

**Monday**

FEBRUARY 23

*Lenten**Weekday*

Lv 19:1–2, 11–18

Mt 25:31–46

**Tuesday**

FEBRUARY 24

*Lenten**Weekday*

Is 55:10–11

Mt 6:7–15

**Wednesday**

FEBRUARY 25

*Lenten**Weekday*

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 11:29–32

**Thursday**

FEBRUARY 26

*Lenten**Weekday*

Est C:12, 14–16,

23–25

Mt 7:7–12

**Friday**

FEBRUARY 27

*Lenten**Weekday*

Ez 18:21–28

Mt 5:20–26

**Saturday**

FEBRUARY 28

*Lenten Weekday*

Dt 26:16–19

Mt 5:43–48

**Sunday**

MARCH 1

*Second Sunday**of Lent*

Gn 22:1–2, 9a,

10–13, 15–18

Rom 8:31b–34

Mk 9:2–10

# Lent

February 22, 2015 ♦ First Sunday of Lent

## Today's Readings

Gn 9:8–15

1 Pt 3:18–22

Mk 1:12–15

When our youngest daughter was three, we traveled to Hawaii to see her grandparents. It wasn't her first trip, but it was the first she would remember.

One day her grandfather took us to the pineapple fields. We got out of the car and started into the field. Suddenly, she stopped to stare at the sky. She was looking at the largest and most vibrant rainbow I had ever seen, its end planted firmly in the very field in which we stood.

"What is *that*?" she asked in a hushed voice. "It's a rainbow," I said. She'd seen pictures of them, and we had drawn them with crayons, but nothing prepared her for the grandeur of this one, which arced up and away into the clouds. Everything else paled in comparison.

I can understand why the writer of the Noah story looks at the rainbow as a sign of both God's gracious covenant and peace. The sheer beauty of the reality reflects the glory of the Lord of Creation.

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But today, on this first Sunday of Lent, our real attention goes to the beauty of the new covenant unfolding with the preaching of Jesus. The call to repent is the call to change our lives in response to the love of God, whose kingdom is one of peace and joy.

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When we understand that with all our hearts, we too will stare with awe and ask, "What is *that*?"

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# *First Sunday Of Lent*



*February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015*

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**The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.  
to 9:30 a.m.  
**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**  
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

*Mass Schedule for this Week*  
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule  
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family  
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions  
Sat 4:00 pm +Betty Moran  
Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 am +Betty Moran  
Tues 8:00 am +Betty Moran  
Wed 6:00 pm +Betty Moran  
Thu 9:00am +Betty Moran  
Fri 8:00 am +Betty Moran

**From Father Khoa's Desk...**

***Dear Parishioners and Friends,***

In the liturgy of Ash Wednesday the Church reminds us of our origin and destiny in God with the simple prayer: "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." Throughout the season of Lent we are challenged to recognize that this place we call "earth" is not our lasting home. We are all pilgrims on a journey to everlasting life with God.

In the Gospel for this 1st Sunday of Lent Jesus says, "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel." A similar message is given elsewhere in the teaching of Jesus: "Take up your cross daily and follow in my footsteps." The point that is being emphasized in the season of Lent is that **we have a choice to make** as we experience all changes. We should not just sit back, let the burdens of life be heaped upon us, and then complain how miserable our lives have become. We can indeed choose to live in the way Jesus showed us. We can embrace the cross, knowing that it leads to eternal life.

This new life in Christ Jesus (which our Catholic tradition calls **grace**) was begun in us when we were baptized and became children of God. The season of Lent is filled with symbols and images of our baptism. The very forty days remind us of the time that Jesus spent in the desert before his baptism in the Jordan and the beginning of his public life and ministry. These forty days are very significant for the candidates and catechumens who will enter the Church through the Easter sacraments at the end of their spiritual journey to Christ. And we who have already been baptized are offered many ways by the Church to deal with change and spiritual growth. We call these "penitential practices" and they can be organized under the traditional ones mentioned in the Gospel: **prayer, almsgiving, and fasting**. Perhaps the most obvious value of these practices is that they make us

uncomfortable, less content with where we are in life, and hopefully more aware that our destiny is to be with God forever in heaven. However, we must be aware that, just like with Jesus in the desert, we too will experience many temptations as we enter on our Lenten journey. We can expect to lose our perspective at times, become irritable and impatient with others, and become discouraged along the way. Like with all of the experiences of life, we will be tempted to see ourselves as victims rather than as active participants in the building up of God's Kingdom in the world. The ashes should remind us that we have to die to self in order to learn to live for God and with God.

**May God pour out His blessings upon you!**

*...Fr. Khoa*

**Parish Council:** meet **this Saturday** February 21, 2015 after 4pm mass from 5-6pm.

**This weekend is the special Diocesan Collection for the Black and Indian Missions.**

**Lenten Fish Fry:** Please join us each Friday evening during Lent for the Fish Fry Buffet from 4-7pm. The profit will be shared among the ministries. Thank you very much for your support and generosity.

**Friday Stations of the Cross:** Please join us each Friday evening during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. The Stations begin at 6:00p.m. at St Ann.

**The Catholic Sharing Appeal Campaign:** kicks off this weekend. Let us begin support the **Catholic Sharing Appeal**. Our parish goal is \$14,648 for St. Ann and \$1,595 for Our Lady of Chartres. Pledge cards and envelopes will be mailed directly to all Parishioners from the Biloxi Diocese. *Please make all checks payable to **Catholic Sharing Appeal** and mail contributions directly to the Diocese in the envelope provided. Our generosity will be blessed by our Lord.*

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Feb 21 4:00pm	Lisa Cuevas	Doris Snowden, Mike Mays, Diane Mays	Boots Moran Katie Ladner	Doug Ladner Kermit	Mary Ladner
Feb 22 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Feb 22 9am	Beverly Saucier	Valeria Ladner, Marlow Ladner, Robin Peterson	Lilly Conner	Robert Jimmy	Pat & Robin Peterson Family
Sat Feb 28 4:00pm	Paul McGill	Mike West, Richard Dunlap, Henrietta Ladner	Boots Moran Katelyn Casey	Doug Ladner August	Ira Necaize
Mar 01 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun March 01 9am	Sharon Leimer	Dale Babin , Carolyn Brewer, Kim Wood	Keegan Rylie Rines	Robert Pat Leimer	Lester Palmer Family

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\* 61** Identifiable:  
**\$1,062.00;** Loose: **\$1,020.00;** Total: **\$2,082.00;**  
 Children: **\$11.00** Building Fund: **\$198.10**

**OUR LADY OF CHARTRES**

**STEWARDSHIP:** Identifiable: **\$80.00;** Loose:  
**\$155.00** Total: **\$223.00.**

**\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**ST. ANN ACTIVITIES**

**Altar Society:** Meet on second Sundays. Please  
 contact **Lennell King.**

**Project Hope and Compassion:** For more  
 information, please contact the office.

**Bible Study:** We will study *the Book of Exodus*  
 beginning on March 11, 2015. Classes are on  
**Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, and on Thursday from**  
**9-10:30am at CCD Building.** For more  
 information, please contact **Ruth Schonewitz and**  
**Henrietta Ladner.**

**CYO:** meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm.  
 You can visit St Ann CYO contact **Katelyn**  
**Moran** and **Danielle Ladner** or on the website  
**www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo.**

**MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:** You can have  
 Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living  
 family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are  
 available at the office.

**RCIA:** RCIA classes are on Wednesdays 6:30pm  
 from September to May at Parish Chapel. Please  
 contact Tim Brogdon at 344-5449. Thank you.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please keep the  
 parish office informed so we may minister to those  
 who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing  
 facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist  
 contact the parish office, 832-2560.

**PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:**

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Betty Pierce,  
 Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Betty Moran, Darlene  
 Billingsley, Janet Thompson, Victoria Moran,  
 Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford,  
 Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia Perronne, and Pat Leimer.

**GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN OBSERVANCE:**

***Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.***

*Abstinence binds all persons who have  
 completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by  
 poor health. On days of abstinence during Lent, the  
 consumption of meat of mammals or fowl is not  
 allowed. The Church strongly encourages the  
 observance of Friday abstinence throughout the  
 year, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful.  
 Lent is a penitential season and as such religious  
 practice such as daily Mass, reception of the  
 Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations  
 of the Cross, recite the Rosary, works of charity and  
 justice, and acts of self-denial are highly  
 encouraged.*