

Mass Intention
20 February - 28 February 2021

- 20 February 2021 - Saturday - after Ash Wednesday
4.30 pm: +Ken Palmer by *Mary Delia McDonnell*
- 21 February 2021 - Sunday - First Sunday of Lent
8.30 am: +Ken Palmer by *Anne M King & Family*
11.00 am: +Dr. Antonio Richaforte by *Roger & Emily Dannie*
- 22 February 2021 - Monday - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
8.30 am:
- 23 February 2021 - Tuesday - Lenten Weekday
8.30 am:
- 24 February 2021 - Wednesday - Lenten Weekday
8.30 am:
- 25 February 2021 - Thursday - Lenten Weekday
8.30 am:
- 26 February 2021 - Friday - Lenten Weekday
8.30 am:
- 27 February 2021 - Saturday - Lenten Weekday
4.30 pm: +Joseph Ducey by *Jonelle Rizzi*
- 28 February 2021 - Sunday - Second Sunday of Lent
8.30 am: +Emilio & Margaret Casola by *Tom & Roseann Bernardone*
11.00 am: +Regina Frei by *Mary Schumacher*

Season of Lent – Time of returning to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” - Pope Francis

Lent involves returning to the Father, by accepting God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. It is the Father’s forgiveness that always set us back on our feet. **Lent involves returning to Jesus**. Like the leper who returned to thank Him, we too need Jesus’ healing. We need to present our wounds to Him and say: ‘Jesus, I am in your presence, with my sin, with my sorrows. You are the physician. You can set me free. Heal my heart’.



Lent involves returning to return to the Holy Spirit. The ashes sprinkled on our heads, remind us that we are dust. “Yet upon this dust of ours, God blew His Spirit of life.”

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The King-
dom
of
God
is
at hand,



Repent,
and
Believe
in the
Gospel.

Regular Mass with Social – Distancing
Saturday: 4.30 pm — Holy Cross Church
Sunday: 8.30 am — St. Patrick's Church
11.00 am — Holy Cross Church

Lent is a journey of return to God and as an opportunity to deepen our love of our brothers and sisters. The journey of Lent is an exodus from slavery to freedom. – **Pope Francis**



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; contemplate simplicity;

Fast from pressures and be prayerful;

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy;

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate;

Fast from grudges and be reconciled;

Fast from word; be silent and listen.



Stations of the Cross is celebrated at 7 pm on every Friday of the Lent – at Holy Cross

PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Gloria Grunn, Marcia Bauer, Frank M Geosits Jr, Baby Alexian, Shirley Rangaves, Jerome Bauer, Josephine, Danny Andrews, Dr.Kuncar, Christopher Milk , Vincent McCarthy and all sick and needy.

To submit a name please call the Rectory



LITURGY OF WORD

First Reading: Gen 9:8-15

Second Reading: 1Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 12 - 15



The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection. The Church

tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to *metanoia* or true "repentance," by reordering their priorities, and the changing their values, ideals, and ambitions through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and self-control. Since by Baptism we share the death and Resurrection of Jesus, today's readings refer to Baptism directly or indirectly.

The **first reading** tells us how man irrevocably broke the *original covenant* God had made with Adam and Eve, and how the merciful God selected Noah and his family to renew the covenant. Noah's rescue from the flood symbolizes how we are saved through the water of Baptism which cleanses us of sin and makes us one with Christ. Today's **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 25) is an exquisite penitential prayer, humbly acknowledging human insufficiency and our radical dependence upon God, His mercy and His forgiveness. The psalmist lists some of God's Own characteristics that will shape the life of the forgiven penitent: truth, compassion, love, kindness, goodness, uprightness, humility, and justice.

In the **second reading**, St. Peter shows us how Noah's episode prefigured Baptism. He reminds us that, as Noah and his family were saved from the waters of the deluge, so we are saved through the waters of Baptism. Baptism is an outward sign of the New Covenant that God has made with His people. It makes us adopted children of God, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit. **In the Gospel**, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter by his forty days of prayer and penance in the desert immediately following his baptism. It also tells us how Jesus started preaching his Messianic mission: "*The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel.*"

Stewardship February 14, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 936.00
Second Collections	\$ 135.00
Candle	\$ 13.00
Poor Box	\$ 10.00

With Prayers & Blessings of God the Father

Fr. John Kennady MMI
Dn. John Lyttle
21 February 2021