

Our Parish COMMUNITY

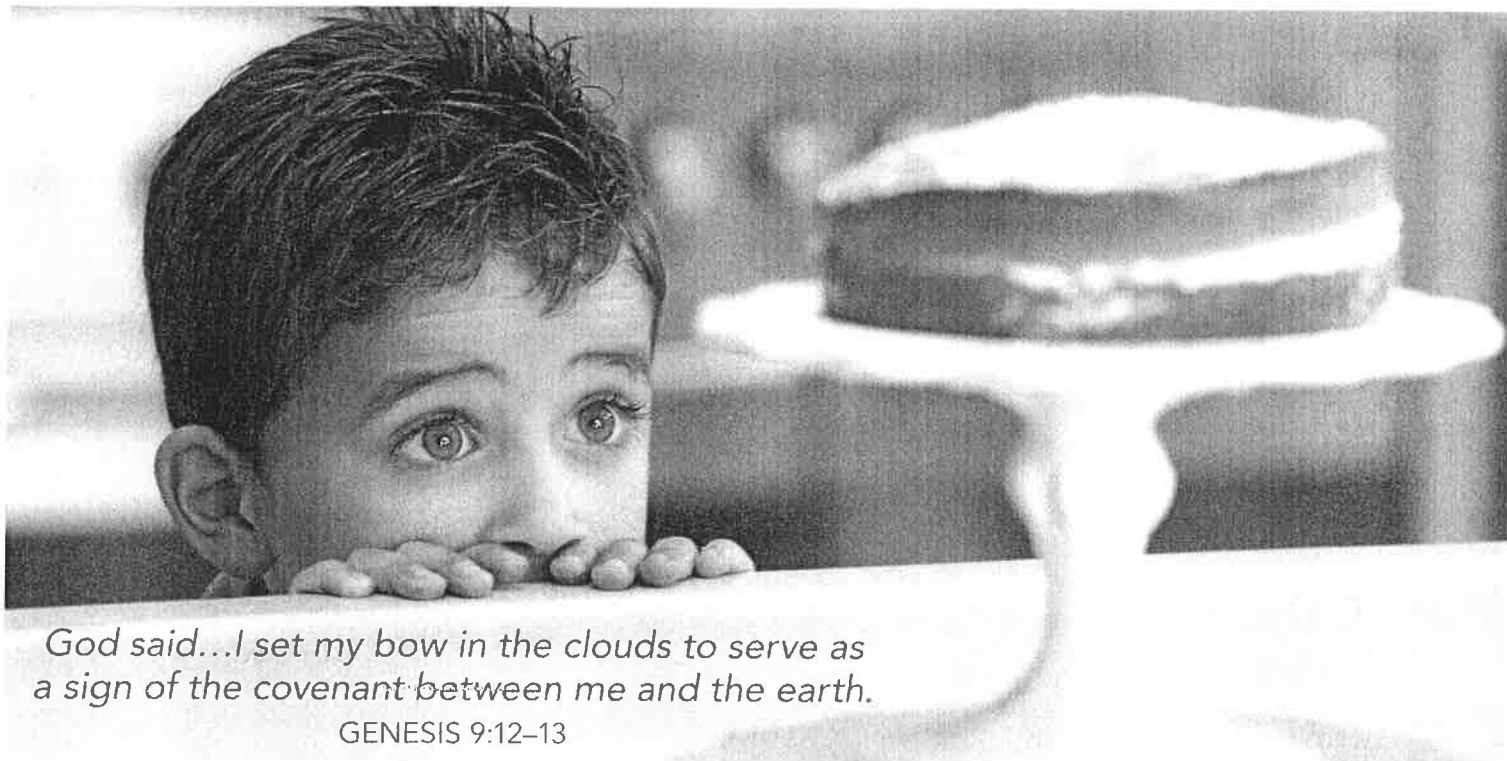
February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 9:8–15

1 Pt 3:18–22

Mk 1:12–15



God said...I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

GENESIS 9:12–13

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Lost at Sea

We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus.

Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—covenant-making. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance.

The first reading recounts God's graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God's protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance.

One might think that Jesus wouldn't have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today's Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of

temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one's defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us—weakened, tempted, and perhaps even “lost at sea.” However, God's protection was with him, in the guise of angels.

Both stories assure us that God's covenantal care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *When you feel “lost at sea,” recall that through baptism you have a close covenant relationship with God who is always there for you.*
- * *How do you strengthen yourself when you face temptation?*

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First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

Word from Pope Francis

“Fasting makes sense if it questions our security, and if it also leads to some benefit of others, if it helps us to cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bends down to his brother in need and takes care of him. Fasting involves choosing a sober lifestyle; a way of life that does not waste, a way of life that does not “throw away”. Fasting helps us to attune our hearts to the essential and to sharing.”

Please join the various Ministries for the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 6 pm.

Friday, February 26 Knights of Columbus

Friday, March 5 CCW

Friday, March 12 Youth Group

Friday, March 19 Confirmation Class

Friday, March 26 PPC

Hispanic Ministry will lead the Outside Stations at 6 pm on Fridays during Lent

Please join us for a Simple Supper following the inside Stations in the Parish Hall beginning Friday, February 26th.

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

21 de Febrero, 2021

Palabra del Papa Francisco

“El ayuno tiene sentido si cuestiona nuestra seguridad, y si también conduce a algún beneficio de los demás, si nos ayuda a cultivar el estilo del Buen Samaritano, que se agacha ante su hermano necesitado y se ocupa de él. El ayuno implica elegir un estilo de vida sobrio; una forma de vida que no desperdicia, una forma de vida que no “tira”. El ayuno nos ayuda a sintonizar nuestros corazones con lo esencial y a compartir.”

Por favor, únase a los diversos Ministerios de las Estaciones de la Cruz los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 6 pm.

Viernes 26 de febrero Caballeros de Colón

Viernes, 5 de marzo CCW

Viernes 12 de marzo Grupo Juvenil

Viernes 19 de marzo Clase de Confirmación

Viernes 26 de marzo PPC

El Ministerio Hispano dirigirá las Estaciones Exteriores a las 6 pm los viernes durante la Cuaresma

Por favor, únase a nosotros para una Cena Simple después de las Estaciones interiores en el Salón Parroquial a partir del viernes 26 de febrero.

**Council of Catholic Women
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Spirituality, Leadership, Service**

CCW's meeting is Tuesday February 23rd in the social hall at 6:30 PM. We are happy to have Sarah Perry Tatum from Campground Ministries, Inc. who will speak about the family's experiences of having a child with cancer. We will socially distance and wear masks to abide by COVID regulations.

CCW needs help with the supper following the stations on March 5th. The dinner will still be simple, but fish will be served. Please let one of us know of your intention to help that Friday. We would like to remind you that Our Lady of Guadalupe medals should be worn at our meetings and social gatherings. Purple scarves at our funeral services.

The Rosary is being said preceding Bible Study at 12:00 Noon in the chapel. Please plan to join us.



The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet at the church on Wednesday at Noon beginning February 10th. Come pray with us!

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Thomas, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Tom DiBiase, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Carol McCloskey, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, Jerry Wilkerson, Debbie Wilkerson, Trisha Pape, Lee & Angela McConaha, Jim & Louise Craig, and Margie Read.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Harris Lott, Florence Struempfer, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Dora Bullard, Millie Bailey, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dallin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sander-son, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Sidney Bennett, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, Iris Boatright, Janice Strickland, Mark Parker, Jan Keen, Andrew Brandon, Julie Hoddinot, Audwin Fluker Sr., Anna Lia Brandon, Perry Kolchek, Raymond Eastup, and Steve, the father of Barbara Blasko.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Ethan Stanley, and Richard Jacobs.



Join us for Bingo Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 10am. Join us for fun, fellowship and prizes in the Parish Hall. The game will be followed by a light lunch. Please plan to have a Good time and take home some loot!



LENT is a time of special prayer and fasting. **Lenten regulations 2021 for Catholics:**

Good Friday, April 2, 2021 is a day of Fast and Abstinence from meat, which means a limit of one full meal for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence: [All Fridays of Lent] All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Easter Duty Obligation: After receiving their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

Weekdays of Lent: There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended, as well as participating in weekday Mass.



CUARESMA es un tiempo especial de oración y ayuno. **Regulaciones 2021 para católicos:**

Viernes Santo, 2 de abril de 2021 es un día de Ayuno y Abstinencia de la carne, lo que significa un límite de una comida completa para todos entre las edades de 18 y 59 inclusive.

Días de Abstinencia: [Todos los Viernes de Cuaresma] todos los que han cumplido 14 años de edad están supuestos a abstenerse de carne totalmente.

Obligaciones de Pascua: después de recibir la Primera Comunión los católicos están obligados a recibir la Santa Comunión una vez al año por lo menos. Este precepto debe de cumplirse durante la estación de Pascua. Los católicos están también obligados a confesar los pecados serios (mortales) por lo menos una vez al año, pero esto no está limitado a la estación de Cuaresma o Pascua.

Días de semana de Cuaresma: No hay obligación de ayunas, sin embargo, actos voluntarios de sacrificio son recomendados, como también participar en la misa diaria.



Votive Candles

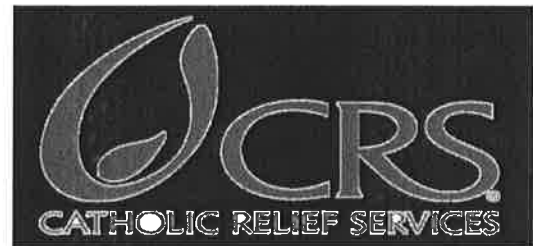
Please remember your \$5.00 donation when you light a **votive candle** in the church. There is a deposit box for your donation attached to the lower left side of the stand.



Mass Intention Requests

If you would like to request a **Mass Intention** in memory of someone, the donation is \$10.00. Please contact the church secretary to check date availability and to make your donation.

Operation Rice Bowl: You are invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. This is one way to encounter Jesus through others, especially the most vulnerable in our world. Plenty of Rice Bowls are available in English or Spanish, on the southside of the church vestibule. Please take one home for your kitchen table and use this fun resource to deepen your family's experience as we learn more about "solidarity" with the poor through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Read the weekly sponsored people who we focus on so that we can extend our Eucharist to be in solidarity with these brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. Rice Bowls will be collected from Palm Sunday to Holy Thursday of Holy Week.



Operación Plato de Arroz: Usted está invitado a participar en el CRS plato de Arroz en esta Cuaresma. Esta es una forma de encontrar a Jesús a través de otros, especialmente los más vulnerables en nuestro mundo. Un montón de Rice Bowls están disponibles en inglés o español, en el lado sur del vestíbulo de la iglesia. Por favor, lleve una a su mesa de cocina y use este recurso divertido para profundizar la experiencia de su familia a medida que aprendemos más sobre la "solidaridad" con los pobres a través de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. Lea a las personas patrocinadas semanalmente en las que nos enfocamos para que podamos extender nuestra Eucaristía para ser solidarios con estos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo en todo el mundo. Los platos de arroz se recogerán del Domingo de Ramos al Jueves Santo de la Semana Santa.

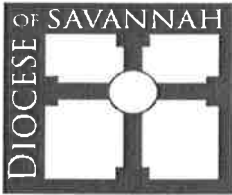
St. Joseph Offertory

February 7, 2021

Offertory Total \$4,342.00
Capital Expenditure Fund \$166.00

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

This year the theme is "Steadfast in Faith". Our parish goal is **\$20,050.00**. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.



La Apelación Católica Anual 2021

Este año el tema es "Steadfast in Faith". Nuestra meta parroquial es de **\$20,050.00**. Con su ayuda, podemos asegurar el apoyo continuo de muchos programas importantes que ayudan a miles de personas en nuestra diócesis cada año; educación de nuestros hijos y estudiantes de seminario, evangelización e iniciación cristiana, formación continua para nuestro clero y más. Somos bendecidos con mucho; seamos una bendición para los demás.



Abuse Hotline Number: To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.

Línea telefónica para reportar abusos: Para reportar un abuso sexual de un menor, perpetrado por un empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Savannah, llame al Número de la línea para reportar abusos: 888-357-5330 o a la Oficina para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, 912-201-4073/4074. Para leer la política de la Diócesis sobre abuso sexual de menores, favor de visitar la página Web www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection



Our St. Joseph Family extends condolences to Marielos Bond, whose husband Joe, died on Tuesday. Marielos Bond has translated our weekly bulletin, Prayers of the Faithful, Lector Greeting and Announcements for many years. Marielos and her family live in the Atlanta area. Please keep the Bond Family in your thoughts and prayers during their time of loss. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon him!"

Nuestra familia De San José expresa sus condolencias a Marielos Bond, cuyo esposo Joe, murió el martes. Marielos Bond ha traducido nuestro boletín semanal, Oraciones de los Fieles, Saludo Lector/Anuncios durante muchos años. Marielos y su familia viven en el área de Atlanta. Por favor, mantengan a la Familia Bond en sus pensamientos y oraciones durante su tiempo de pérdida. "El descanso eterno le conceda, oh Señor, y que tu luz perpetua brille sobre él!"

Lector Schedule

February 20, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector-Dave Callaway 5:00 pm Saturday

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm with Fr. Francois Pellissier

February 21, 2021 2021-Mass in English

English Lector-Joseph Johnson 9:00 am Sunday

February 21, 2021-Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector-Lucy Rios 12 Noon Sunday

February 27, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector-Ann Johnson 5:00 pm Saturday

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm with Fr. Francois Pellissier

February 28, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector- Lacey Gruver 9:00 am Sunday

February 28, 2021-Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector- Maribel Rios 12 Noon Sunday

Mass Intentions for Week of February 20, 2021 –February 28, 2021+(RIP) H-Health

Saturday, February 20, 2021-5:00 pm Mass +**Anna Mulholland O'Connell**

Sunday, February 21, 2021-9:00 am Mass **Pro Populo**

Sunday, February 21, 2021-12 Noon Mass **No Intention**

Monday, February 22, 2021-No Mass

Tuesday, February 23, 2021-No Mass

Wednesday, February 24, 2021-No Mass-No Adoration

Thursday, February 25, 2021-No Mass

Friday, February 26, 2021-No Mass, **6 pm Stations of the Cross Lead by Knights of Columbus**

Saturday, February 27, 2021-5:00 pm Mass+**Kay Kovach**

Sunday, February 28, 2021-9:00 am Mass **Pro Populo**

Sunday, February 28, 2021-12 Noon Mass **No Intention**

Dear Padre,

As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?

Over the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion.

In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus' Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the "Living Stations of the Cross." This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts.

Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

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Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 22
*The Chair of
St. Peter the Apostle*
1 Pt 5:1-4
Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 23
Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10-11
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 24
Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

FEBRUARY 25
Lenten Weekday
Est C:12, 14-16,
23-25
Mt 7:7-12

Friday

FEBRUARY 26
Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21-28
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

FEBRUARY 27
Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

FEBRUARY 28
Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,
15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength... He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.

EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER
FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MARCH 27, 2020

THOMAS SHUTTERSTOCK



Escuela Catequética Fray Pedro de Corpa

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Vida en Cristo II

Impartido por el Padre Rafael Estrada

Hora: 7 p.m a 9:00 p.m

Fechas:

Clase 1: 9 de marzo de 2021/ **Clase 2:** 23 de marzo de 2021

Clase 3: 6 de abril de 2021/ **Clase 4:** 13 de abril de 2021

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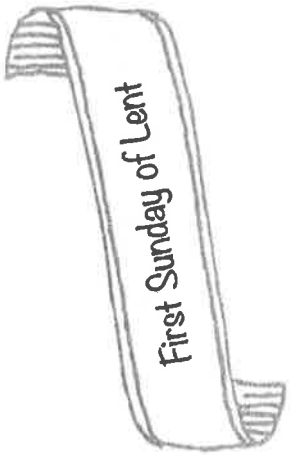
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FEBRUARY 21, 2021

After his baptism, Jesus went by himself to the desert to pray. He stayed there for forty days. Then, filled with strength, he went to Galilee to announce the Good News. He said, "The Kingdom of God is close. Convert and believe in the gospel!"

Based on Mark 1:12-15



My
Promise
to Jesus

This week, I will set aside a quiet time
to pray to God, as Jesus did in the desert.