

# Dear Padre,

**My fourteen-year-old daughter is very thin. She says giving up food during Lent is proof that she honors God. How can I convince her God doesn't want her to starve herself? Is there anything else she can do for Lent?**

**A**ccording to the *Code of Canon Law*, at age fourteen your daughter isn't required to fast (eating only one full meal a day, no snacks); the Church requires this only of people age eighteen through fifty-nine because people outside those age groups need more than one full meal a day to maintain good health (1252).

She is, however, old enough to abstain from meat, as required of Catholics age fourteen and older. But she should replace that meat with another source of protein like cheese or fish.

Please tell your daughter that the Lenten fast is about preparing our hearts to celebrate the joy of Easter. Fasting and abstinence are not about starving or losing weight. They're about making room for God and deepening our relationship with Christ.

And the word *abstain* isn't limited to matters involving food. Your daughter can abstain from watching television, using her mobile phone except in emergencies, or using

the computer for anything other than schoolwork. Prayer and almsgiving (donating money or time to charity) also are part of our Lenten practice. Anyone can safely do these things to achieve the same result: growing closer to God in preparation for Easter.

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Fasting makes us share the situation of many people who face the torment of hunger and makes us more attentive to others; almsgiving is a blessed opportunity to collaborate with God's providence for the benefit of his children. And I invite you to make almsgiving a way of life and to persevere in concrete help to those in need.*

ADDRESS TO PRO PETRI SEDE ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 16, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday

MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday

MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday

MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16,  
23-25

Mt 7:7-12

### Friday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday

MARCH 13

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17-4:1 or  
3:20-4:1

Lk 9:28b-36

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**FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> 2022**



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*Then the LORD brought us out  
of Egypt with a strong hand and  
outstretched arm, with terrifying  
power, with signs and wonders.*

DEUTERONOMY 26:8

**St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions**

Sat. March 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm Glen Parker †

Sun. March 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00am of Parish

Sun. March 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Glen Parker †

**Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule**

Sun. March 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30am Glen Parker †

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**

**Before Mass and by  
Appointment**

Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Glen Parker †

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Glen Parker †

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Glen Parker †

Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Glen Parker †

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm Glen Parker †

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Int of the Parish

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Glen Parker †

## From Father David's Desk...

### It's All Gift

There is one word that could almost be erased from our religious vocabulary. That word is earn. So many of us take on a Lenten program of penance to earn God's forgiveness. Or we engage in prayer to earn indulgences that will lessen our time in purgatory. Somewhere along the line we missed the class in which the primacy of God's free gift of grace was taught. Consequently, we still might use language that emphasizes our own hard-won merit apart from God rather than freely given love as the basis of all that follows. Today's first reading refutes such thinking.

The passage from Deuteronomy contains an important creedal statement, describing the heart of ancient Israel's faith. The people were instructed by Moses to commemorate the event of their founding as the special people of God. The creedal statement was probably recited during that commemoration. The statement itself describes how God called their ancestor; from that ancestor called forth a great people, delivered those people out of slavery, and then settled them in a land that became their own. Every event was God's work. The people did nothing to deserve it. It was all gift. Why did God choose these people, make them great, free them, settle them, and provide them with abundant harvests? Because they were good? No! Because God is good. They earned nothing, deserved nothing. It was all gift.

Why is it so difficult for us to realize that we really do not give gifts to God? It's just the opposite. When it comes to God's grace, it's all gift.

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* Spend a moment thinking about all the free gifts God has given you.
- \* Let your Lenten practice be graciousness to others.

*With Prayers, Fr. David*

#### **ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable (36)**

\$2358.00, Loose: \$470.00, Children \$21.00

#### **Total: \$2849.00**

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#### **OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable -**

\$55.00, Loose: \$132.00 - **Total: \$187.00**

#### **6:00PM MASS Cancellation:**

The 6:00pm Mass will be cancelled starting April 9<sup>th</sup>. Should you have any questions please contact Fr. David

#### **SCHOOL Subsidy:**

Available for Catholic school students who are registered and belong to this parish. Bring the form from the respective school to Fr. David. He will sign it if the requirements are met. Thanks

#### **Lenten Adoration Schedule:**

**Adoration for First Fridays** during Lent will be from 8:30am to noon in the Adoration Chapel. **Adoration for all other days** during the Lenten season, Monday thru Friday except for First Fridays, will remain 8:30am to 9:30am in the Chapel.

#### **STATIONS of the Cross:**

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during the Lenten season beginning at 6:00pm in the Church.

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
Saturday - March 5 <sup>th</sup> 4:00pm	Al Eisland		August Schonewitz
Sunday - March 6 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sunday - March 6 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	CCD Children	Blane, Cameron, Harmon	William Burke
Sunday - March 6 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm	Kathleen Cuevas		John Moran
Saturday - March 12 <sup>th</sup> 4:00pm	Mike West		August Schonewitz
Sunday - March 13 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sunday - March 13 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	Lacy Marchand	Paige, Eliza, Harmon	William Burke
Sunday - March 13 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm	Kathleen Cuevas		John Moran

### **SECOND Collection:**

There will be a second collection after each Mass March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> for the Black and Indian Missions.

### **LENTEN Catfish Dinners:**

Catfish dinners will be served every Friday during the Lenten Season. Dinner will be served from 4pm to 7pm in the parish hall

### **ST. ANN'S Lenten Retreat:**

In preparation for Easter, St. Ann's parish will be hosting a Lenten Retreat April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11am to 5pm. A penance service and Mass will be held after lunch. **Guest Speaker:** Fr. Michael O'Conner

**Retreat Sign-up Sheet** is in the back of church. Please add your name should you wish to attend.

### **TIME CHANGE Sunday March 13th:**

We will be moving the clocks forward (1) hour on March 13<sup>th</sup>. In keeping with this new time, the Saturday vigil mass beginning March 20<sup>th</sup> will move from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

### **SYMPATHY:**

Please extend your sympathy to the families of Peggy Pittman, Marx Ladnier and Bill Peterson upon their passing this week. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

### **HERALDS OF GOOD NEWS** – Mary Queen of Apostle Province.

As we reflect on these 40 days of Lenten, we find it's not only a time for sacrifice but also a time for giving back. During this time, Fr. David has the opportunity, with your help, to give back to the society that has given so much to him. The Heralds of Good News is a Missionary Society of Apostolic life within the Diocese of Eluru, India. During these 40 days we have the opportunity to help his order in Fr. David's name. Any donation you can make will be a Blessing to his order and his Ministry. Make checks payable to St. Ann's Catholic Church. Envelopes are in each pew and in the back of the church. *Thank you*

### **PRAYER Requests:**

Those who are ill: Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame, Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Duke) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, Joseph & Megan Colbi-Capitano, Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Loretta Ladner, Matt Dubission, Cindy Ladner, Amanda Mayberry, Robin Cuevas, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo, Glinda & Jerry Gartman, Jill Ladner, Brenda Hoda and Louise Slade.