



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ✕ MARCH 10, 2019



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First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses discusses the power God has displayed in freeing his people from oppression and leading them to a rich land. He tells the people that they should make offerings to God to show their gratitude, then celebrate over the great things he has given them.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Paul tells us that if we proclaim, "Jesus is Lord" and truly believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For God shows his mercy toward everyone who calls upon his name.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, then Satan appeared to him and tempted him to turn stone into bread. After Jesus refused, Satan promised him great powers if Jesus would worship him. Jesus replied that he would worship God and no one else. Then Satan tried to persuade Jesus to put God to the test, but again Jesus resisted his temptation.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

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, March 10	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Special Intention Req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Long
Monday, March 11	8:00 am	In Memory of Teresa Le T Lan Req. by the Nguyen Family
Tuesday, March 12	8:00 am	In Memory of Severino Magalhaes Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Felisberto Magalhaes
Wednesday, March 13	8:00 am	In Memory of Patricia C. Baker Req. by Mr. & Mrs. David Lengyel
Thursday, March 14	8:00 am	In Memory of Jan Joseph Heaton Req. by Mrs. Richard D'Arcy
Friday, March 15	8:00 am	Special Intention
	7:30 pm	Intention of Tom & Jen Fritz Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Art Blades
Saturday, March 16	8:00 am	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	In Memory of Aggi Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Chris Jones

Upcoming Second Collections

Today: *Black & Indian Home Missions*
March 31: *Catholic Relief Services*

2019 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL!



Together in the Light of Christ. The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is critical to our diocesan needs and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able.

The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people. Thank you!

***** Parish Schedule *****

Thursday, March 14
Choir Practice, 7pm
Knights of Columbus: Rosary, 7pm
Meeting 7:30pm, church basement

Saturday, March 16
Knights of Columbus Rosary
Before 5:30 pm Mass

Next Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, March 17
Knights of Columbus Rosary
Before all Masses

Thursday, March 21
Choir Practice, 7pm

(Please Check the Lent Schedule on the right for additional information)

***** Religious Education News *****

Regular classes Sunday, March 10th
Regular classes Sunday, March 17th
Regular classes Sunday, March 24th
Regular classes Sunday, March 31st

Parents of 2nd Graders preparing for First Holy Communion:
You are asked to attend a meeting with Fr. Lehning on
Sunday, March 31st, 11:45 am, in the Church.

Operation Rice Bowl

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Jesus reminds us that we are all made in God's image and likeness. That means that every human being has a special value and a purpose. We need to care for each other so we can be the people God calls us to be.

Encounter Norma

For young families living in the mountains of Guatemala, raising a baby can be hard. Most families grow corn and beans for a living, but a long-standing drought has caused harvests to shrink. There are few job opportunities, which means putting food on the table is a daily challenge. Read about Norma and how Catholic Relief Services has helped her and others in Guatemala. Norma's story is included in your Rice Bowl supplement or online at: crs.org

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Let us welcome the newest member of St. Clare who was recently baptized:

February 17, 2019 Clara Margaret Bunch

May the Lord bless her today and always!

**Lent Schedule
(Week 2)**

- March 13:** Wednesday, *Confession*
6:30-8:00 PM
- March 15:** Friday, *Day of Abstinence*
7:30 PM: Mass, Stations Benediction
- March 16:** Saturday, *Confession*
4:00-5:00 PM or by appointment

Fasting requires that we not have snacks between meals and that we reduce the size of our meals. The law on fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years old, subject to health considerations.

March 10 Stewardship Reflection -- First Sunday of Lent

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."
(DEUTERONOMY 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

****** AROUND THE DIOCESE ******

The Dignity of Life in a Throwaway Culture On Saturday, March 23, from 5-9 p.m. at the Church of the Nativity in Burke, join well-known Catholic author and George Mason University Professor Helen Alvaré and Bishop Michael Burbidge for the Diocese of Arlington Peace and Justice Commission's annual conference. We will explore Pope Francis' words about upholding "The Dignity of Life in a Throwaway Culture." The Conference includes Mass, followed by dinner, the keynote address, and features a discussion with Professor Alvaré, Bishop Burbidge and others, and concludes with a social. It will address a range of issues including reverence for life from the child in the womb until natural death, marriage and family life, the dignity and equality of women, and healing of the scourge of abuse of any kind. The Conference will bring together people throughout the Diocese who work for justice and peace, including the aforementioned areas as well as creation care, abolishing the death penalty, immigration and refugee resettlement, and inclusion and gifts to the developmentally disabled.



Welcome! Our doors are open and the light is on. The Light is On is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington in which all Catholic churches across the DC metro area are open for **quiet prayer and Confession, 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout Lent**, beginning March 13th. Use our Confession Finder Map to locate times and locations near you! Visit thelightison.org

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“What does the Scripture say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we preach), for if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

We have launched the Holy Season of Repentance and Reform. It is not just a change in the calendar, but a moment in which we are summoned to repentance, admit our need for the Savior. We are called in two directions, to re-form our own lives, and to walk the Lenten journey with others.

Our resolve to live Lent 2019 is truly important. The saving work of Jesus is at work in us, and through us, for others. Jesus’ mission focuses on Calvary, His death and resurrection. The church too, in its mission to evangelize asks us to focus on Jesus, His cross, and our salvation. We are not just revisiting former Lents, or the first Good Friday, we ask that the paschal mystery touch, penetrate and transform us.

We move from the word on our lips to the belief in our hearts, that Jesus is here to save us today. ‘Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the Savior of the world.’

LENT...
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HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS