

Pastor's Corner

Mardi Gras Contest Re-Cap, and Now that Lent has begun



Fr. Joe and Fr. Thien costumed as Doug and "Limu Emu" of Liberty Mutual Insurance

Mardi Gras Contest Results: Thanks to the 30 Individuals and 14 Homeowners who participated in our Mardi Gras Costume and Home Decorating Contest. There were some very creative entries, and I thank the parishioners and school parents who discerned which ones were the best. The Winners are as follows: *Best Home Decoration* - 1st the Freires and 2nd the Stuarts; *Best Individual Costume* - 1st Patty Jourdan and 2nd Wayne Wetzel; *Best Group Costume* - 1st The Truhes and 2nd SFX School Children. The photos of the winning entries are in this bulletin. Hope everybody had fun and thanks for being part of the contest.

Now that Lent has begun: The approximately 40-day Season of Lent mirrors the 40 days that Moses spent fasting atop Mount Sinai and the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the desert. The fasting and sacrifices of Lent are intended to strengthen us to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. Everyone (regardless of age) is asked to engage in a meaningful act of penance during Lent for personal conversion. The sacrifice can be extra prayer or an extra weekday mass, a daily rosary, giving up food or drink, limiting TV or social media time, or anything one enjoys which will be a deprivation to give up.

Wishing you a blessed and transformative Season of Lent.

Father Joe