

First Sunday of Lent ***February 14, 2016***

The Story and You: First Sunday of Lent

It's Lent again, thank God. In a culture of excess and prosperity, I don't have the discipline to impose a fast of any kind any other time of year. And the thing is, I want Easter to really mean something. During these cold days I find myself longing for sun, and flowers, and the crocus pulling up. But here in bleak mid-winter it's good to remember that the seeds of Easter are planted firmly in Lent, and so, once again, I turn my face towards Jerusalem, and the cross. The other problem is that I'm not really clear about what temptation is any more. (And I know that itself is the port of entry for its endlessly entertaining disguises.) But this I know: every time I hear Satan telling Jesus that all the kingdoms of the world—think about that for a moment—have been given to him, I get a chill. And my fuzzy vision clears up right away. Why? Because I know that the gap between who I am, and who I desire to be, closes a little bit every time I deny the Author of Lies any power, any glory. How dare he tell the Author of Love that the kingdoms of the world are his, to be won over by the deadly sins of hate, and envy, and greed, and violence. Not the kingdom of my heart. Not the kingdom of my life. The Word of God is very near to you, in your mouth and in your heart. You have only to carry it out. I may not be able to define temptation, but I know it when I see it. And I stand with Jesus.

In what ways will you challenge the Author of Lies this Lent?

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La Historia y Usted: Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

De nuevo estamos en la cuaresma, gracias a Dios. En una cultura de excesos y prosperidad, yo no tengo la disciplina de imponerme un ayuno de cualquier tipo en cualquier otra parte del año. Y de verdad, quiero que la Pascua realmente signifique algo. Durante estos días fríos me doy cuenta de cuanto añoro el sol, y las flores, y el brotar de los azafranes. Pero aquí en la oscura mitad del invierno es bueno recordar que las semillas de la Pascua están firmemente plantadas en la Cuaresma, y así que, una vez más, volteo mi rostro hacia Jerusalén y la Cruz.

El otro problema es que ya no tengo muy claro que es la tentación. (Y sé que la misma tentación es el puerto de entrada para sus tantos entretenidos disfraces.) Pero esto si se: cada vez que oigo a Satanás diciéndole a Jesús que todos los reinos del mundo- piensa en eso por un momento- se le han dado a él, me da un escalofrío. Y mi visión borrosa se aclara inmediatamente. ¿Por qué? Porque sé que el espacio entre lo que soy y lo que quiero ser, se cierra un poquito más cada vez que le niego al Autor de todas las Mentiras cualquier poder o gloria. ¿Cómo se atreve a decirle al Autor del Amor que todos los reinos del mundo son suyos, para ganárselos por medio de los pecados mortales que son el odio, la envidia, la avaricia y la violencia? No el reino de mi corazón. No el reino de mi vida. La Palabra de Dios está muy cerca de ti, en tu boca y en tu corazón. Solo tienes que llevarla a cabo. Quizá no pueda definir la tentación, pero la reconozco en cuanto la veo. Y me quedo junto a Jesús.

¿De qué maneras retaras al Autor de Las Mentiras esta cuaresma?

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Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish--

Tony Romero, Audrey Magee, Christine Trujillo, Lucy Ortega, Conception Ayala, LaSelle Pino, Frank Romero, Fernando Olivas, Olivia Scott, Guadalupe Sanches, Clarita Rubio, Veronica Aragon, Mary Maes, Tillie Estrada, Alicia Aguilar, Dana Tracy

Robert Cordova is the Knights of Columbus Membership Director for St Rose of Lima. Contact Robert for info on becoming a Knight.

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Community Ministry Food Bank—would like us to collect **Peanut Butter & Jelly** for the month of **February**. Please leave your donations in the church vestibule.

Around the Parish and the Community

FAITH FORMATION

FIRST EUCHARIST

There will be a Parent Meeting for parents of all students preparing for 1st Communion on Tuesday, February 23, at 7:00pm. **This includes parents of all unbaptized students who are currently enrolled in classes and participating in the RCIA for Children, as well as Confirmation students who have not yet received their First Communion.** The session for English will be in the church, and the Spanish session will be in the Community Room in the church basement. Students are NOT required to attend. This meeting is informational for parents and guardians. Please make plans to attend this important meeting. Materials will be handed out at that time.

Following this meeting, we will have our First Communion Learning Center Prayer Day. The Prayer Day will be on Saturday, February 27, from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the Community Room. This Prayer Day is for First Communion students and their families in Grades 2 thru 5 ONLY!, whether baptized or unbaptized.

Students who are in Grade 6 and higher will have their Learning Center Prayer Day on March 12. Please contact Laurie at the parish office if you have any questions.

RCIA

Please pray for the following adults who were received on Saturday, February 13 into the Rite of Election by Archbishop Aquila:

Heather Dechert

Isaiah Garcia

Andres Lopez

Gisel Lopez

Lucero Salas

Alejandra Tarin

We also have a number of young people who will also be baptized, confirmed and receive First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as well:

Mia Balderrama

Melodee Candelas

Ulises Cazares

Andres Garcia

Matthew Gordon

Christian Lopez

Evelyn Lopez

Noah Martinez

Paul Martinez

Adella Reyes

Orlando Reyes

Salomon Reyes

Ashley Salas

Sergio Valle

BUTTER BRAIDS

Lent is almost here, so it's time to start thinking about Butter Braids! This year, our proceeds will be going toward an improved sound system in the church! We will be selling after all the Masses on the weekends of February 27, March 5 and March 12. Delivery is on Palm Sunday weekend.

WORD ON FIRE – CATHOLICISM SERIES

Our next session in the *Catholicism* series, is this Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm.

SOUP SUPPERS

Once again we will be offering presentation of the Stations of the Cross with Soup Suppers on FRIDAYS of Lent, beginning at **6:00PM**. This year, we will be including Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction to the stations for those who wish to stay and pray. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, Feb 19 – Holy Name/Altar & Rosary

Friday, Feb 26 – Knights of Columbus

Friday, Mar 04 – **Penance Service with Adoration**

Friday, Mar 11 – Spanish Ministry

Friday, Mar 18 – Staff/RCIA

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Readings for the week of February 14, 2016

Sunday Dt 26: 4-10//Rom 10: 8-13//Lk 4: 1-13

Monday Lv 19: 1-2//Mt 25: 31-46

Tuesday Is 55: 10-11// Mt 6: 7-15

Wednesday Jon 3: 1-10//Lk 11: 29-32

Thursday Est C: 14-16, 23-25//Mt 7: 7-12

Friday Ez 18: 21-28//Mt 5: 20-26

Saturday Dt 26: 16-19//Mt 5: 43-48

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The Year of Mercy—Pope Francis would like to encourage all Catholics to assist in bringing a brighter awareness of the Acts of Mercy, corporal and spiritual, in the year of mercy. So here is a list of those Acts or Works of Mercy:

Corporal Works of Mercy

- 1) Feed the Hungry
- 2) Give drink to the Thirsty
- 3) Clothe the Naked

4) Shelter the Homeless

5) Visit the Sick

6) Visit the Imprisoned

7) Bury the Dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

1) Instruct the Ignorant

2) Counsel the Doubtful

3) Admonish Sinners

4) Bear Wrongs patiently

5) Forgive Offences willingly

6) Comfort the Afflicted

7) Pray for the Living and the Dead

Doubt can not only paralyze; it can prevent the right decision from happening. Counseling to doing the right is a call for all of us.

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Help with TAXES—if you make less than \$53,000 and have children at home, there is FREE tax help. Emily Griffith Technical College, 1205 Osage Street, February 3 to April 14, on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30pm to 8:30pm (*closed March 21 to April 1 for spring break*).

The Andrade Family, relatives of Andy and Gina Lobato, are the ones whose house caught fire in southwest Denver—you might remember the horrific scene of the fire on TV. They are in need of furniture-diapers-bed linens-household goods-department store gift cards-toddler clothing. You can drop these items at two locations. Heritage Christian Center (14401 E Exposition, Aurora) until February 15 OR Governor’s Ranch Elementary School (5354 S Field) until March 1. You can also contact any Bank of the West branch to donate to the Andrade Family fund.

