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First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Feb. 22nd	First Sunday of Lent, <i>Class I</i>
8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
10:15 a.m.	Anthony Mitchell - <i>His Parents</i>
Mon. Feb. 23rd	Chair of St. Peter, <i>I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Most Afflic'd Souls in Purgatory - <i>M/M James Hanisch</i>
Tues. Feb. 24th	St. Matthias, <i>Apostle, II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Gabriel Testo - <i>D. A. Valentino</i>
Wed. Feb. 25th	Ember Wednesday of Lent, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Catherine V. Lackner - <i>Jerome Lackner</i>
Thu. Feb. 26th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory - <i>Mike Craig</i>
Fri. Feb. 27th	Ember Friday of Lent, <i>II Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	Rebecca Geffert - <i>Mom and Dad</i>
Sat. Feb. 28th	Ember Saturday of Lent, <i>II Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	† Mrs. Lena Victoria Angle - <i>Her Son</i>
Sun. Mar. 1st	Second Sunday of Lent, <i>Class I</i>
8:00 a.m.	For Vocations - <i>Seeley Family</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

DEVOTIONS

Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

First Sunday of Lent

INTROIT

Ps. 90, 15, 16

He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him; I will deliver him, and glorify him; I will fill him with length of days. *Ps. 90, 1.* He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High, shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. *V.* Glory be ... He shall call upon Me...

COLLECT

O God, Who dost purify Thy Church with the annual observance of Lent, grant to Thy household that what it strives to obtain from Thee by abstinence it may secure with good works. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

2 Cor. 6, 1-10

Brethren, we exhort you that you receive not the grace of God in vain. For He saith, In an accepted time have I heard thee, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee. Behold now is the acceptable time, behold now is the day of salvation. Giving no offense to any man, that our ministry be not blamed: but in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God; in much patience, in tribulations, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labors, in watchings, in fastings, in chastity, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armor of justice on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report, and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastised, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as needy, yet enriching many; as having nothing, and possessing all things.

GRADUAL

Ps. 90, 11, 12

God hath given His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. *V.* In their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

TRACT

Ps. 90, 1-7, 11-16

He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High, shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. *V.* He shall say to the Lord, Thou art my protector and my refuge: my God, in Him will I trust. *V.* For He hath delivered me from the snare of the hunters, and from the sharp word. *V.* He will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust. *V.* His truth shall compass thee with a shield: thou shalt not be afraid of the terror of the night. *V.* Of the arrow that flieth in the day; of the business that walketh about in the dark: of ruin and the noonday devil. *V.* A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh to thee. *V.* For He hath given His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. *V.* In their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. *V.*

Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk, and thou shalt trample under foot the lion and the dragon. *V.* Because he hath hoped in Me, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he hath known My name. *V.* He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: I am with him in tribulation. *V.* I will deliver him, and I will glorify him; I will fill him with length of days, and I will show him My salvation.

GOSPEL

Matt. 4, 1-11

At that time, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry. And the tempter coming said to Him, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Who answered and said: It is written, Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, and set Him upon the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down: for it is written, That He hath given His angels charge over Thee, and in their hands shall they bear Thee up, lest perhaps Thou dash Thy foot against a stone. Jesus said to Him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again the devil took Him up into a very high mountain; and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and said to Him, All these will I give Thee, if falling down Thou wilt adore me. Then Jesus said to him, Be gone, Satan, for it is written, The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil left Him; and behold angels came, and ministered to Him.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 90, 4, 5

The Lord, will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

SECRET

We solemnly offer the sacrifice at the beginning of Lent, beseeching Thee, O Lord, that, while we restrict ourselves in the use of bodily food, we may also refrain from indulgence in harmful pleasures. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Ps. 90, 4, 5

The Lord will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

POSTCOMMUNION

May the holy partaking of Thy sacrament strengthen us, O Lord, and purify us from the old life, and make us sharers in the mystery of salvation. Through our Lord.

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*

O Jesus, I withdraw in spirit with You into the desert; teach me how to fight the triple concupiscence of the flesh, pride, and avarice.

On this day, which is the real beginning of Lent, the Church invites us to the great combat, the struggle against sin which will bring us to the Easter resurrection. Our model is Jesus, who although exempt from the incitements of concupiscence, willed to be tempted by the devil for us, in order to have “compassion on our infirmities.”

After forty days of rigorous fast, while He is feeling the pangs of hunger, Jesus is tempted by Satan to change stones into bread. No one can undertake a serious program of penance or mortification without feeling its discomforts; but that is the time to resist the insinuating voices which invite us to condescend to the demands of nature; that is the time to reply with Jesus, “not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God.” Man’s life is far more dependent on the will of God than on material food. If we are convinced of this truth, we shall have the courage to submit to privations, trusting in divine Providence for our sustenance.

Jesus was next tempted to pride. “If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down... and in their hands the angels shall bear thee up.” Such a miracle would have aroused the admiration and enthusiasm of the people, but Jesus knew that His Father had chosen an entirely different way for Him—the way of humiliations rather than of triumphs, the way of the Cross and of death. Because He had no desire to escape from this way, He resolutely rejected the suggestion to pride. The best means of conquering temptations to pride and vanity is to choose exactly what humiliates us and makes us appear little in the eyes of others.

The devil returns to the attack and tempts Jesus to avarice: “All these will I give thee, if falling down thou wilt adore me.” But Jesus replies, “The Lord thy God shalt thou adore and Him only shalt thou serve!” He whose heart is firmly anchored in God will never let it be drawn away from His service

by an attraction for, or envy of, earthly things. But if this strong adherence to God is weakened or lost, the temptations to avarice will often succeed in making even those stray who have a special vocation to be “serving God alone.”

Jesus was tempted because He willed it. We, however, are tempted without willing it, and often against our will. The temptation of Jesus was wholly exterior, for it found no echo within Him; on the contrary, our nature, wounded by the triple concupiscence of the flesh, of pride, and of avarice, is not only an easy prey for the assaults of the devil, but is itself the source of many temptations. It is impossible for us to live without temptations; our virtue does not consist in being exempt from them but in being able to overcome them. It is a struggle which none can escape; God even wishes this struggle to be the price of eternal life. “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life” (Jas 1:12).

Let us learn from Jesus how to conduct ourselves in temptations. Primarily, He teaches us to have a great confidence in God. Jesus would not satisfy His hunger, nor impress men by means of a brilliant miracle, nor accept kingdoms and wealth because, in a spirit of perfect filial confidence, He had entrusted everything to the Father’s care—His life, His mission, and His glory. Those who will fully trust in God and who rely on His divine Providence, will not be easily enticed by the vain flattery of the devil, the world, or the flesh, because they know that only God can give true blessings and real happiness.

We should extend the practice of this confidence to the moment of temptation. If God permits us to be tempted, He does not permit us to be tempted beyond our strength, and, accompanying every temptation, there is always a special actual grace sufficient to overcome it. Therefore, instead of being disturbed by the violence of the struggle, let us use faithfully the grace God always gives and turn to Him in humble, confident prayer.

The Law of the Eucharistic Fast: Current Legislation. Under the New Code of Canon Law, the fast for Holy Communion is one hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist. Those who are able to maintain the previous discipline of the three-hour fast are still encouraged to do so.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held every Friday during Lent at 5:00 p.m. prior to the 6:00 p.m. Mass. The Holy Rosary will be prayed after Mass. **Confessions will be heard from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST PETER: Falls on February 23. By concession of the Holy See on July 7, 2010, it is a Feast of the First Class in the FSSP. On that day, a Plenary indulgence is granted for all members of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

PLENARY INDULGENCE: On each of the Fridays of Lent, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, after Communion, recite the "Prayer Before a Crucifix." copies of the prayer are in the church vestibule.

The Lenten Discipline consists of three special parts: *Corporal or External Practices*; *Spiritual or Internal Fast Practices*; and *Spiritual Practices*.

Listed below are suggested practices that may be used along with your usual Lenten family traditions of sacrifices and penances.

Corporal or External Practices

- Take less of what you like and more of what you dislike at meals.
- Take nothing to drink between meals.
- Avoid listening to the radio at all.
- Take only one helping of each item at meals.
- Say an extra Rosary.
- Avoid any T.V. or videos; instead read the Passion of Christ in your Bible or Missal.

COLLECTION: February 15th - \$1,657.00

Altar Boys

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 22nd
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Jack Gardner
AC2 Michael Gardner

TEAM B

MC Anthony Mitchell
TH Joshua Sica
AC1 Francis LaFata
AC2 Stephen LaFata
C Timothy Sica
S1 John Mitchell
S2 Brian LaFata
S3 Ian McQuirk
S4

WEEK THREE

Monday Joseph Schneider
7:45 a.m. Patrick Schneider

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Dominic Gardner
7:45 a.m. Jack Gardner

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

TEAM B

Anthony Mitchell
John Mitchell
Joshua Sica
Timothy Sica

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1st
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joseph Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C

MC Robert Seeley
TH Timothy Emig
AC1 Dominic Gardner
AC2 Francis LaFata
C
S1 Brendan Seeley
S2 Michael Gardner
S3 Jack Gardner
S4 Stephen LaFata