February 18, 2018 | First Sunday of Lent

Saint George CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Oscar Martin Picos, Pastor
Rev. Arokia Dass David, Parochial Vicar

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

In its first 40 years, more than $250 million has been given through CRS Rice Bowl to support programs that prevent hunger and poverty around the world. Of that, $62.5 million went to programs in the U.S. through local dioceses (25 percent of gifts given directly to CRS will be returned to the local diocese where they originated) and $187.5 million went to CRS programs overseas to assist those in need, such as Majd and his family.

Encounter Majd—1st CRS Lenten Encounter

Eight-year-old Majd thought his family was going on a picnic. His mother, Lamya, said they would be back home in a week. But when ISIS attacked their home in northern Iraq, the family fled for good.

“What worried me the most were the kids,” Lamya says. “Our life was stable and we were doing well; we had a very big house. Our children had everything they needed. But when we fled, I was not able to bring anything for them—not even food.”

Fortunately, the family found an apartment to rent with other displaced families. It is much smaller than the home they had, but it’s safer. The children enrolled in a CRS-sponsored school, where the routine provides hope, stability and a sense of belonging. “Education is very important,” says Lamya. This is especially true in Iraqi culture.”

Lamya received training from CRS and became a teacher at the school. Now she has hope for the future. “I really love children, so when I go to class I feel like I am with my family,” she says.

Her son, Majd, also loves going to school. “Majd is so motivated to go to school. He just wants it to be morning so he can go,” Lamya says. “He is relaxed, having fun and more confident.” For Majd, school means a normal life—now and in the future.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—Weekly Prayer Intention

For Majd and his family, who we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and all refugees fleeing violence and hardship in search of safety and security. We pray to the Lord ...

For those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes for safety or better opportunities. We pray to the Lord ...
The glossary of the CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH, Second Edition, defines sin, in part, as: "An offense against God as well as a fault against reason, truth, and right conscience. Sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to the eternal law of God."

Killing someone or intentionally causing harm to another is sinful, seriously sinful. But what about those situations in which many find themselves behaving in a manner that may not be grievously sinful, but is not free of sin either?

"I speak of the faults that Christians who live in half-heartedness are accustomed to commit deliberately and of which they make for themselves habits that they hardly bother to correct. . . . minor angers . . . words of contempt, the slight gossip, the mockery, the lies, the irreverence and the voluntary distractions in prayer; the desire to please people, the humorous talk that can produce nasty thoughts, the curious looks . . . minor overindulgence in drinking and in eating . . . when the issue is slight or there is more lack of consideration than malice. . . . these faults, above all when they are actual -- when one often falls back into them, when one neglects to mend one's ways from them, when one counts them for nothing -- I say that these are the greatest evils."

None of us is exempt from the temptations of sin or without fault. Bishop Robert Barron said in one of his recent Daily Gospel Reflections: "We are all capable of dark and evil acts. I’m not okay and neither are you." Satan is forever on the prowl, waiting for that weak moment when we will succumb to a temptation that seems so trifle. Where can it lead? Where does it end? We must be ever aware of our words, thoughts, deeds and actions. Would Jesus approve?

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Ninguno de nosotros está exento de las tentaciones del pecado o sin culpa. El Obispo Robert Barron dijo en una de sus recientes Reflexiones del Evangelio Diario: "Todos somos capaces de actos oscuros y malvados. No estoy bien ni tú tampoco." Satanás está siempre al acecho, esperando ese momento débil en el que sucumbiremos a una tentación que parece tan insignificante. ¿A dónde puede conducir? ¿Dónde termina? Debemos ser conscientes de nuestras palabras, pensamientos, hechos y acciones. ¿Lo aprobaría Jesús?

Carole Drake, Director
Stewardship and Engagement

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are one community nourished and transformed by the Eucharist.
As the body of Christ, we are led by the Holy Spirit to know, love and serve God and one another.

Somos una comunidad alimentada y transformada por la Eucaristía. Como cuerpo de Cristo, somos guiados por el Espíritu Santo, para conocer, amar y servir a Dios y unos a otros.
As we begin Lent, the Word offers us for reflection the presence of temptations in the life of Jesus and in our own lives. Temptation is not the same as sin. Temptation is an invitation to fall into sin. Jesus had temptations, but He committed no sin.

Our text today is loaded with symbolism:

· The number forty represents a considerable time.
· Satan represents our "adversary".

One of the dramas of human existence is that we are extremely weak in the face of temptation if God is not present in our lives. Every Christian is surrounded with temptations. The adversary conjures endless ways to make us stumble, but we can emerge victorious from these trials if we follow the example of Jesus.

After resisting three invitations to sin, Jesus proclaimed the key to entering the kingdom of God: “The Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.” This profession of faith dispelled the adversary and evoked the ministry of angels.

Every Christian must face the same choice that Jesus faced. Do we have faith? Of course, we have faith, but as humans we are beset with temptations. If we neglect our faith and do not follow the word of God, we can easily succumb to those temptations. Even in our worst moments, God will not leave us if we maintain our faith and follow the example of Jesus.

Empezamos la cuaresma y la Palabra nos propone para la reflexión, la presencia de las tentaciones en la vida de Jesús y en nuestro caminar diario. Tentación no es lo mismo que pecado. La tentación es una invitación a caer en el pecado. Jesús tuvo tentaciones y en cambio no tuvo pecados. Uno de los dramas de los seres humanos es que ante la tentación somos excesivamente débiles cuando no tenemos presente a Dios.

Nuestro texto de hoy viene cargado de simbolismos:

· El número cuarenta representa un tiempo considerable.
· Satanás significa "adversario".

Podemos decir que cada cristiano se encuentra casi toda la vida con las tentaciones rondándole, y el adversario buscará las formas de hacerle tropezar. Siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús podemos salir victoriosos de la prueba con Él.

El anuncio del reino de Dios aparece en este evangelio muy cerca de las tentaciones. Primero son las invitaciones a pecar por parte del maligno y luego la gran proclamación de aceptar el evangelio por parte de Jesús. La vida del cristiano siempre estará en estas dos invitaciones, cada uno deberá elegir con cuál se queda.

¿Tenemos fe? Claro que tenemos fe, pero nunca debemos olvidarnos que nuestra fe está llena de tentaciones y que si nos descuidamos podemos sucumbir ante ellas. La permanente ayuda de Dios no nos abandona ni en los peores momentos.
**PARISH EVENTS**

**Monday**
- 7:00 pm RCIA (English)  
  Scanlan, FL2
- 7:00 pm Holy Hour  
  Hurricane
- 10:30 am Everyday God  
  Scanlan, FL2

**Tuesday**
- 9:00 am Marian Hour  
  Kuzy
- 12-4 pm Bridge Group  
  Kuzy
- 7:00 pm Neo Catechumenal Way  
  Kuzy
- 7:00 pm CCD 3rd Grade, 1st & 2nd yr. Confirmation  
  Scanlan FL2

**First Tuesday**
- 6:30 pm Women’s Group  
  Kuzy
- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus  
  Kuzy, FL2

**Second Tuesday**
- 1:30 pm Mass at Veterans Home, Ivins  
  160N 200E

**Wednesday**
- 10:30 am Weekly Bible Study  
  Scanlan, FL3
- 1200 pm Bulletin Deadline (11 days prior to publication)
- 6:30 pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group  
  Kuzy, FL2
- 7:00 pm Classes Bíblicas  
  Scanlan, FL3
- 7:00 pm Holy Hour & Benediction

**Thursday**
- 9:00 am Way of the Cross of the Unborn  
  Kuzy
- 7:00 pm Youth Group  
  Kuzy, FL2

**Second Thursday**
- 1:30 pm Mass at Sterling Court, St. George  
  324N 1680E

**Friday**
- 7:00 pm Holy Hour, Spanish

**First Friday**
- 8:00 am Anointing of the Sick at Mass

**Last Friday**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration begins

**Saturday**
- 7:00 pm Neo Catechumenal Way  
  Kuzy, FL2

**First Saturday**
- 8:00 am Mass in Honor of Our Lady  
  1000 am Walk for Life  
  Bluff & 600S

**After last Friday**
- 6:00 am Eucharistic Adoration ends with Mass

**First Weekend**
- At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection

**Third Weekend**
- At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

**Sunday**
- 9:00 am CCD  
  Scanlan, FL2
- 11:00am CCD  
  Scanlan, FL2
- 500 pm Rosary

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**Coffee and donuts after the 9 and 11 am Masses**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 2/17**
- 5:00 pm ✝ Alfred Jankus by Barbara Kent
- ✝ Coach Ray Odette by Family
- ✝ Ken Odette by Family
- All military service personnel, living and deceased
- 7:00 pm (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Sunday 2/18**
- 9:00 am ✝ Sal Dano
- ✝ Ron Derouin by Family
- 11:00 am ✝ Deacon Mark Bourget by Family
- 1:00 pm (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Monday 2/19**
- 8:00 am ✝ Paul Bargeman
- ✝ Joe Mezzelo
- Cecilia Imrick

**Tuesday 2/20**
- 8:00 am ✝ Donald Rulli
- Timothy Thalhammer by Family

**Wednesday 2/21**
- 8:00 am Mary and John Durica

**Thursday 2/22**
- 8:00 am Jane and Don Hnath
- 7:00 pm (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Friday 2/23**
- 8:00 am Michelle & Family by Mother
- Helen Hnath
LOOKING AHEAD
Feb 19  Presidents’ Day—parish office closed
Feb 19  “Everyday God” Retreat
Feb 19  Penance Services 2:30 pm
Feb 20  “Lenten Tuesdays” begins
Mar 5   “Everyday God” Retreat
Mar 13  Penance Services 6:30 pm
Apr 1   Easter Sunday
Apr 9   Parish Blood Drive

ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS
Please visit our website for more announcements or email us at sgcc.bulletin@gmail.com for questions or submissions.

Weekly Collection Report
Collection (2/4)……………………………………$ 12,125
Capital Improvement Project (December)
Renovation and Improvement Fund ……….$185,585
Renovation Fund Collections …………….$ 16,604

Nominations for 2018 Parish Woman of the Year
Saint George Catholic Women’s Group will distribute nomination forms for our parish Woman of the Year after all Masses on February 17, 18, 24, and 25. Ballots and voting boxes will be available at the front and the foyer entrances to the church.
Please nominate a woman you know who gives generously of her time and talents for the benefit of our parish. Your candidate could be a woman who is no longer able to contribute, but should be honored for her many years of past service.
Women not eligible are those paid by the church. Ballots will be counted and selection made in early March and an announcement will be made at the Masses the weekend of March 24. The Woman of the Year will be honored at the annual convention of the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women on April 28. Last year the parish honored Trish Christensen as Woman of the Year.

Lenten Tuesdays
A Journey in Catholicism with Bishop Robert Barron
February 20 – 10:00 – 11:30 am
Scanlan, FL2
Week 1: Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man
Churches and Shrines of the Holy Land
Focus/Discussion: Catholic Conviction: Jesus is the Promised Messiah and revelation of God become man in Christ
Facilitators: Billie Richardson, Carole Drake
If you have any questions, or plan to attend, please call Billie at 801-971-5478.

Saint Therese Gift Shop
Come in for that special gift. Items for Lent, RCIA, Easter, First Communion and Confirmation are available. We have a variety of rosaries, Lenten books, Last Supper plaques, statues, children's books, veils, gloves, ties, crosses, crucifixes, holy cards and much more. If you need a special item, come in early to get it ordered.
Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10am - 2pm and after weekend Masses. Contact: Sharon 435-688-1948. The Gift Shop is located in the southwest corner of the Church. The Gift Shop will be CLOSED—Thursday, March 29 through Sunday, April 1.

Black and Indian Mission (U.S.) Collection
February 24-25
Recognizing a need to support missionary work among African American and Native American Catholics, the U.S. Catholic bishops established this Catholic Church charity for the Catholic Missions in 1884 to administer a national collection—the first of its kind in the United States. Thank you for your generosity next weekend.

40 Cans for 40 Days
Please drop off your donations of canned food in the box at the Church foyer or at the Parish Office.

Scripture Readings
Week of February 18

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De Colores
Our Southern Utah Cursillistas wish to extend an invitation to our Catholic brothers and sisters to share our friendship with and love for the Lord.

Faith grows when it’s lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy. We invite you to share your faith experience with us.

This is a joyful celebration of prayer and sharing of Piety (loving God), Study (knowing God), and Action (serving God).

All are welcome, so please join us!

Saturday, February 24 at 10 am
Scanlan FL2—Conference Room
Snacks will be served.

Any questions, please call Brenda at 435-632-8826.

2018 Diocesan Development Drive
The 2018 Diocesan Development Drive (DDD) kicked off the weekend of January 27-28. During that weekend and the weekend of February 3-4, we heard Father Martin and Father Dass share how the funds of DDD assisted them during their formation and studies. We are very blessed to have fine priests to serve the needs of our parish and mission communities.

I was in Salt Lake City recently for a Diocesan Stewardship Council meeting where the relationship between Stewardship and DDD was discussed. Bishop Oscar shared with the Council what was shared with you the weekend of February 3-4: Stewardship is about relationship—relationship with God and neighbor.

We are called to share our time and talents, together with the monetary gifts God so generously gives us. Key is to share these gifts with a generous heart. We offer to others, ungrudgingly, what God has already given us. The best manner we can give to those who need our help is with a spirit of sacrifice. Those instances find great favor with God who very often gives us even more in return.

Since kick-off, we have contributed $11,576 in both cash and pledges to the DDD. Let’s keep the momentum going with 100% participation from our 2,000 registered parish families.

“Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for reward.” - Prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola

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Tienda De Regalos Santa Teresita
Venga por ese regalo especial. Artículos para Cuasresma, RCIA, Pascua, Primera Comunión y Confirmación están disponibles. Tenemos una variedad de rosarios, libros de Cuasresma, placas de Última Cena, estatuas, libros para niños, velos, guantes, corbatas, cruces, crucifijos, tarjetas sagradas y mucho más. Si necesita un artículo especial, venga temprano para ordenarlo

Horario: martes a viernes de 10 am a 2 pm y después de las misas de fin de semana. Póngase en contacto con Sharon 435-688-1948. La Tienda de Regalos está ubicada en la esquina suroeste de la iglesia.

La tienda de regalos estará CERRADA desde el jueves 29 de marzo hasta el domingo 1 de abril.

Nominaciones para la Mujer del Año de la Parroquia 2018
El Grupo de Mujeres Católicas de Saint George distribuirá los formularios de nominación para nuestra Mujer del Año parroquial después de todas las Misas en febrero: 17 18, 24, 25. Las boletas y casillas de votación estarán disponibles en el frente y las entradas al vestíbulo de la iglesia.

Por favor, nomina a una mujer que conozcas que da generosamente su tiempo y talentos para el beneficio de nuestra parroquia. Tu candidato podría ser una mujer que ya no puede contribuir, pero que debe ser honrada por sus muchos años de servicio pasado.

Las mujeres no elegibles son aquellas pagadas por la iglesia. Las boletas se contarán y la selección se realizará a principios de marzo y se hará un anuncio en las Misas el fin de semana del 24 de marzo. La Mujer del Año será honrada en la convención anual del Consejo de Mujeres Católicas de la Diócesis de Salt Lake en abril 28. El año pasado la parroquia honró a Trish Christensen como Mujer del Año.

Colecta (EE. UU.)Para la Misión Negra e Indios
24-25 de febrero
Reconociendo la necesidad de apoyar el trabajo misionero entre los afroamericanos y los nativos americanos católicos, los obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos establecieron esta organización benéfica de la Iglesia Católica para las Misiones Católicas en 1884 para administrar una colecta nacional, la primera de este tipo en los Estados Unidos. Gracias por su anticipada generosidad del próximo fin de semana.