

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2010



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

REMEMBER

Once again the Church invites us to enter the desert of repentance. That desert, as today's first reading reminds us, is also a desert of remembrance. This holy season summons us to remember all that God has done for us. Like the Israelites who recalled their captivity and God's work to free them from the Egyptians, we, too, recall those times when we were held captive by sin and experienced freedom through the gift of God's redeeming love.

Saint Paul tells us that the word of God is near us; it is in our mouths and in our hearts. May that sacred word prompt us to remember God's great work of reconciliation in our lives and in our community. As this season of Lent unfolds, let us take to heart these words of Saint Paul and spend these forty days calling upon the name of the Lord, asking for forgiveness and healing.

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TODAY'S READING

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

Psalm — 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).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Rosary Dedication: February:

For the success of married couples.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday, Feb 21st

K of C Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
PRE Class, 9 am
Mass - 10:30 am
Rite of Sending at 10:30 Mass
School Open House, 2-4 pm
Spanish Mass- 5 pm
Bible Study Class, 6:30 pm

Mon, Feb 22nd

Mass - 8:15 am

Tuesday, Feb 23rd

Mass- 8:15 am
Student Mass KN-4th grade
Parish Finance, 7 pm KH

Wednesday, Feb. 24th

Students Stations of Cross 2 pm
grades 1-4
Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH
Mass, 6:30 pm
RCIA, 7 pm KH
Youth Group, 7 pm

Thurs., Feb 25th

Mass -8:15 am
Student Mass 5-8 grade
Bible Study Class, 9:30 -11:30 KH

Friday, Feb 26th

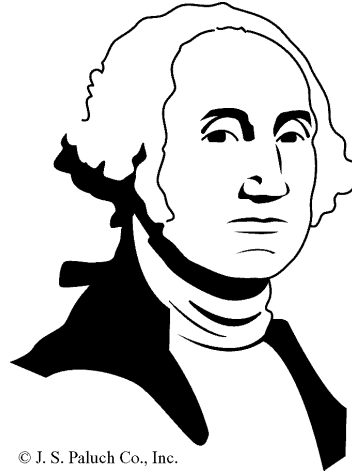
Communion Service- 8:15 am
Stations of Cross, 6:30pm
Poor Man Supper (Youth Group)

Saturday, Feb 27th

Confessions, 3:00 - 3:30 pm
H1N1 Flu Shots, 3-6pm KH
Mass - 4:00 pm

Sunday, Feb 28th

Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
K of C Breakfast after 8 am Mass
PRE Class, 9 am
Mass - 10:30 am
Rite of Enrollment at 10:30 Mass
Spanish Mass- 5 pm
Bible Study Class, 6:30 pm



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent
Monday:	The Chair of St. Peter; Washington's Birthday
Tuesday:	St. Polycarp
Friday:	Abstinence

Rites of Election and Continuing Conversion – This weekend we celebrate the Rite of Sending for our catechumens and candidates at the 10:30 a.m. Mass as we send them to Bishop Steib for the Rites of Election and Continuing Conversion at the cathedral on Sunday afternoon. Please encourage all those seeking Baptism or to complete their sacraments and be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Our catechumens (seeking baptism) are:

Amy Bills
Derek Goode

Our candidates for full initiation are:

Fern Addison
John Bengé
Brenda Marquez
Diana Marquez

Elvis, A Boy from Tupelo to A Man from Memphis – To purchase a copy of Blanche Scott's memories of Elvis before he became a Star, call Blanche Scott at 901-358-1461.

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Feb 20 & 21***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Bennis Mary Kissell	Bill Hall Martha Hensley	Deacon Henry Kay Pope	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Bill Roth	Brenda Plessinger	Barbara Allard	C. & R Roque
Altar Servers:	Alisha Younger	Kellie Owen Hayden Williams	Shelby Gilbreath John Witcher	Sarahi Roque Beatriz Barrera

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Feb 27 & 28***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Bennis Frances Bursi	Sharon O'Brien Pat Stavrum	Deacon Henry Bob Bustos	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Bill Roth	Don Gohman	Tanya Floyd	C. & R Roque
Altar Servers:	Lacey Carter Antonio Lopez	Bradley Hudson Kacee Hudson	Christian Sawicki Will Solomon	Juan Rivera Jose Roque Javier Roque

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Grace Aspinall, Theresa Baker, Ann Balcom, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Deanna Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Carole Brunner, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Abrahan Delgado, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, Carolyn Fracchia, Alice Fricks, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Peggy Hooten, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Butsy Lanigan, Anthony Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Alex Mosby, Tama Numera, Bill Nutt, Tony Oliviera, Frances O'Toole, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Bea Remmert, Jim Sawicki, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright and Randi Yound.

Names will be taken off after being on for 4 weeks. If you want to keep name on after 4 weeks, please call the office at 353-1530.

Stewardship of the Altar – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone's special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.



Monthly Bus Trip will be Sunday, February 28th after 10:30 Mass. If you are interested in going, please call Martha Hensley at 357-2459 or 268-2849, we will be going to Sam's Town

Parish Pastoral Council – The March meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is reschedule from Tuesday, March 23, to Monday, March 22, due to the conflict with the Parish Penance Service at the cathedral. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Finance Council – The Parish Finance Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23rd in Krug Hall, to discuss current and future needs of the parish. The members of the Finance Council are: Deacon Don Bennis, Deacon Henry Littleton, Gerry Allard, Linda Lesslie, Jeanne Littleton, Linda O'Donnell, and Theresa Acklen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb 20th 4:00 pm

Florence Taulman+

Sunday, Feb 21st 8:00 am

Deceased Members of STVDP

Sunday, Feb 21st 10:30 am

James Humphrey+

Sunday, Feb 21st 5:00 pm

People of Parish

Monday Feb. 22nd 8:15 am

Augustine Walsh+

Tuesday, Feb 23rd 8:15 am

Charlena Lobianco+

Wednesday, Feb 24th 6:30 pm

Augustine Walsh+

Thursday, Feb 25th 8:15 am

Int. of Alex Marlow

Friday Feb 26th 8:15 am

Communion Service

Saturday, Feb 27th 4:00 pm

People of Parish

Sunday, Feb 28th 8:00 am

John Masley

Sunday, Feb 28th 10:30 am

Bud & Dot Rose+

Sunday, Feb 28th 5:00 pm

Lucia Barrera+

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

**Carolyn Fracchia
St. Peter Villa, 331-A
141 North McLean
Memphis, TN 38104**

**Jackie Perfetti
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119**

**Helene Weiss
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119**

**Ginger Shemwell
Luther Tower
274 S. Highland apt. 106
Memphis, TN 38111**

**Dolores Bair
Ava Maria Home
St. Lukes
2805 Charles Bryan Road, 38134**

**Henry Van Ness
Trezevant Manor Assisted Living
177 North Highland, room 124
Memphis, TN 38111**

**Amanda Hall
Highlands of Memphis
3549 Norris wood Avenue, room 236-1
Memphis, TN 38111**

**Moira Kavanagh
Mid South Rehab Center
2380 James Rd, room 102
Memphis, TN 38127**

Fr. Gantert 5K Run – It is that time of the year again, dust off your tennis shoes and sign up for the Gantert 4 mile walk/run to be held on April 18th. A new level of sponsorship has been added consider being an alumni or individual sponsor for \$25.00. All alumni / individual sponsor names will appear on the t-shirts. You can walk, run or be a virtual runner. Sign up or become a sponsor at www.racesonline.com today! More details coming soon.

**Financial Report
Weekend of 02/14/2010**

Envelopes	\$2,690.00
Loose Checks	360.00
Loose Currency/Coin	222.60
Debt	106.00
Poor of parish	51.00
Initial Offering	11.00
Total Collection	\$3,440.60
Church Budget for the week	- 4,387.00
Collection Diff for the week	(946.40)
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$139,468.55
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>140,384.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ (915.45)



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FLU Vaccinations – The H1N1 vaccine will be administered at no cost to recipients at OLS on Saturday, February 27, from 3:00 p.m. until 6 p.m. The location will be announced next week. It is not too late to sign up for the vaccinations. This is open to parishioners, extended family, friends, neighbors, and anyone who lives in our parochial territory. BUT, they must have signed up! Spread the good news!!!!!!

20th ANNUAL EAGLEFEST – A planning meeting will be held on March 1 at 7pm in Krug Hall. This meeting will set the tone for Eaglefest this coming fall. Brush the dust off of your old pictures, ideas and suggestions. Come prepared to go over the events of the entire day of Eaglefest. We are very open to bringing back things of the past and exploring new ideas. All organizations should plan to send a representative. If you haven't been involved this is a great opportunity. Can't make the meeting please send your thoughts, suggestions and or ideas to lindarodonnell@bellsouth.net. The only bad thought, suggestion or idea is the one that is left unspoken. So together let's kick off the early planning stages of a great 20 year celebration of Eaglefest! Thanks!

SOMETHING EXTRA

How often have you been asked what you are giving up for Lent? Sometimes we never grow out of the childhood habit of just giving up candy or sugar! How about a different approach, by which you make an effort to do something extra to honor God in this season?

- Reconcile yourself with someone you don't like, someone you generally avoid, or someone you have injured in some way.
- Perform acts of kindness for people without expecting anything back.
- Buy a meal for a homeless person.
- Resolve neither to listen to nor pass on gossip.
- Take time to be in a natural outdoor space—your yard, a park, by a lake—even if it's only for half an hour.
- Read all you can about what causes poverty. Not only will you give yourself some useful lessons in economics, sociology, and biology, you will know better how to serve God's poor.
- Save the cost of one meal a day and donate it to a favorite charity at Easter time.
- Study, meditate, and pray with one or two scripture passages each day.
- Do some ordinary daily task, and think about God while doing it.
- If you are sick, confined to the house, or on the road a lot, pray for the needs of others.
- In a place you go to regularly—your office, the supermarket, school—think where Jesus might be in that place, and what you might do for him.
- Are there special prayers or devotions from your ancestral heritage that might help you grow spiritually?
- Clean out closets and give gently-used clothing and household items to a charity.
- Take bags of grocery items to the local food pantry.
- Take part in a weekday Mass, parish mission, or special Lenten prayer service.
- Keep a crucifix near you. Remember Jesus' death on the cross.

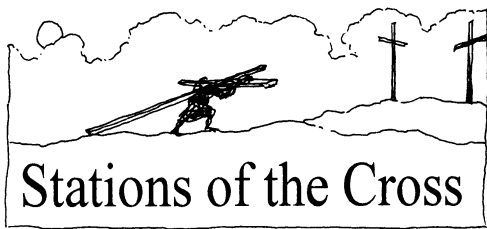
SAINT POLYCARP (died 155)

February 23

“Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and Savior?” Boldly answering the official who demanded he worship pagan gods, Polycarp, today’s “Senior Citizen Saint,” demonstrates that courage, far from being the preserve of the young, is a virtue cultivated through life-long fidelity and crowned by final perseverance. A disciple of Saint John, who is said to have consecrated him bishop of Smyrna in modern day Turkey, Polycarp witnesses to the truth that, whatever time and space may separate us, Jesus’ gift of the Eucharist unites us. Polycarp’s final words, preserved by the Church of Smyrna, sound like a Eucharistic Prayer in which the saint offers himself: “Lord, almighty God, Father of your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have come to the knowledge of yourself . . . may I be received among the martyrs as a rich and pleasing sacrifice . . . through the eternal priest of heaven, Jesus Christ . . . through him be glory to you, together with him and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.”

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Attention All First Confession/First Communion Candidates – all those wanting to make their First Confession and receive their First Holy Communion must be attending Mass on Sundays. This is a requirement of the Universal Church and is reinforced by the teaching of Bishop Steib. Therefore, all those who are candidates for First Confession and/or First Holy Communion must sign in on the sheet in the vestibule each week. If they attend another church on occasion they must bring a bulletin from that church with the pastor’s signature and give it to their religion teacher/catechist. This requirement begins today. No letters will be written by Fr. Timby approving the celebration of the sacraments until the pastoral team reviews the weekly attendance sheets for Mass and participation in religion classes.



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Stations of the Cross – The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated twice each week during Lent. They will be celebrated on Wednesday afternoons in a simple format for the children of the school, but Adults are welcome. On Friday evenings, the Stations will be celebrated at 6:20 p.m. with Benediction following. There is a plenary indulgence attached to the proper meditation of the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. This means that if you make a good confession within seven days before or after meditating on the Station all temporal punishment in Purgatory for sins committed will be forgiven.

Parish Lenten Penance Service – The combined penance service for nine parishes held at the Cathedral during Advent was such a huge success with more than a dozen priests and 200+ people in attendance that we are joining forces again during Lent. Our Lenten Penance Service will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Several priests will be available to assist those who speak Spanish. Come, be a part of this wonderful celebration of God’s mercy and compassion!



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La Virgen de los Dolores en América Latina

On the Friday before Palm Sunday, countries in Latin America honor *La Virgen de los Dolores* (*La Dolorosa*—Our Lady of Sorrows) with processions, altars, and flowers to commemorate the sorrows that Mary suffered.

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OLS School Open House – Our Lady of Sorrows Parish School will have an Open House for interested students and parents this Sunday, February 21, 2:00-4:00 PM. If you know someone who may be looking for a better and safer learning environment for their children please encourage them to visit the school and meet the faculty and hear about our vision for Catholic education.

St. Joseph Altar (March 19) – Make plans now to come celebrate St. Joseph’s Fast Day at OLS on Friday, March 19. Everyone is invited to place framed picture of their deceased relatives and friends on the altar as we celebrate the saint who is the Patron of a Happy Death. On the altar you will also find fava beans which are an integral part of the history of the St. Joseph Altar because many years ago, the island of Sicily suffered a great drought that caused all the crops to dry up and die. All that was left for the people to eat was fava beans, a bean that was fed to the cattle. The people survived on a stew made from boiling dried fava beans in sea water with a little oregano. As they ate the beans they prayed to St. Joseph, the patron saint of families, that he would intercede on their behalf before Jesus so the Jesus would ask God the Father to send rains to end the drought. After forty days of praying, rains came and new crops were planted. In thanksgiving for God answering their prayers through the intercession of St. Joseph, Sicilians began building special altars on St. Joseph Day (March 19) and they carry dried fava beans in their pockets to remind them of God’s generosity of providing them something to eat even in time of drought. Make plans now to come to our St. Joseph Day Altar on Friday, March 19.

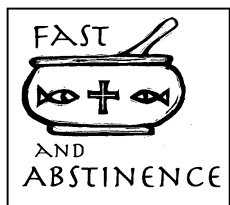


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No **baptisms** will be celebrated during Lent to focus our attention on the call to conversion and the significant role the sacrament plays in the celebration of the Easter Vigil. In fact, there will be no holy water available during the season. So, if you need a supply for your home, be sure to get it before Feb. 16th.

Ash Wednesday is one of two days on which Catholics who have reached the age of 18 and have not yet celebrated their 60th birthday are required to fast. Fasting means that a person may have one regular meal on that day and two smaller meals that together do not equal the regular meal. It also means that one turn away from between-meal snacks and beverages like coffee, soft drinks. Water is the allowed exception between meals. As always, those who are under observation or treatment for medical problems are not obliged to fast from food and beverages but may choose to fast in some other form. (The other day on which Catholics obliged to fast is **Good Friday**.)

Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, are also days of **abstinence** from meat and meat by-products. *All Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are obliged to abstain from meat and all food made with or flavored with meat on these days.* For those who wish to beg the question “What is meat?” the answer is: “meat” is the slaughtered of flesh of any creature that uses lungs to breathe, e.g., cows, chickens, whales, frogs, snake, etc. Fish and other creatures that do not use lungs to breathe are not considered “meat” and may be consumed in days of abstinence. There is no dispensation from abstinence, not even for health reason or “old age,” despite the valiant efforts of some to get me to give one!



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An Explanation – A commonly asked question is what do we consider to be “meat” when determining how to abstain from meat on the Fridays of the year, especially during Lent when it is absolutely required? The answer is quite simple: If it has lungs, it is considered to be meat. This applies only to the butchered flesh of an animal and not eggs, milk or cheese. Fish have gills, not lungs, so fish is allowed for consumption. And, as I told one little boy when pressed for a more definitive answer: Yes, all insects may be eaten on the Fridays of Lent but one might want to be sure they don’t overeat them on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday lest they not be fasting as prescribed for all Catholics of age.

Poor Man’s Supper – Each Friday night during Lent we will have our traditional “Poor Man’s Supper” in the cafeteria following the Stations of the Cross. The supper will be prepared by a different parish organization each week. The one exception this year will be Friday, March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, when we will have an Italian Feast to honor the spouse of Mary and the earthly father of Our Lord Jesus (additional information is in the bulletin).