

March 1, 2020

Lent
First Sunday



The Way of Life

Our Lent starts with stories that take us from the garden to the desert to join Jesus to be tempted by the devil. In Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. Jesus shows us that obedience to God is the only way for human beings to relate to God as Father. As St. Paul says, one man's obedience opened the way of life to all. God in his compassion gives us Jesus as a model for our faith journey to a new way of life this Lent.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, March 7

8:30 a.m. Vocations Mass

4:30 p.m. Hayden Garrett Hummel

Sunday, March 8

8:00 a.m. John Markowski

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

Next weekend is *The Second Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: 33

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Josephine Mikulik

and for the comfort of her loved ones.

May she rest in peace.



**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
for a Special Intention.**



Sanctuary Light Bookings Available

March 8 & 22 April 5 & 26



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There has been a growing interest in having the Living Stations of the Cross at Praha this Lent. The date has been tentatively set for April 5. The plan is to have the Last Supper and entering of Jerusalem followed by the 14 Stations. A lot of volunteers will be needed to make this happen. Everyone is invited to participate - parishioners and non-parishioners alike. We will need 16 captains, one for each scene. If you desire to be a lead captain please let Lori Janecka know as soon as possible - you will be responsible for getting people, props, etc. for your scene. A meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks to discuss the plans for putting it all together. Please contact Lori Janecka 361-772-4307 or lorijanecka@gmail.com for more information and to sign up to part of this very beautiful and powerful evening for St. Mary's, Praha and the surrounding community.

Update on Altar Society Members

The Altar Society continues to welcome new members. We welcome Theresa Tousek, Mary Jasek, Virginia & Dennis Olsovsky and Amy Koncaba to the Altar Society. It's not too late for you to join. Dues are \$5.00 and you may place yours in the basket. Please include your name, address, email address and birthdate.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY - TODAY

ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



Come out and join us today, March 1 for pancakes scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, juice, coffee and milk. It brings our community together for fellowship. All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated

DIOCESAN EVENT – MARCH 21

Get In The Game! Men's Gathering with Bishop Cahill and Damon West. Saturday, March 21, 8 a.m. – noon, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria. Tickets \$10 each, includes breakfast. To Register: Text name & email to 321-217-1117 or email name & number to jreyes@victoriadiocese.org or go to www.victoriadiocese.org/get-in-the-game.

Walk ins welcome.

St. Rose Spring Festival – March 1, Schulenburg KC Hall. Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Live Auction, Cake Walk, Music, Sweepstakes and more. Proceeds benefit St. Rose of Lima Church & School.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Michael Fishbeck.

REFLECTION

Jesus, Way To Life

The story of Jesus' temptation immediately follows the story of the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. Hunger is the occasion of the devil's first assault because Jesus has fasted for forty days and forty nights. Those days remind us of the forty years the people of God spent on their way to the Promised Land. The desert is a place of trials as well as of revelations: angels are near Jesus and serve him. Solitude places us humans in the presence of God and ourselves without any possible escape. It forces us to make radical choices. The choice of *yes* or *no* to God cannot be made without a struggle against ourselves and the solicitations of the devil. The devil departs and peace returns to us when we say *yes* to God's call. Lent is a time to withdraw into solitude in order to discern God's call. That is how Jesus did it. Let us follow his way to Life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



March 1 – Patricia Masek
– Michael Hill
March 5 – Jason Bartos
March 7 – Lexie Noska

ORIENTATION

THE SUNDAY LECTIONARY - OVERVIEW

The First Sunday of Lent each year focuses on Jesus' fast and temptation in the desert. It immediately places before our eyes Christ's victory over Satan, whose dominion of humans he destroys, calling all of us to fight, with him, in a similar combat against the enemy of humanity.

The Second Sunday's focus is on the Transfiguration of the Lord. It imparts a certain character to Lent by offering for our contemplation Christ raised up into glory after suffering his passion.

The Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays are the frameworks of the preparation for Easter.

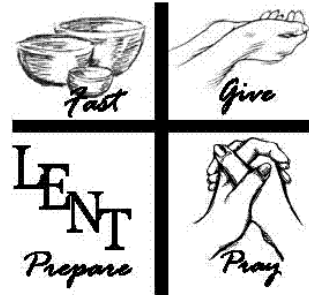
- The Third Sunday: The Samaritan Woman.
- The Fourth Sunday: The cure of the man born blind.
- The Fifth Sunday: The raising of Lazarus.

We have here three baptismal teachings on Water and Spirit, The Light of faith, Death and Life.

These Readings are directed primarily to Catechumens and also rousing the baptismal faith of those around them. For the whole Christian community as well as those to be baptized (the Catechumens), Lent is a baptismal journal.

The Scriptures read during Lent proclaim the sorts of fasting and Lent that are pleasing to God and make us holy because they are inspired by the love of God and neighbor.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD



Prayer establishes a relationship with God in love.

Almsgiving (charity) establishes a relationship with others in compassion

Fasting establishes a relationship with my own self in humility.

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

Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent, 6 p.m.

The journey of the Stations of the Cross is a time-honored tradition in the Church. The Lenten Season affords us all a great grace moment to participate in the sufferings of Christ for our salvation. Make an effort to join the Parish Family at 6:00 p.m. in Church.

Lenten Food Drive

We are once again collecting canned goods for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. You may leave your canned goods at the back of Church.

Abstinence From Meat on Fridays of Lent

The age-old custom of eating fish on the Fridays of Lent goes back to the earliest Christians. It fulfills the norm concerning abstinence from meat on Fridays of Lent. This honors Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for the salvation of the world.



LENTEN FISH FRY

St. Joseph's Church, Moulton

Fridays of Lent

5:00-7:00 p.m., \$10.00 Per Plate
Fish, Hush Puppies, Sides & Dessert

Dine in the Social Center Or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go

*All proceeds go to charities.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



March 1 – Darlene & Bob Stryk

Daylight Savings Times Begins Next Sunday.