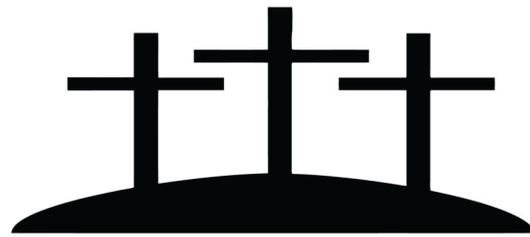




Is God calling you to be a priest?
 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart... He will direct your path.”
 (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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What to Read

How are the readings for each Sunday chosen?

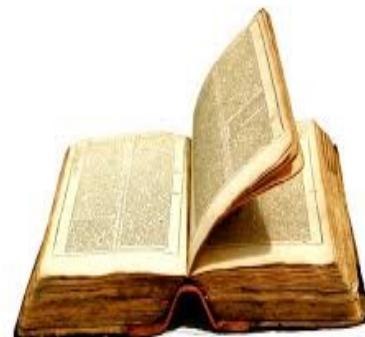
Each Sunday the word of God is proclaimed in our church in the form of three scripture readings and a psalm. The first reading and the psalm always come from the first testament of the Bible (the “Old Testament”), except during the Easter season, when the first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. The second reading is a selection from one of the non-gospel books of the second testament of the Bible (the “New Testament”). The third reading is always chosen from one of the gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. It is clear from the title “liturgy of the word” that the scriptures are an integral part of Sunday eucharist.

This emphasis on a more thorough and varied use of the scriptures is a direct result of the renewal of the liturgy called for by the Second Vatican Council: “The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God’s word.” To meet this need, a new lectionary (or book of readings for worship) was published in 1970. It included assigned texts for each Sunday based on a three-year cycle of readings. And, as noted above, each Sunday included three readings as well as a responsorial psalm.

This was a major change. Previously, only one set of Sunday readings was used year after year. Two readings and a psalm verse were appointed for each Sunday. And one of those readings, the gospel, was almost always from the Gospel of Matthew. The gospel readings in the 1970 lectionary include selections from all four evangelists: Matthew in what is called Year A, Mark in Year B and Luke in Year C. We hear the Gospel of John during the major liturgical seasons as well as during Year B (the year of Mark), perhaps because Mark’s gospel is the shortest of the four and wouldn’t otherwise fill out the whole year.

The gospels were assigned first. The first reading was chosen for its connection to the day’s gospel. The psalm that follows the first reading is related to it. The psalm is the assembly’s response to the word that has just been proclaimed. The second reading is not necessarily related to the other readings. Selections from the chosen book are simply read somewhat in order.

As people baptized to live not by bread alone but by the word of God as well, the liturgy of the word should not be the only time we hear the readings. One way to live with the lectionary is to do an attentive reading of the scriptures before the liturgy each Sunday - a fruitful and enriching way of entering more deeply into the prayer. Another approach is to hear the word proclaimed in the assembly first, and then spend the following week rereading and meditating on it. Whichever method you choose, several helpful resources have been published to aid you.



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SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*He came among us
 to lead us from darkness
 into the light
 of faith*



“Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.”

- Pope Francis

Reconciliation

Saturdays:
 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Baptism :

Expectant parents welcome to register, and speak with Fr. Ron after Mass

Matrimony :

Must register at least eight months in advance. Book the Church before the hall.

Communion at Home :

Lay ministers are available to bring Communion to shut-ins. Phone the parish office.

Prayer-Line :

Rose Marie Spina
 254-4064

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 (Italian)

Visiting & Card

Ministry:

If you wish to send cards or have someone visit people who are confined to their homes. Contact the parish office.

REGULAR CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

**Tues - Friday
 9:00-12:00**

**Thank-you To All Who
 Give!!**

**Web site:
veronica.church**

**TELEVISED ONLINE MASS
 Saturday, March 21 & Sunday, March 22**

**Website: veronica.church
 *check website for times**

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Televised Online Masses
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Fourth Sunday of Lent
Saturday, March 21 & Sunday, March 22, 2020

Mass Intentions:

Curly Vanderburg by Carol Vanderburg.
Antonietta Gualtieri by granddaughter Antoinette Provenzano.
Peter and Angelina Gualtieri by daughter Marisa Beltrano.
For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Saturday, March 28 & Sunday, March 29, 2020

Mass Intentions:

Juozas Kvosciauskas by son Sigi Kvosciauskas.
Delia Greganti by the Italian Prayer Group.
All deceased members of the Mancuso family by Carmen and Teresa Mancuso.
All deceased members of the Naccarato family by Teresa and Carmen Mancuso.
For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation for flowers to be purchased for Easter, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers". Please include your name, address, and envelope number. This donation will be included on your tax receipt. If you would like to donate in memory of deceased loved ones, please use the following example: Easter Flowers in Memory of (print name of loved one) by: (print your name and address for your tax receipt). Easter flower donations can be made online at veronica.church or you can drop your donation off at the office. Thank you.



We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends with the passing of, Giuseppe Marandola



Development and Peace - Caritas Canada The *Seringueiros*: Protectors in Peril

On reserves created by the Brazilian state, the *seringueiros* tap rubber trees and gather nuts and fruits for subsistence. But their lands are now coveted by powerful loggers, hunters, ranchers, soybean farmers, etc. They are facing increasing threats, intimidation and persecution. Despite these hardships, the *seringueiros* prefer remaining in place to tend their beloved forest.

Development and Peace's partner, the Pastoral Land Commission (CPT), supports the *seringueiros* by documenting violations of their rights and by helping them legally contest the seizure of their lands.

"Those who want to help us should immediately come to see what is happening here so that we may keep the forest standing." – Ederson Chaves Dias, *seringueiro*, Angelim Reserve, Machadinho d'Oeste

Watch the *seringueiros*' testimony at devp.org/campaign/seringueiros.

