

Calendar

Monday

March 6

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1–2, 11–18

Mt 25:31–46

Tuesday

March 7

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10–11

Mt 6:7–15

Wednesday

March 8

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 11:29–32

Thursday

March 9

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14–16, 23–25

Mt 7:7–12

Friday

March 10

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21–28

Mt 5:20–26

Saturday

March 11

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16–19

Mt 5:43–48

Sunday

March 12

Second Sunday
of Lent

Gn 12:1–4a

2 Tm 1:8b–10

Mt 17:1–9

Dear Padre,

Why is it OK to eat fish during Lent? What if I'm a vegetarian?

The other day I was grocery shopping. I bought chicken on sale for \$1 per pound and salmon for \$8.99 per pound. If penance were about being economical, I would be eating chicken. If penance were the same as living simply, I might give up both proteins for an egg or bean alternative. (If you asked my fellow priests, they might say all food is penance when I cook.)

The *Catechism* teaches, “The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others” (CCC 1434). Notice the last word: others. Fasting and abstaining from meat during Lent are shared sacrifices and part of our Catholic identity and duty (Canons 1249–53). The pope in Rome, your grandmother in Milwaukee, Catholics in India, and our fellow Christians (if and when they participate) are all united by this common penance. You express that unity by eating fish on Fridays.

If you are a vegetarian or vegan, I encourage you to do something additional during the Fridays of Lent to reflect the spirit of discipline and self-denial. However you observe Lent, remember: All Catholics are united to each other and to God in our prayer, penance, and worship.

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A Word From Pope Francis

“With its invitation to conversion, Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to rouse us from torpor, from the risk of moving forward by inertia.”

—Homily, Basilica of Santa Sabina, March 5, 2014



1st Sunday Of Lent

March 05, 2017



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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 pm Our Parish Family
9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am +Joseph Pham
Tues 8:00 am Spec Int
Wed 6:00 pm Benefactors
Thu 8:00 am +Fr Pete
Fri 8:00 am +Maria

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Scripture for the 1st Sunday of Lent highlight the reality that all of us face in life, a situation that has been with us since the sin of Adam and Eve: **temptation**. While we all undergo trials and tribulations in our daily lives, the Scriptures speak to us today of the most fundamental of all temptations. As the Book of Genesis reminds us in the first reading, we are all creatures brought into existence by an all loving God. However, we frequently grow weary of our earthbound creature hood and all the limitations that go along with being human. We long to "be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." We struggle with this reality and we would like to be free to decide for ourselves. We desperately want to be in control of our own destiny and in charge of those things that affect our lives. We tend to set ourselves up as the judge of all that is considered right and wrong. We deeply desire to be able to rely on our own personal strengths, abilities, and creativity. We give in to the temptation to be the sole master of our lives and, in effect, we gradually reject God and God's reign over us.

The Gospel reading today shows us humanity at its very best in the person of Jesus Christ. He, as our brother and also our Savior, was tempted just as we are. He was led into the desert, that harsh and lifeless place where Israel was tempted many centuries before. Jesus had the option to choose between the bread of his own comfort or the stone will of his Father; between seeking his own glory or remaining faithful to his call to serve humbly the needs of his brothers and sisters; between embracing the wealth and power of an earthly ruler or placing his security in the hands of God

alone. Jesus chooses to be human and surrender to the will of his Father and thus offer his life as a ransom of humanity. As disciples of Jesus, we are presented with the same basic options in our lives. We can choose to seek our own self-interest, prestige, and personal glory. When we choose this path, we tend to expend the greater part of our energies to gain material possessions, to achieve our personal ambitions, and to provide for our own comfort and pleasure. These are not necessarily bad in themselves but sin and temptation are ever so subtle! What seems as such a noble goal in life becomes an obsession that causes us to close ourselves off from God and from our brothers and sisters. **Lent is that holy season** that invites us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to choose once again to allow God to be the Lord of our lives. Lent urges us to embrace our creature hood and to recognize our total dependence on God. Let us pray for each other as **we return to our origins in God** and open our hearts to the gift of God's grace.

May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

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

Lenten Fish Fry Buffet every Friday beginning March 3-April 7 from 4:00-7:30 PM. Anyone that would like to donate a dessert (cakes, cookies, pies, puddings...) please call Lenell King 228-861-0997. Thank you

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.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Mar 04 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta , Mike Mays , Diane Mays	Austin S.	Mike August	Carolyn Lizana
Sun Mar 05 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Mar 05 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Sharon Leimer , Lester Palmer , Will Burke	Carson Keegan	Robert David Bass	Jason & Lisa Necaise Family
Sat Mar 11 5pm	Mike West	Kay Van Pelt , Richard Dunlap , Doris Snowden	Austin S.	Doug Kermit	The Van Pelts
Sun Mar 12 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Mar 12 9am	Sharon Leimer	Kim Wood , Carolyn Brewer , James Quintini	Carson Keegan	Lester Pat	David Crabtree Family

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

65Identifiable: **\$1,267.00**; Loose: **\$927.00**;
Total: **\$2,255.00**; Children: **\$21.00**; Ash
Wednesday: **\$284.00**; Europe & Africa:
\$284.00.

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Identifiable: **\$240.00**; Loose: **\$64.00**; Total:
\$304.00.

Amount needed weekly **\$2,908.84.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

The Word Among Us Reflections for Lent is
available at the Church entrance.

Confirmation: will be next **Saturday March
11, 2017 at 5:30pm.**

Bereavement Committee: Please contact
Sharon Leimer at 539-9928. Lasagna, green
salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the
funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

Catfish Festival: We need three volunteers to
help out the Burger booth, the \$1 ticket booth,
and Silent Auction. Please contact Gina
Leverett for more information. Thank you.

Church Cleaning: Kim Wood will clean the
church on March 17 and 24. Thank you.

Bible Study: We study **the Psalms**. Please
join us. Classes are on **Wed at 6:00pm and
on Tues at 9am**. For more information, please
contact **Ruth and Henrietta**.

Knights of Columbus: Meet this Sunday.

For more info, please contact Thomas Moran
228-234-2572.

Lenten Fridays Abstinence from Meat

Abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory in the
United States as elsewhere, and it is sinful for
Catholics who have reached their 14th year not to
observe this discipline without a serious reason
(physical labor, pregnancy, nursing mothers,
sickness, age related infirmities etc.).

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack
Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley,
Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford,
Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry
Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas,
Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruff,
Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna
Ladner, Curtis (Cubby) Ladner, Gerald
Barrilleaux, Albert Necaise, Margaret Northrop,
Betty Howard, Andrew, and Taylor Boyd.

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE
FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.**