

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

SUN 2/21	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
MON 2/22	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
TUE 2/23	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
WED 2/24	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
THR 2/25	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
FRI 2/26	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
SAT 2/27	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
SUN 2/28	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

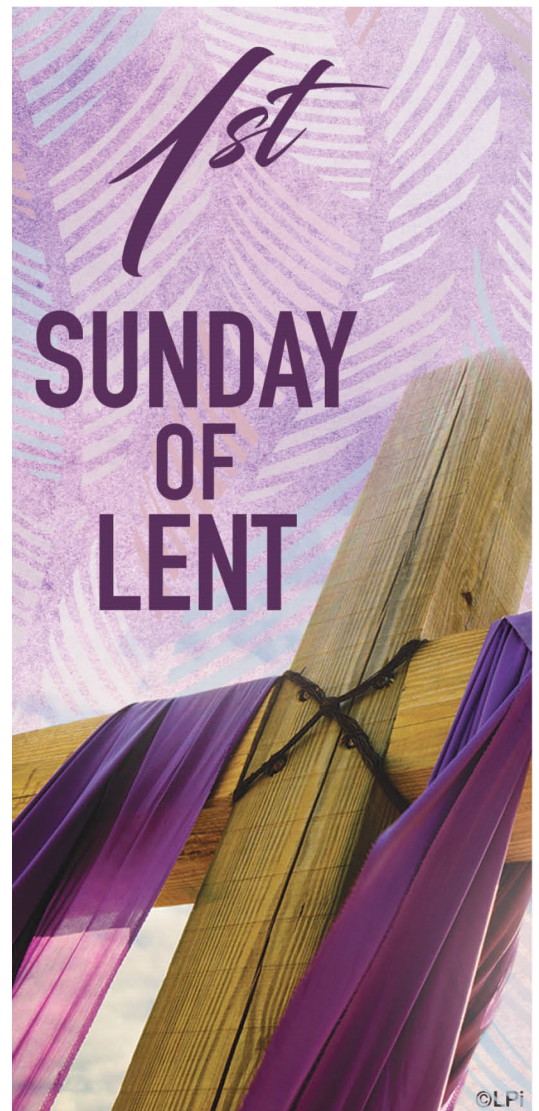
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Sunday:	1 st Sunday of Lent
Monday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Tuesday:	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Sunday:	2 nd Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!



*Repent,
and believe
in the gospel.*

— MARK 1:15

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday

8 a.m. | Convent Chapel

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.

Sunday (Gospel Mass) 10:00 a.m.

Livestreaming available on our website,
Facebook and YouTube

Baptisms: 4th Sunday of the month except
during Lenten Season

Weddings: Contact the rectory six months
prior to desired wedding date

Confessions: One-half hour before Sunday
Mass



"Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind..."

Saturday, February 20, 2021

In Thanksgiving to: St. Katharine Drexel for Prayers
Answered

In Memory of: Elodie Gabriel, Darrell Gabriel and
Bruce Gabriel

Sunday, February 21, 2021

In Memory of: George Sims, Jr. and Harlean Banks



Please remember in your prayers: The intentions of the Holy Father and for:

Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Patricia Adam, Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Marie Alexander, Diane Austin, Nathaniel Banks, Nancy Barabino, Hazel Barnes, Barbara Blanchard, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Virginia Butler, Herman Cade, Augustine Cain, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Joyce Coleman, Honora Curry, Lamar Davis, Souleymane Diop, Elaine Ewell, Leo Francisco, Cameron Fritz, Beverly R. Gilmore, Gilda Griffin, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Olga Jackson, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Anna Jones, Elton Johnson, Evelyn Johnson, Virginia Johnson, Fern Kern, Ruth Kennedy, Shanna Lucien, Felicia Meyers, Arizona Moore, Germaine Nash, Thomas Phillips, Audrey Pierce, Janice Picou, Bernice Pinkney, Albert Poree, Gertrude Powell, Mildred V. Prudeaux, Joyce Randolph, Nakeisha Rhea, Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Matilda Romero, Janice Sawyer, Lula Mae Schexnayder, Carrie M. Shedd, Scott Schryver, Jane Silva, Angela Simon, Enjoli Sims, Kaila Sims, Kira Sims, Geraldine Small, Alma M. Smith, Marquerite Stepter, Glenda Stewart, Annie Stoot, Eugene Stoot, Diane Sims Tillman, George Tillman, Perry Tillman, III, Sherman Todd, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What cross have I been
avoiding that I should
accept during this time in
the Lenten desert?



Prayer Line

508.924.5792

Noon Prayer

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Bible Study

Thursdays | 6:00 p.m.

Rosary

First Monday of Month | 6:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT PARISH Announcements

- **Adoration:** As we celebrate the Year of the Eucharist, please join us in the edifice or on livestream for Adoration on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 beginning March 10 through November 10.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Join us on each Friday of Lent at 6:00 pm in the edifice or livestream. Mass will follow.
- **Black History Month Observation:** Our Faith Community will celebrate Black History Month on the last Sunday of month.
- **Weekday Masses:** Fr. Chuck is celebrating Masses Monday-Fridays at 8:00 a.m. in the Convent Chapel.
- **Novena to St. Joseph:** As we celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, please consider praying the 30 days Novena to St. Joseph. Our faith community will recite the novena during the month of March. Prayer link 2019-30-Days-PrayerPamphlet_V4.pdf (josephites.org); hardcopy attached to email.
- **Envelopes:** If you have not done so already, please pick up your Church envelopes from the rectory.

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- **DOUBLE GOOD POPCORN FUNDRAISER:** It's 100% contactless, we keep 50% of the profit, and the product ships right to your buyers. We'll be selling Double Good gourmet popcorn from our own Pop-Up Stores. Prices range from \$16 - \$99. It's really delicious! To participate in our fundraiser: - Download the Double Good app - Enter our Event Code VYAHKJ in the app - Create your Pop-Up Store. Our fundraiser begins on March 01 and goes until March 05. To get started, download the Double Good app, available for free on iOS and Android.
- **DRIVE BY FISH FRY:** Save the Date! Our Parish is hosting a Drive By Fish Fry on March 19, 2021. Prepaid orders only. More details to follow.

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Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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JESUS
DESERT

FORTY
SATAN
TESTED

ANIMALS
ANGELS
BELIEVE

E S Y T U O I G U F E
R A N I M A L S J O R
I T G S Y N O E A R I
S A L O F G D N S T N
T N E T A E S J I Y O
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E L A D L U N S E D Y
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MISSION

Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.