

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND

SAT 5:00 pm	2/29	Holy Spirit Church and Parishioners, All Souls, Conversion of Sinners, Peace in the Family
SUN 10:00 am	3/1	Holy Spirit Church and Parishioners, Joseph Loi Tran, Ngo & Nguyen Family Living and Deceased, Nguyen Family Living and Deceased

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SUN 10:00 am	3/8	Holy Spirit Church and Parishioners, Joseph Loi Tran, Ngo & Nguyen Family Living and Deceased, All Souls & The Conversion of Sinners

WEEKDAYS

MON 3/2	Burbank Franklin Family & Friends Living & Deceased
TUE 3/3	Thanksgiving
WED 3/4	Unborn Children
THU 3/5	All Souls
FRI 3/6	All Souls

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 - The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, **“You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, **“Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”** The woman said to the serpent, **“We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’”** But the serpent said to the woman, **“You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”**

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Romans 5:12-19 - As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned - sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4:1-11 - Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

1. The tempter came and said to him, **“If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”** But he answered, **“It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”**
2. Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, **“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”** Jesus said to him, **“Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”**
3. Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, **“All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”** Jesus said to him, **“Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”** Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



Come for THE WAY OF THE CROSS during Lent: Mon-Friday: 8:00 AM & Friday: 6:30 PM

**You are the temple of God,
and the Spirit of God dwells in you.”**



My sisters and brothers in Christ,

Part of Lent is deepening our awareness that we people who have a Covenant with the Living God. We are not just people who believe in God. We are a people sought out by God, a people formed by God and a people with a special love relationship with God. **Only when we are deeply aware of His love for us can we truly begin to do penance in a Christian way.**

The first reading today is from the Book of Genesis and recounts the establishment of the Covenant with Noah and his descendants. Many times in the history of the Chosen People, God has made Covenants. These Covenants mark important events in the life of the Chosen People and are a sign of God's choosing this people and remaining faithful to His choice. **What happens always is that God remains faithful to the Covenant and we do not. Yet we are called to look back at these Covenants and to let God change our faithlessness to faithfulness.**

The second reading today is from the First Letter of Peter. This portion of the letter refers us once again to the Covenant with Noah and explains even more clearly that we must return to faithfulness. The letter points out that it is Christ who has died for our sins and that we cannot think that the death of Christ was simply a removal of dirt from the body. Rather the death of Christ our consciences are made clean by our faith in Him. Thus we are invited to choose Jesus Christ once again in this time of Lent and know that He is our salvation.

The Gospel of this First Sunday of Lent is always the Gospel of Christ in the Desert, the temptations of Christ fasting for forty days. The account this year comes from the Gospel of Mark and is very, very short. Saint Mark simply tells us that Jesus was in the desert forty days and was tempted and that angels ministered to Him. When Jesus leaves the desert, he begins His ministry of preaching. He preaches repentance and belief in the Good News of God.

We are invited to see that Lent is a time of Good News of God. Lent is a time to believe more deeply in this God who loves us and comes to save us in every situation. Lent is a time to listen attentively to the Word of God and to meditate on what this Word means in our lives.

We are invited to turn away from anything that misleads us and walk always the way of the Lord.

Your brother in the Lord,

Abbot Philip, 2019



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Mini Elnaggar 2/7, Juan Gimenez 2/8, Molly Mix 2/3, Anna Lannes 2/16, Lan Thi
Kiev 2/8, Thien-An Duong 2/2, Martha Davis 2/3,
Gloria Baker Davis 2/21, Maria Raqas 2/12, Clarence Mitchell III 2/20,
In Memory of Marie Nunez 2/9