!

Fr. Sistare

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday February 20 | 4:30pm |
| +Casimiro de Barros, Maria Lopes by Domingas DeBarros | |
| Sunday February 21 | 9:30am |
| Monday February 22 | 8:00am |
| Wednesday February 24 | 8:00am |
| Saturday Feb. 27 Bilingual Mass | 8am |
| Vigil Mass | 4:30pm |
| +Noella Bricault by family | |
| Sunday February 28 | 9:30am |
| +Nelson Pimental by Christine Jacobs | |

Sanctuary Lamp for February

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Murray
by Matt & Maryann

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For all who are homebound or in nursing homes, and especially for the following parishioners:

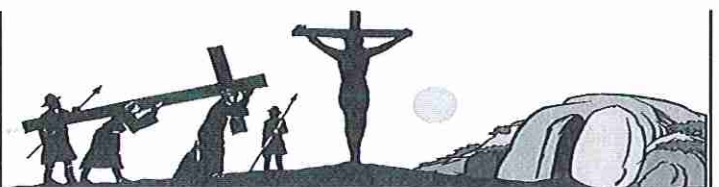
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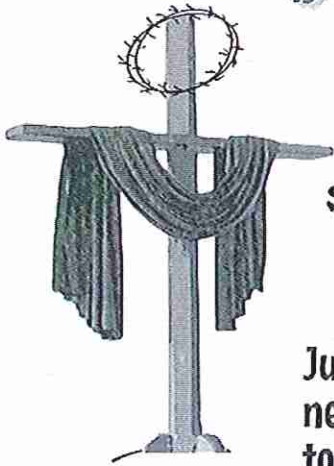
Begins February 17 and ends on March 28th.

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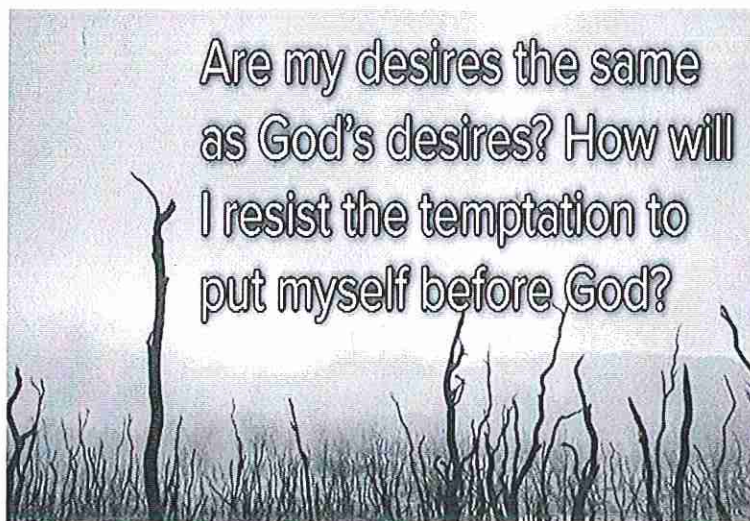
Since the pandemic began, the Food Bank of our parish has been open serving the neediest in these difficult times. The Food Bank is in need of donations: **Rice, Beans, Tuna, Cereal, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned soup, Peanut Butter, Canned fruits, Canned vegetables, etc.** Please consider donating food, and leaving it in the wooden box at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your generosity!

"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but indeed and in truth." 1 John 3:17-18

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Are my desires the same as God's desires? How will I resist the temptation to put myself before God?

RIVER-WALK

“A few persons, eight in all, escaped in the ark through the water. You are now saved by a baptismal bath which corresponds to this exactly.” —1 Peter 3:20-21 After Noah’s flood, God promised: “Never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood” (Gn 9:11). In fact, God went a step farther than not destroying us by water. He decided to save us through water. “You are now saved by a baptismal bath” (1 Pt 3:21). During Lent, thousands of catechumens are preparing for new life in Christ through the waters of Baptism (see Rm 6:4). We, who have already been baptized and begotten from above through faith in Jesus, are walking with those soon to be baptized. This Lenten walk to the living waters is an opportunity for all of us to renew our baptismal promises to the Lord Jesus. Millions will take this opportunity on Easter Sunday at every Mass celebrated in the world. First, however, we must walk through the desert of Lent before coming to the life-giving waters of Easter (Mk 1:12). As we fast and pray, our hardened hearts begin to change. We repent of sin and remove from our lives those things incompatible with our baptismal commitment to Jesus. We are new, fresh, fully alive. Our Baptism is clearly “the pledge to God of an irreproachable conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Pt 3:21).

Prayer: Father, by Lent’s end may I feel as if I just emerged from the waters of Baptism.

Promise: “This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Reform your lives and believe in the gospel!” —Mk 1:15

Praise: “But God will redeem Me from the power of the nether world by receiving Me” (Ps 49:16). Praise You, Jesus! Your life and mission are prophesied in the Psalms. Presentation Ministries



“En esta Cuaresma vayamos con Jesús al desierto, vencamos las tentaciones y nos manifestemos como hijos de Dios.”

PASEO POR LAS AGUAS

“Unos pocos -ocho en total- se salvaron a través del agua. Todo esto es figura del bautismo, por el que ahora ustedes son salvados” (1 Pedro 3:20-21). Después del diluvio, Dios prometió a Noé: “Ya no volverán a ser exterminados por las aguas del diluvio” (Gn 9:11). De hecho, Dios decide no destruirnos con el agua, sino salvarnos por medio de ella. “Por el que ahora ustedes son salvados” (1 Pe 3:21). Durante la Cuaresma, miles de catecúmenos se están preparando para una nueva vida en Cristo por medio de las aguas del Bautismo (ver Rm 6:4). Nosotros, que ya hemos sido bautizados y perdonados desde arriba mediante nuestra fe en Jesús, caminamos con los que pronto van a ser bautizados. Esta Cuaresma el caminar por las aguas vivas nos ofrece la oportunidad de renovar nuestras promesas bautismales en Jesús nuestro Señor. Millones tomaremos esta oportunidad el domingo de Pascua en las misas que se celebraran en todo el mundo. Sin embargo, primero, debemos caminar por el desierto antes de llegar a las aguas vivas de la Pascua (Mc 1:12). A medida que ayunamos y oramos, nuestros corazones empiezan a cambiar. Nos arrepentimos de nuestros pecados y quitamos todas las cosas incompatibles con nuestro compromiso bautismal en Jesús. Somos nuevos, actualizados, completamente vivos. Nuestro Bautismo claramente “es el compromiso con Dios, de una consciencia pura, por la resurrección de Jesucristo” (1 Pe 3:21).

Oración: Padre, que al final de la Cuaresma me sienta como recién salido de las aguas del bautismo.

Promesa: “El tiempo de ha cumplido: el Reino de Dios está cerca. Conviértanse y crean en la Buena Noticia” (Mc 1:15).

Alabanza: “Pero Dios rescatará mi vida, me sacará de las garras del Abismo” (Sal 49:16). ¡Te alabamos Jesús! Tu vida y misión están profetizadas en los salmos.

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma Febrero 21, 2021

Queridos feligreses,

En el Evangelio de este fin de semana, Jesús fue "*guiado por el Espíritu al desierto para ser tentado por el diablo*". Jesús había estado ayunando durante cuarenta días y cuarenta noches, **¡esta fue la primera Cuaresma!** Jesús tiene hambre, y entonces el diablo se desliza para tentarlo con comida. El tiente a Jesús para que convierta las piedras en pan para que ya no tenga hambre. Esto se conoce como la "**tentación de la carne**". Hoy somos tentados de manera similar con los apetitos de la carne: drogas, beber alcohol en exceso, actividad sexual fuera del Sacramento del Matrimonio, ojos errantes (pornografía), glotonería con comida, etcétera. Estas tentaciones siempre van acompañadas de un fugaz placer. ¿Cómo luchamos contra estas tentaciones de la carne que el diablo nos ofrece diariamente? ¿Cómo respondió Jesús a esta tentación del diablo? Se refirió a la Palabra de Dios: la Sagrada Escritura. En cada Santo Sacrificio de la Misa, escuchamos la Palabra de Dios proclamada, y luego podemos recibir a Jesús en el Pan de Vida. Podemos resistir y luchar contra estas tentaciones de la carne siendo fieles a la Misa, y leyendo y estudiando las Sagradas Escrituras. En segundo lugar, el diablo trata de **tentar a Jesús con "poder"**, probando su relación con su Padre. Él insta a Jesús a arrojarse de un precipicio, porque si Jesús es realmente el Hijo del Padre, entonces el Padre lo salvará. En nuestra sociedad actual, vemos que esta tentación se juega con los males del aborto, la eutanasia y el suicidio asistido. Los seres humanos, incluyendo muchos médicos y enfermeras que se supone que protegen y cuidan toda la vida humana, se han puesto en el lugar de Dios, utilizando terminología como "calidad de vida", "mancha de tejido", "feto" y otros términos para devaluar a estos mismos seres humanos. Los políticos también están involucrados en estas tentaciones de "poder" cuando aprueban tales leyes contra la vida humana. También podemos ser cómplices de estas tentaciones votando por estos políticos que apoyan tales males. ¡Jesús combate esta tentación de poder refiriéndose nuevamente a las Escrituras, recordándole al diablo que Dios Padre está a cargo! Cuando nos humillamos ante nuestro Padre Celestial como Sus hijos e hijas, resistimos esta tentación de poder que ofrece el diablo. Con frecuencia, hacer un examen de conciencia, así como confesar nuestros pecados y recibir la misericordia de Dios en el Sacramento de la Confesión nos ayudará. Finalmente, tenemos al diablo tentando a Jesús por tercera vez. El diablo **le ofrece a Jesús el "mundo"** si solo se inclinara y lo adorara. El diablo también intenta constantemente tentarnos de esta manera, ofreciéndonos las cosas de este mundo, ya sean relaciones poco saludables con otros o cosas materiales. Podemos resistir estas tentaciones de tener y poseer cosas y ser del agrado de todos adorando y sirviendo a Dios solo, al igual que Jesús resistió al diablo con estas mismas palabras en el Evangelio. ¡Dios solo debe ser nuestro todo! Centrémonos siempre en nuestra relación con Él. ¡Dios les bendiga!

Padre Sistare

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Sábado 20 de Febrero **6:00pm**

*En acción de gracias a San Juan Bautista, intención de Antonieta Correia y Katia Leonor Maeda

+Eterno descanso de María Andrade, Domingos Correia, Dulce Barros, intención de Helena Barros
+Eterno descanso de Victoria Villa, intención de su familia

*En acción de gracias por favores recibidos, intención de Jesús Montoya y esposa

Domingo 21 de Febrero **11:30am**

+Eterno descanso de Antonio Osal, Alfredo Falcón, intención de su familia

*En acción de gracias por la vida de Claudia Amparo Botero en sus 50 años, intención de su mama, hermanas y sobrinas

+Eterno descanso de Cesar José Díaz, Ana Antonia Díaz, intención de Juan Salcedo y Aria Rosado

Martes 23 de Febrero **7:00pm**

Viernes 26 de Febrero **7:00pm**

Sábado 27 de Febrero Misa Bilingüe **8:00am**

Vigilia **6:00pm**

+Eterno descanso de Felicita Alcántara intención de Altagracia Alcántara

Domingo 28 de Febrero **11:30am**

+Eterno descanso de Ligia Londoño de Torres, intención de la familia Botero-Torres

+Eterno descanso de Mónica Londoño, intención de Oscar Londoño

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What Happens in Lent?

In today's Gospel story, Jesus goes out into the desert to fast and pray for forty days. In the forty days of Lent, the Church asks us to fast, give alms, and pray.



In Lent we don't eat meat on Fridays. Many people give up things like candy or dessert for all of Lent. When we give up food that we like, it reminds us that food isn't the only thing we need- we need God too!



Giving alms means giving money or things to the poor or the Church. God lets there be people who need our help so that we can become better by helping them!

The third thing that we should do in Lent is praying. You could say an extra prayer every day- maybe an "Our Father" or a "Hail Mary" when you wake up or before you go to bed. Another good idea is reading a bit from the Bible, because when we read the Bible we let God speak to us.



What are some little things you could do for Lent? Try to do things that will help you think a bit more about God every day.

First Week

Sunday

Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert but He resisted.

• Write down something that you are often tempted to do and pray to your guardian angel to resist it.

Monday

After the Last Supper Jesus went out to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.

• After supper take some time to thank God.



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Tuesday

Jesus took His friends Peter, James and John with him.

• Say a prayer with your brother, sister or friend.



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Wednesday

Jesus knew what He would have to suffer.

• Look at a crucifix and tell Jesus that you accept whatever suffering He sends you.

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Thursday

Jesus accepted His Father's will, saying "Thy will be done!"

• Ask Mom or Dad what they want you to do and do it without complaining.

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Friday

Judas, one of the apostles, betrayed Jesus to His enemies with a kiss.

• Give Mom or Dad a hug and show you love them by your actions.



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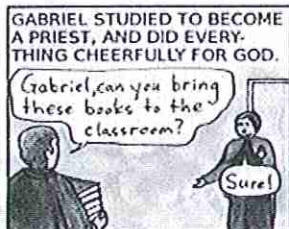
Saturday

Pray to Our Lady:

Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor, banished children of Eve! To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

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Saint Gabriel Possenti February 27



WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT GABRIEL THAT BEING A SAINT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE BORING OR SAD. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE HAVE FUN WITH OUR FRIENDS AS LONG AS WE ARE OBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS. ALSO, WE CAN HELP OUR FRIENDS GROW CLOSER TO GOD WHEN WE ARE CHEERFUL

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Into the Wilderness with Jesus

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. Mark 1:12-13 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 1:12-15 (NIV)



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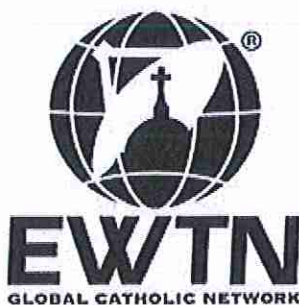
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