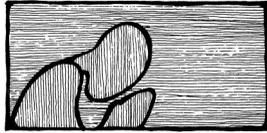


First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

Strength Against Temptation

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
- Wednesday: St. John of God
- Thursday: St. Frances of Rome
- Friday: Abstinence
- Saturday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset

Breakfast Fundraiser



Thank you for your support! Thanks to our Men's Club members who prepared the delicious breakfast, to those who attended, and who bought raffle tickets. The breakfast brought in \$1,156.00, and the raffle \$917.00. Congratulations to the winner of the bottle of Saxtum wine, Susan Pollock. All proceeds go to our youth confirmation retreat.

Women's Club Luncheon

The next Santa Rosa Women's Club luncheon meeting will be held Tues., March 14th, at 11:30 am in the hall. We will discuss program options for the spring/summer meetings. Please use the sign-up sheet near the church entrance.



Lenten Fridays

- 6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 pm- Lenten Meal of Soup, Salad and Bread
- 7:00 pm- Stations of the Cross, (Espanol)

Plan on doing something special for Lent this year. Please join us!



(March 4-10)

- Sat., 5:00 pm- +Diane Beck-Richardson
- Sun., 9:00 am- Int. Randy Brown
Int. Jennifer Smith
Int. Abel Martinez
- Sun., 6:00 pm- Int. Auroa Mendoza
- Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service
- Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service
- Wed., 9:00 am- +Charlotte Greathouse
+Fred Thompson
- Thurs., 9:00 am- Communion Service
- Fri., 9:00 am- Int. Randy Brown

Enrich Your Lent

Make your Lent more meaningful by attending our Scripture Study on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the hall. We read and discuss the Scriptures for the upcoming weekend. See you there!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

Tommye Brennan, Roy Hammond, Alice Blankenship, Kelly Martinez, Joshua Martinez, John Pollock, Abel Martinez, Rita Brooks, Randy Brown, Irene Hammond, Jerry Collins, Althea Soto, Jerry Reynolds, Lori Nunez.

Why Not Schedule a Mass Intention?

Mass intentions for friends and loved ones may be arranged by calling or stopping by the parish office. Masses can be offered for the repose of the souls of our beloved deceased. They can also be offered for the living- healing, anniversaries, birthdays, employment, thanksgiving, etc.

Good News at the Library



Your parish library has offerings for the Lenten reader. One of these books is written by local SLO County author and Benedictine oblate, Paula Huston. Her book, *Simplifying the Soul; Lenten Practices to Renew Your Spirit*, encourages readers to reflect about what they pray and what they do. You can find this and others on the cart.

American Bishops' Overseas Appeal

This second collection next weekend provides funding for Catholic Relief Services; the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees; relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Offerings

Plate Collection (2/25-26): \$3,596.00

Thank You for Your Support!



Don't Forget!

Spring Forward!
Daylight Saving Time
Begins Next Sunday.