

February 14, 2016

Lent
First Sunday



**Jesus Led By The Spirit
Through The Desert**

“Filled with the Holy Spirit,” Jesus leaves the banks of the River Jordan and goes into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. The devil tempts Jesus in the same way he tempts us daily. The Spirit helps Jesus, as the Spirit helps us, overcome temptation. The temptation in all three instances, is to misuse his power. Jesus however overcomes the temptation by using his power for good in the service of the Kingdom of God.

Today’s Bulletin is sponsored
in memory of Geraldine & Edward Toth.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, February 17
8:00 a.m. Boyce John Michalec
Thursday, February 18
8:00 a.m. Robert Bohuslav
Friday, February 19
8:00 a.m. Raymond Berckenhoff, Angeline Jaeggli,
Sophie & Tom V. Tousek
Saturday, February 20
6:30 p.m. Lillie & Henry Dornak
Sunday, February 21
6:30 a.m. Edith Schacherl
9:30 a.m. Jewel & Cecil Castro

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Second Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Responsorial Psalm: 27
Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Remember the sick in your prayers, especially
Lalie Bartos, Irene Gold, Betty Martinez,
Brandon Smolik and Monica Valadez.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Geraldine & Edward Toth.

WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Bob Fisher, S.V.D. to St. Joseph’s.
Fr. Fisher is here in residence while Fr. Gabriel is away.

ORIENTATION

During the 40 days Jesus spends in the wilderness, he undergoes thorough temptation. As his body is craving food, he is tempted to create loaves of bread and escape the spiritual discipline of fasting. As his mind prepares for his public ministry, he is tempted to seize great power in a worldly way, instead of the simple life of preaching, teaching, service, and sacrifice ahead of him. Finally, his spirit is tempted to test God to ascertain if God will really be there for him, even through Calvary. Like us in every way but sin, Jesus’s temptations grew out of the fears he may have had about having to carry out his calling. Yet his trust in God was greater. What are your greatest fears? Take these in prayer to God as you entrust yourself to God’s care.

**SACRED HEART MEN’S A.C.T.S. RETREAT
MARCH 10-13**



You are invited to join us for an extraordinary weekend at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center. The retreat weekend is presented by lay Catholic men from parishes within the Hallettsville Deanery with Spiritual Direction provided throughout the weekend. The goals for the weekend are to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ, renew yourself spiritually, give new meaning to your prayer life and the Sunday Liturgy, and to build lasting friendships. For more information contact Kevin Bartos or Michael Janecek.
Registration forms are available at the entrance to church.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – No Gold Star Club Meeting (School Holiday)
– Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 7 p.m., Family Room
WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Knights of Columbus Meeting, KC Hall
THURS. – KC Bingo, KC Hall
FRI. – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
– Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., Church
– Fish Fry, serving begins at 5 p.m., Parish Hall
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

**Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner & Raffle
February 28, 2016**



Come out and support the ladies – they do so much for the Church. Raffle tickets available for a quilt and other prizes.

REFLECTION

Facing Our Demons This Lent

Each year, the Season of Lent affords us the opportunity to face our demons. These demons are not little horned creatures that wreck havoc in our lives. These demons are our bad habits, and wrong choices. They are the sins we have committed, in what we have done and in what we failed to do.

Facing these demons and dealing with them is the first step on the long road of conversion. Each year, the model set before us, to inspire and move us forward, is Jesus Christ. Jesus was tempted by the devil as to how he would use the power he wielded as the Son of God. Would it be for himself and his own satisfaction, or would he live for God? Despite the cost, Jesus faced down his tempter and chose to remain true to himself and to God. Jesus' choice stands in sharp contrast to the choice made by Adam and Eve. As a result of their poor choices, they found themselves alienated from God, from each other and at odds with the world that was to be their home. Although the temptation of Jesus is presented in today's Gospel passage as a one-time event, these same trails were a part of Jesus' daily life. The way he dealt with each struggle was an integral aspect of his ongoing faith response to God. In his manner of dealing with his temptations, Jesus remains a model of obedience to God and an inspiration for all of us as we face our own demons. Jesus' desert experience has taught us how to conduct ourselves when put to the test.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Feb. 14 – Agnes Jasek, Debbie Rother
Feb. 15 – Timothy Kleihege
Feb. 16 – Gladys Mikulencak
Feb. 18 – Carol Dvorak, Pat Kubicek, Jennifer Rothbauer
Feb. 19 – Quinton Raab
Feb. 20 – Marcus Jalufka, Lisa Rothbauer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 14 – Congratulations Mava & Marcus Jalufka
on your 35th Wedding Anniversary
Feb. 18 – Congratulations Niki & Chad Chaloupka
on your 10th Wedding Anniversary
Feb. 20 – Beatrice & Wayne Krejci



Congratulations
Bernadette & Richard Kresta
on your Golden Wedding Anniversary
February 19, 2016

LENTEEN BULLETIN BOARD

Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl



This fund helps bring drinking water, food, shelter and other essentials of life to people less fortunate than we are. During Lent go the extra mile to help others. Consider taking the money you save fasting from your excess in life and put it

in the Second Collection.

Weekly Rice Bowl envelopes are provided in your monthly envelope mailing. Be generous.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for an hour after Mass for adoration and personal prayer on Fridays of Lent and all-day on the First Friday of the month. This could be a good substitute if you cannot participate in the devotion of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Food Drive

Leave your canned goods for the needy at the main entrance to Church.

Lenten Fish Fry:

Next Friday's Menu

Fish, Hush Puppies, Oven Baked Potatoes, Corn, Dessert
\$8.00 per plate.

* Desserts needed. Contact Nancy Tomek.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – Youth Mass (7th Grade), First Communion Parents Meeting, C.C.D.

Feb. 15 – No After School Program (School Holiday)

Feb. 17 – After School Program (3rd – 6th Grade)
– 9th -11th Grade C.C.D

Next Sunday – C.C.D.

YMC Donations: In Memory of Bynah Stallings

Betty & Harry Maskey

Tom, Pat & Will Lawrence

Shady Oak Nursing & Rehabilitation

God's Embrace Ministry Upcoming Events

Directed by Dr. Michael Fonseca

Seminar Series 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.:

February 27 - Practicing the Presence of God

March 19 - The Mass

April 2 - Catholic Family Life

April 30 - Contemplative Prayer: The Cloud of Unknowing

Retreats:

February 13 - Jesus in His Public Life

March 11-13 - God's Plan of Salvation: Jesus in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection

For more information phone 979-561-8883 or email

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