

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 2022

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.
— Romans 10:8

IN THE DESERT

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, and then the devil tested him. Moses and the Israelites had been in the desert for forty years before being led to the land of milk and honey. There were times when they called out to God, sure that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” We sometimes spend time in the desert as well. Not a literal desert most of the time, but a desert in which it seems difficult to perceive God’s presence, times when we face difficulty and are tempted to leave God’s ways behind. On this First Sunday of Lent, Jesus shows us what to do in these moments: stand firm and trust in God.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Looking at other people’s worst pou — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$4,076.00	\$2,777.00
Number of Families contributing	107	81
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (9 Weeks)	\$28,849.00	\$29,271.00
Received to Date	\$21,751.00	\$17,736.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,098.00	\$11,535.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$217.00	\$1,127.00

Thirty ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$6,156.00	\$32,206.00

Five people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

POOR BOX totaled \$113.00.

12 **CHILDREN** contributed \$49.00.

BAA totaled \$258.00.

CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE totaled \$488.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, “In everything give thanks.” Constructive criticism is OK but “moaning, groaning, and complaining” are not Christian disciplines.

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.

GIVE UP looking at other people’s worst point! Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly! Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. “Love covers a multitude of sins!”

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God’s grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the “tube?” Give someone a precious gift: your time!

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God’s riches, not consumers.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Michael Jude and Alaina in thanks for Mike Thomas on his 12th Birthday;
2. Mary Jean and Family in loving memory of Ned Sherlock on his 73rd Birthday;
3. Catherine Jabber and Family in loving memory of Tommy Jabber Riley on the 29th Anniversary of his death and his Birthday; Joseph Pio Riley on the 45th Anniversary of his death and his 53rd Birthday; and Jack Speedball Carroll on the 15th Anniversary of his death;
4. the Family of Pat Irishman Carroll in loving memory of him on the 5th Anniversary of his death;
5. and a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Jack Bud Carroll and Darien Carroll.

DIFFERENT APPROACH TO FASTING

Fast from:

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| * Anger and Hatred | * Discouragement |
| * Judging others | * Complaining |
| * Resentment and Bitterness | * Spending too much money |

May you find yourself walking in the love of Jesus during this Season of Lent.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER Thanks to the Legion of Mary, we will have Morning and Evening Prayer in the Church during Lent. All are requested to make use of this golden opportunity to join in the worldwide praise of God at the beginning and the close of each day. Morning and Evening Prayer will begin this Monday, March 7th.

MORNING PRAYER Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER Monday thru Thursday 3:30 p.m.
Friday 6:30 p.m.

MASS ON FRIDAYS during Lent will be at 7 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

- Mar. 11: Legion – O.L. of Epiphany**
- Mar. 18: Religious Education Teachers**
- Mar. 25: Lectors**
- Apr. 1: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.**
- Apr. 8: Society of Mary Immaculate**
- Apr. 15: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *Black and Indian Missions*. Please be generous.

DIVINE MERCY The Divine Mercy Novena will be held daily at 3:00 P.M. in the Church during Lent. Betty Jo, Cathy Ann, Sherlock's Mary Theresa, Tina Johnson, Cathy Carroll, and Melissa Gallon will be leading the Novena.

THANK YOU to a member for a \$1,000 donation in thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Jude; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A priest is walking down the street when a man pushes him into an alleyway and points a gun at him.

"Give me all your money or I'll shoot you."

The priest opens his jacket to grab his wallet and the man sees his collar.

"Oh, I'm sorry father, I wouldn't have robbed you if I knew you were a priest."

The priest then asks, "I'm sorry, I don't have any money, but may I offer you a cigarette?"

The man shakes his head and replies, "No, thank you. I gave up cigarettes for Lent."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent; Girl Scouting Sunday
- Monday:** Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
- Tuesday:** St. John of God
- Wednesday:** St. Frances of Rome
- Friday:** Abstinence

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Pete Curley Riley on the 11th Anniversary of his death.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of soul Mary Lisa McNally on her Birthday.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory and for the repose of the soul of Petie Rabbit on his Birthday.
- Thursday:** For Mike Thomas on his 12th Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Deputy's Mary Ann on her Birthday.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Brian Benedict Carroll on his 33rd Birthday and for Bryan Jude Carroll.

READERS

Sat. Mar. 5th, 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa & Reed
Sat. Mar. 5th, 7:00 P.M. Ritz & Savannah

Sun. Mar. 6th, 10:00 A.M. Jersey & Bridgette Anna

Sat. Mar. 12th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Julie Ann
Sat. Mar. 12th, 7:00 P.M. Natalie & Mary Martha

Sun. Mar. 13th, 10:00 A.M. Jersey & Bridgette Anna

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Ashley Carroll
- Tuesday** - Ritz
- Wednesday** - Ivana
- Thursday** - Katsyn
- Friday** - Graclynn

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** - Kim Gallon
- Tuesday** - Nora
- Wednesday** - Catherine Ann
- Thursday** - Mary Cat
- Friday** - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **March 5th**
Front Winnie Ann
Right Cathy Pole
Left Catherine Ann

Saturday 7:00 P.M. **March 5th**
Right Bridgette Anna
Left Jean

Sunday **Sunday**
March 6th **March 13th**
Rose Marie Rose Marie

WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

No man is good unless he is humble; and humility is a recognition of truth concerning oneself. A man who thinks he is greater than he actually is, is not humble, but a vain and boastful fool.

ENJOY THE LENTEN SEASON

- Give up complaining...and focus on gratitude.**
- Give up harsh judgments...think kind thoughts.**
- Give up bitterness...turn to forgiveness.**
- Give up hatred...return good for evil.**
- Give up anger...practice patience.**
- Give up gossiping...control your tongue.**
- Give up sin...turn to virtue.**
- You can't direct the wind,**
- But you can adjust your sail.**

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~
LENTEN PRAYER

Lord Jesus, give me a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, and a great love of you. Take from me all lukewarmness in the meditation of your word, and dullness in prayer. Give me fervor and delight in thinking of you and your grace, and fill me with compassion for others, especially those in need, that I may respond with generosity. Amen.