

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PULPIT

AT REGULAR TIME AFTER COMMUNION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

21 February 2021

LENT began last Wednesday, February 17th. Please check the bulletin and/or the website for the rules on Fast and Abstinence as well as the times for Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent in English, French and Spanish.

The 2021 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has also begun! Especially during this season of Lent Jesus calls us to conversion because he knows how weak we are and that we need constant encouragement to begin again. There are three common ways by which we express our conversion in relation to ourselves, God, and others, namely:

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

We recognize in the vulnerable and in the needy, the image of the suffering Christ who reaches out to us and calls us to help each other. For many of us the hardship from COVID continues. Many are still suffering and that through it all, we remain united as a family, united in Christ.

It is in the spirit of conversion, charity and love of neighbor, that this parish of Notre Dame appeals to you once again for your generosity in contributing to the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.*

Some of you have received a letter from the Cardinal explaining this appeal. Today's bulletin contains a flyer that explains the appeal to those who did not receive the letter.

The total goal of the Archdiocese for this year is \$20 million. Our parish goal is \$29,500. Each family or individual, will be given the opportunity to make a one-time gift or commit to a monthly pledge. You can make your donation online at www.cardinalsappeal.org or by putting it in the collection basket or dropping it off in the rectory. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

Please remember the COVID-19 guidelines when in the Church. Masks and social distancing are the most important.

Please take home a copy of the bulletin or see our Website version for information on the other activities.