



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15, 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mk 1:12-15
 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: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
 Rom 8:31b-34, Mk 9:2-10

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY February 23, 2015
 7:00AM Michael Ruggiero
 9:00AM Peter and Madge Mc Mahon
TUESDAY February 24, 2015
 7:00AM Arlene Benedetti
 9:00AM Victoria McCabe
WEDNESDAY February 25, 2015
 7:00AM Msgr. Ed Tarrant
 9:00AM Alice C. Oehler.
THURSDAY February 26, 2015
 7:00AM James Stutts
 9:00AM Veronica Kenny
FRIDAY February 27, 2015
 7:00AM Francis and Arcangela Donovan
 9:00AM Mary Stigliano
 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY February 28, 2015
 9:00AM Francis J. Wagner
 5:00PM Margaret Ferraro
SUNDAY March 1, 2015
Second Sunday of Lent
 7:30AM Victoria McCabe
 9:30 AM Patrick McGee
 11:00AM Sally Gilarly
 Gary Sherlock
 Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola
 John Mennella
 12:30PM Alice C. Oehler
 5:15PM Victoria McCabe
 7:00 PM Mass in Spanish



Mark Stapleton, Cecilia McLaughlin, John & Mary D'Antonio, CPL. Garrett Carnes, USMC, Philip Zederbaum, Michael Maher, Patrick McGee, Dawn Levchenko, Harry Mulligan, John Lupski, Raymond Morris, Maria Estupinan,, Theresa Locke, Maureen Remsky, Joanne Wallick, Margaret Kropac, Brian Crowley, Newborn Luke Major, Mary Burdo, William Lee, Ernest Calza, Pedro Dobladdillo, William Horbs, Rose Marie Heitschusen, Angelique Cadarr, Phillip R. Sanita, Clare McCarthy, Jr., Justin David Wall, Sara Olsson, Dan Creamer, Helen Mackreth, Pearl Bolcavage, Thomas Duffy, Sandra Reinhardt, Marcel Chaillol, Christopher Noya, Henry Niggemeier, Sally Brandis, Martin D'Amico, Rev. Martin L. Klein, Michael Catania, Lucy Mize, Paula Loscialo, Barbara Teer

Names will be kept on the Prayer for the Sick List for three weeks, unless a family member calls to extend the time.



The 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, March 1st

will be a *Mass of the Anointing*.
 For registration and more information, please call the Human Services Center at 935-8846.



Second Sunday of Lent

Next week, March 1, 2015

Theme: Seeing Jesus!

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Gospel Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this familiar story today, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What image from Mark's Gospel lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Name or draw a picture of a time you knew that Jesus was with you.

Question for Youth: The disciples had a very intense experience of Jesus on the mountain. Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience? What was it like for you?

Question for Adults: In what ways does Jesus speak to-day, ways in which you can truly "listen to Him?"



On ALL Fridays of Lent, all Catholics who are 14 years of age should ABSTAIN entirely from meat to unite ourselves with the Lord who suffered on the cross and with those who continue to suffer today.

On Good Friday, Catholics between the **ages of 18 and 59, inclusive**, are also bound to **observe the law of fast**, limiting oneself to a single full meatless meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meatless meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.



All Girl Scouts are invited to celebrate being a Girl Scout at Girl Scout Sunday Mass

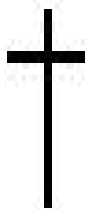
When: **Sunday, March 8, 2015**

Time: 9:30am Mass

Please wear your uniform to Mass.

Chess Club

You are invited to join Mr. Toner and the Chess Club in the New School Cafeteria for friendly games this **Sun., February 22nd from 2 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** All ages and all levels of players, from beginners to advanced, are encouraged to come down and play. Chess sets will be provided or you can bring your own set if you have one. For more information, call the Rectory at 931-0056.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015 \$10,755
Maintenance \$ 3,015

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014 \$ 12,470

Pastor's Corner

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Mk 1:12-15

I know that we just finished Christmas, but welcome to Lent everybody! We begin this first full week of Lent with Jesus' journey of 40 days in the desert and him being tempted by the devil. Mark gives us a shorter "get to the point" version while Matthew and Luke are more detailed.

Can you imagine a movie scene illustrating this Gospel story? Jesus is out in the desert where he is dared, tempted or put to the test by Satan. But he is also surrounded by wild beasts and angel attendants and he remained firm to the core of his heart, his Heavenly Father. "The reign of God is at hand," he announced in Galilee, and he called people to get ready for God's reign by reforming their lives.

In the desert, Jesus was dared in a negative way to move away from the core of his beliefs. Lent is a time to dare us in a positive way to do the right things, strengthen our beliefs and bring us on the pathway back to God. In an article entitled "I Dare You to Take Lent Seriously" by Amy Welborn, she challenges us with the following daring questions. Even though written for young people, it can apply to all of us. She writes "I dare you.

- * Dare you to haul a microscope to the stuff in your lives that keeps you from being closer to God.
- * Dare you to think about Jesus and how much he loves you.
- * Dare you to clear your life of junk this Lent; junk relationships, junk entertainment, junk pastimes.
- * Dare you to open the door to your room and face the rest of your family as though they're human beings and not impositions on your freedom.
- * Dare you to go to Mass every single Sunday during Lent, open your heart to God and pray, really pray this time.
- * Dare you to take 15 minutes of silence, read God's word and listen to him.
- * Dare you to rest your eyes on Jesus on the cross and not look away after 2 seconds.
- * Dare you to reflect on the pain he suffered for love of you. * Dare you. * Double dare you "(Catholic News Service 2000). I dare each of us to take this leap of faith during Lent. You may be surprised by how God surprises you!

A LOWER THAN USUAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Last week, due to the snow, ice and cold, we had much fewer people than usual at our weekend Masses. This made for a much shorter collection. I am grateful to all of you who come each week to pray and give generously from your hearts to help the parish run its operations. I ask however, that all of us who were unable to come to Mass last week, to bring or send your envelopes to make up for our financial loss. If you don't have an envelope, please stop by and register with the parish. If you can give more this week and next week, I would be grateful. This will help us also with the cost of plowing and shoveling. Please help us, your parish, as your means permit. God bless you!

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone from our Activities Committee who did such a wonderful job with our Mardi Gras 2015. Even though it was cold, a good time was had by all. Thank you to our dancers, our singer, the Knights of Columbus, our youth and all of our volunteers who gave of their time and talent. Thank you to all who came to enjoy and support your parish community. We had approximately 300 people who participated in this event!

May God bless you and Mary keep you and your families. May we remember to always do things for the greater glory of God. *St. Ignatius Loyola, pray for us!*

Fr. Jim

Pastor

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Fr. James T. Stachacz, Pastor

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Jaime Aldana
John Crayne
Kevin Stoltz

Bruce Wimbiscus
Joe Malerba
Kieran Sullivan

"The Council serves as a forum of consultation for the pastor and members, primarily by engaging them in ongoing dialogue about the needs, feelings, hopes and reactions of parishioners."

Guidelines for Pastoral Councils #B-2

Please feel free to contact any council member at any time regarding your needs, feelings, hopes and reactions. All council members can be reached through the rectory office.



St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Presents

A 6 Day, 5 night trip to the Biltmore Estate and Asheville, NC
Sunday, April 26 to Friday, May 1, 2015

At the incredible price of only \$499 per person, double occupancy

(add \$150 for single occupancy).

Price includes: Motor Coach transportation leaving from St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 129 Broadway, Hicksville, at 8 am

5 night lodging including 3 consecutive nights in the Asheville area

8 meals: 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners

Guided tour of **Asheville, NC**

Full day visit to the **Biltmore Estate**

Guided drive along the **Blue Ridge Parkway**

Visit to the **Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center** to view a film in high definition surround sound

Visit to the famous **Folk Art Center**

Visit to the magnificent **St. Lawrence Basilica**

Tips for driver and step-on guides And much more!

Reservations: \$75 due upon sign-up and in "As Soon as Possible"

Final payment due by February 28, 2015

Diamond Tours Exclusive "Travel Confident Protection Plan" is available for \$35

For information and reservations contact **Barbara @ (516) 935-5576**

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Anyone with a family member serving in the military, please forward their name and rank to our bulletin editor at bulletin1859@aol.com or bring the name to our Rectory Front Office. *We pray to give all of our soldiers the courage and strength to do the duty that is required of them. May they always remember our appreciation for the sacrifice they are making for us. We are thankful for the men and women who are willing to risk their lives to protect our freedom. I ask You to go with each of them and protect them wherever they go. Amen.*

Sgt First Class. Matthew Loheide
SSgt. Kevin J. Hennelly
Lt. Jonathan W. Lang
Lt. Jeanine A. Lang
SPC Justin T. Sikorski
Sgt. Mathew Burrafato
DCC James Pennington
Col. Paul J. Laughlin
Captain. Patrick O. Kelly, USMC
Staff Sgt. Thomas P. McLoughlin, USMC
Atan Lisa Olynk, USN
M Sgt. Michael Marascia
Sgt. Stephen L. Emlaw
P.O. Third Class E-4 Kyle A. Kamermayer, Navy
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Steven Orbon, 1st Lt., U.S. Army
Lt. David Jacobs
Pvt. Thomas Wright
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Capt. Joseph Whittaker, USMC
LCPL Michael J. Mc Ilwraith, USMC
1st Lt. James Michael Vaz, U.S. Army
Louis Bombardiere, USMC
Gunnery Sgt. Brian Moran, USMC
Second Lt. Bridget Flatley, USAF
Cpt. Richard Macchio
Pvt. Joseph Gergely, U.S.M.C.
LTJG Alie Disher, U.S.N.
LTJG John Patrick Orr, USN, C.E.C.
PVC Andrew Hughes
Airman Denis C. Clark, USAF
Sgt. Lotachukwu Okoye
1st Lt. Brian W. Way, USMC
PFC. Christopher Paradiso, U.S.M.
PFC Jim Arbelaez, US Marine
Sgt. Dustin Lusby
LTJG Christopher Medford, US Navy
Lt. Lindsay Conte, USN
Sgt. Matthew Mercurio
Sgt. Phillip Michael Yopp, U.S. Army

This week at St. Ignatius Loyola
e-mail parishfacilities@stignatius.us**Sunday, February 22nd**

1:30pm Catholic Daughters Military Bridge, Gym
2pm Chess Club-New School Café
430pm Spanish Rel. Ed.-Old School Cafe
5pm Spanish Choir-Old School Room D
6pm Virgen de Suyapa-Old School Cafe

Monday, February 23rd

6pm CYO Gym
7pm SCJ Youth Group-Old School Art Room
7pm Hispanic Dance-Room D
7pm Charismatic Group-Old School Room A
7:30pm St. Anns Mother Prayer Group-Room B

Tuesday, February 24th

9:30am Scripture Discussion Meeting-Rm B, Old Sch.
6pm CYO-- Gym
7pm Martha's Guild Rosary Making-Old School RmB
7pm Choir-Spanish-Old School, Room D
7pm Boy Scout Troop 382 PLC Mtg. Old School Rm5

Wednesday, February 25th

5pm Childrens Choir-Church
7pm Rel Ed. Upper Grades-Old School
7:30pm Adult Choir—Church
7:30pm RCIA-New School Cafe

Thursday, February 26th

6pm CYO-GYM
7pm Cub Scouts-Science Old School Café & E&F
7pm Hispanic Dance-Room D
7pm Boy Scout Troop 382-New School Café.

Friday, February 27th

6pm CYO-Gym
6pm Charismatic Group-New School Cafe
6:30pm GS Robotics Mtg.-Science Lab
7pm SCJ Youth Group-Old School Art Room
7pm Middle School Youth-Old School Café, Kit, B
7:30pm Pastoral Formation-Spanish-Rms 6, 7 & 8

Saturday, February 28th

7:30am Men's Prayer Group-ld School Rm. B&C
8:30am ESL-Human Services-Basement
9:30 am Rel.Ed Lower Grades-Old School
12:00 CYO-Gym
2:00pm CYO-Gym

COMMUNITY NEWS



Faith on Tap

Faith on Tap is a forum engaging young adults in straight talk and honest answers to questions of faith where young adults can meet others who are also living out their faith.

When: **Monday, February 23, 2015**

Time: Doors open at 7pm and talk begins at 7:30pm

Where: Lily Flanagan's, 345 Deer Park Ave., Babylon, NY

Topic: "Authentic Empowerment"
Presented By Peggy Clores

Peggy Clores is a dynamic and passionate speaker who has been in Catholic Adult Education at Our Lady of Mercy Parish and in the RVC Diocese for almost 30 years.

This is a talk you do not want to miss! For more information, please contact Marianne Sheridan, Director for Young Adults at msheridan@drvc.org



A Faith Enriching Experience *You are invited to* **The FAITH AND REASON SEMINAR**

**Where: Kellenberg Memorial H.S.
Uniondale,**

When: Saturday, March 7, 2015

Time: 8:30am to 11:30am

Admittance is free

Continental Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Caserta of Saint John's University will present "Turning 'Round Right: Lent as a Time of Spiritual Transformation".

**For more information, please call
(516) 292-0200**

Why not consider memorializing one of the following items used for our weekly Liturgy: The names will be listed weekly in our bulletin; therefore, your loved one will be remembered.

Please remember the following individual (s) at the Altar of St. Ignatius Loyola:

Name _____ Living _____ Deceased _____

Offering: Bread & Wine \$50 _____ Altar Candles \$50 _____ Altar Flowers \$100 _____

Week of Date _____

Amount Submitted _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Offered By: (Name) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____



Bible Study is Back!

This fall and winter the St. Ignatius Loyola Adult Faith Ministry, will be offering classes on the Acts of the Apostles. The program will run for ten weeks, and will be available at two sessions, one on Thursday mornings from 9:30AM to 11AM and one on Thursday evenings from 7:30PM to 9PM. **The program will begin on Thursday, Feb. 26th and run through May 7th.** We will be meeting in Deacon Mais' office in the Main Foyer of the Old School.

To sign up for these sessions, please call Deacon George at 942-7895 and indicate which sessions you are interested in attending. We are asking a donation of \$15 to cover the cost of the materials. We are looking forward to seeing you at these sessions.



CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

If you know of any **Baptized Catholic adult** who is at least 18 years of age and has not been confirmed, please invite them to contact Deacon George at the Adult Faith Ministry Office for an interview (942-7895). We will be gathering on Monday evenings starting on March 2nd at 7:30PM in Deacon Mais' office in the foyer of the Old School with those who wish to prepare for full membership in the Catholic Church through reception of the sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost, May 24, 2015.



In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA HICKSVILLE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS IS HOSTING **MILITARY BRIDGE**

When: This SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015 –Snow date Sunday, March 1st at 1:30 PM

Where: Msgr. Tarrant Hall - Msgr. Tarrant Hall is in the St. Ignatius Old School on East Nicolai Street (behind the church). The Hall is handicapped accessible

Time: Doors open at 1:30 pm...The game starts promptly at 2:00

Cost: \$10.00 per person Cake, coffee, and tea is included. *Everyone will go home with a beautiful prize!*

For reservations, please call Alice at 516-433-7857

Walk-ins are welcome! - Join us for lots and lots of fun!

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT **2015**

When: Lent-Weekend Retreat—March
6th, 7th and 8th, 2015
Where: Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay
Shore, NY, telephone number (631) 666-7500
Cost: \$175.00, Deposit \$25.00
Topic: Called to be Holy –Journey of Faith
and Conversion
Presenters: Fr. Gerry Fitzsimmons, SMM, Fr.
Matt Considine, SMM, and Fr. George Werner,
SMM

*We know about God-but do I know God?
How has God shown me His love?*



Hope House Ministries
13th Annual Endowment Fund Event
Join them in honoring Fr. Francis Pizzarelli, SMM
When: **Thursday, March 12, 2015**
Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm
Where: Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook

For ticket, journal and sponsor information, please
call Theresa Zeis at (631) 473-8796

Our Parish Lenten Prayer

Dear Lord,

*As I make my Lenten journey with You, send me Your Spirit, help me to give of myself,
help me to turn away from sin, and help me to fast and pray, so that I may know You and
serve You better. Let me be renewed through my journey to share Your grace with the
world. Amen*

BUNKO

Date: **Sunday, March 8, 2015**

Place: Msgr. Tarrant Hall—St. Ignatius Loyola Church is at 129 Broadway (Rt. 107),
Hicksville.

Msgr. Tarrant Hall is in the Old School on East Nicholai Street (behind the church).
The Hall is handicapped accessible.

Time: Doors open at 1:30 pm...the game starts promptly at 2:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person...to be paid at the door. **Walk-ins are welcome!**

Cake, coffee/tea, water and snacks will be provided.

We will have a cash prize for the winner, raffles, and a 50/50.

No experience necessary....Bunko is a fun dice game!

For reservations or questions, please call Karen at 516-937-5527.

Join us to roll the dice!

Mardi Gras Party February 15, 2015



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I DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Editado por Ytala y Gabriel Ruiz

REFLEXIÓN



Cada año, en el 1er. domingo de cuaresma, leemos un texto sobre las tentaciones de Jesús en el desierto. El mismo Espíritu que descendió □ sobre Jesús en su bautismo es el que hoy lo lleva al desierto por 40 días. Es el momento de confrontar a Satanás quien trata de obstaculizar el plan de Dios. Las bestias salvajes representan los peligros del desierto, y los ángeles la presencia de Dios.

La cuaresma es el tiempo en que experimentamos el desierto, el lugar donde confrontamos el mal en nuestras vidas. Caminamos con Jesús hacia el Calvario donde con el venceremos el pecado y la muerte. La Buena Nueva nos motiva a cambiar nuestras vidas de oscuridad por una vida que siga el Evangelio de Jesús. El Reino de Dios ha comenzado y exige una respuesta radical: ¡Arrepiéntanse y crean en la Buena Nueva!

VEN A LA MISA!

CELEBRA CON LA COMUNIDAD. INVITA OTRA PERSONA. DOMINGOS Y PRIMEROS VIERNES, 7:00 PM.

BAUTIZOS

CLASES: A Las 5:30 PM. Segundo y Tercer Domingo de cada mes, en el sótano de la escuela. Padrinos, madrinas, papás y mamás deben asistir a las clases, y quedarse en la misa de las 7 PM. No es necesario hacer una cita para registrarse, pues en la clase lo hacen. No olvides traer el registro de nacimiento del niño. **LOS BAUTIZOS SON LOS ULTIMOS SABADOS DEL MES, A LA 1:00 PM.** Marzo 28, Abril 25, Mayo 30, Junio 27, Julio 25. Comunícate con ROSA y ROMERO: 516-749-4693/516-749-5135

**Tiempo de
cuaresma,
tiempo de
reflexión, de
conversión,
de
preparación
para la gran
fiesta de la
Pascua**

SIRVIENDO A DIOS EN LA PARROQUIA:

PASTOR: Rev. James T. Stachacz
PASTOR ASOCIADO: Rev. Saúl Londoño
COORDINACIÓN: Mario Gómez y Erika A.
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CLASES BAUTIZOS: Roberto y Rosa Romero
CLASES INGLÉS: Lissette Muñoz, Gloria V. Josué Flores, Kerry Engreter, Ingrid Aguilar.
COMITÉ FESTEJOS: Lorena Medrano, Erika y Jaime Aldana, Maribel Adames, Luis Reyes, Tesla Calderón, Ana Berrios, Rosa Molina, Cistina Díaz, Álvaro Meléndez.
COMUNICACIONES: Ytala y Gabriel Ruiz, Maria Romero.
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CORO DE LOS NIÑOS: Leiny & Tony Escobar
DIVINA MISERICORDIA: Delfina Hernández, Asunción Rivera .
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JARDÍN HISPANO: Fidel Zabala - Guadalupe
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MINISTERIO SACRADO CORAZÓN DE JESÚS: Karina del Mar y Jovana Arteaga.
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MOVIMIENTO FAMILIAR CRISTIANO CATÓLICO: Roberto y Rosa Romero.
PASTORAL JUVENIL: Carlos Campos, Ytala y Gabriel Ruiz, Lissette Muñoz, Carla Duran, Samuel Sánchez, Katie Crayne, Eliséo Meléndez, Francesca, Isabel Agosti & Diego.
PRE-CANA: Mario y Dora Gómez
Seguridad: Orlando Cruz, Diego Echeverry

*Mensaje del Papa Francisco
para la Cuaresma 2015*

*"La Cuaresma es un tiempo propicio
para dejarnos servir por Cristo
y así llegar a ser como Él".*



ATENCIÓN: TODOS LOS LIDERES, COORDINADORES, ENCARGADOS DE GRUPOS/MOVIMIENTOS, CATEQUISTAS, QUIENES TRABAJAN CON NIÑOS Y JOVENES, DEBEN ENTREGAR A KARINA DE MAR LA COPIA DEL CERTIFICADO VIRTUS YA QUE NO HAY REGISTRO EN LA PARROQUIA, NI EN LA DIOCESIS. POR LO TANTO NO PODRAN EJERCER EL CARGO. GRACIAS!

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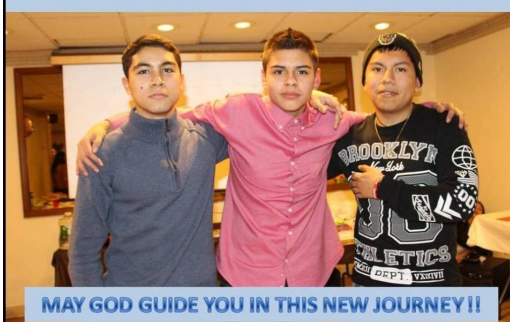
Te esperamos todos los Viernes a las 6:30 pm para que compartas la alegría de alabar al Señor. Por favor invita a otras personas. Dios recompensará tus sacrificios.



GRUPO DE JÓVENES SCJ

Felicitaciones a nuestros mini-lideres 2015, **Junior Medrano, Antonio Aguilar y Hernán Hernández.** Que Dios los guíe y los acompañe. A nuestros demás jóvenes, les deseamos un feliz aniversario. Mil bendiciones!!

OUR NEW MINI-LEADERS - 2015



MAY GOD GUIDE YOU IN THIS NEW JOURNEY!!



The First Week of Lent

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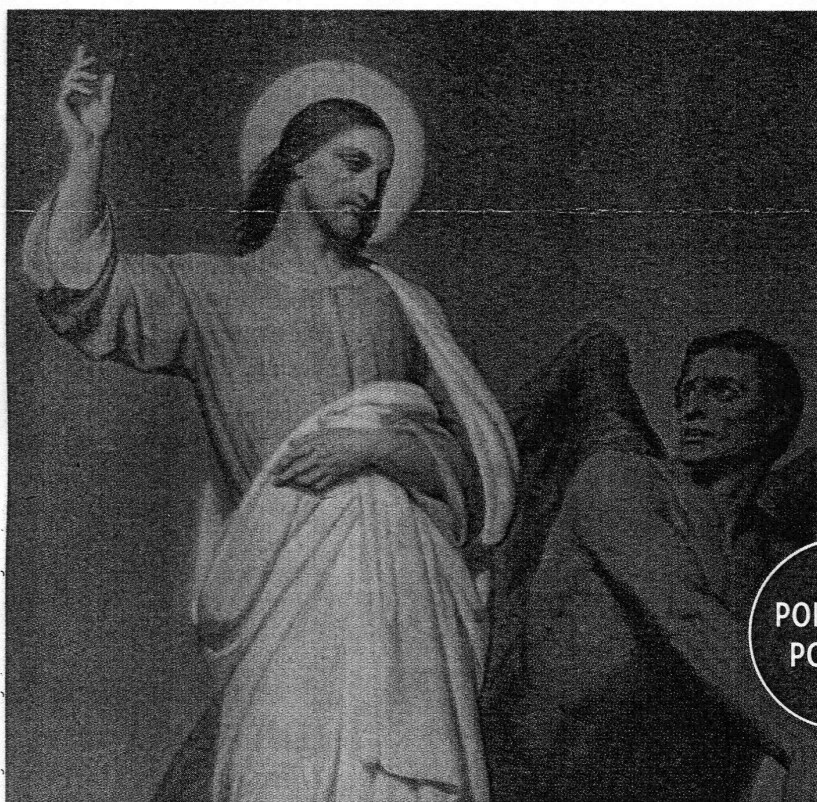
Meditations for the
Season of Lent

AND BELIEVE

Jesus in the Desert

Mark 1:12-15

Before Jesus began his ministry, the Spirit drove him out into the desert. After 40 days he emerged to announce that the kingdom of God was at hand and to encourage the people to “repent, and believe in the gospel.” As we begin the season of Lent, we, too, enter into our own desert as part of our renewal of heart.



Today's Gospel contains two key events of the beginning of Jesus's ministry. First, he went out into the desert for 40 days, where he was tempted by Satan and ministered to by angels. Next, after the death of John the Baptist, Jesus announced that the “time of fulfilment” was at hand, and he began his preaching and teaching. What lesson lies here for us? While Lent is a time of service to others, it must also be a time of preparation and renewal of self. We cannot give what we do not have. Just as Jesus had to spend time in the desert, so we, too, need to take time to allow God to show us where we need to change and give us the conviction to act on those changes.

POINTS TO PONDER

- What will I do this Lent as an outward sign of my repentance?
- What would I like to accomplish spiritually over the next six weeks?
- What is one thing I will do daily during this Lenten season?

As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst.... 'Repent and believe,' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — he knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.



CATHOLIC INSIGHTS

40 days in the desert

Why did Jesus spend 40 days in the desert before beginning his ministry? The number 40 has a special meaning in Scripture and is symbolic of preparation before a major life change. Moses spent 40 days fasting and praying on Mount Zion when he received the Ten Commandments (Exodus 34:28). An Israelite patrol spent 40 days spying on the land of Canaan before reporting back to Moses and Aaron

(Numbers 13:25). And the entire Israelite people spent 40 years wandering in the desert before gaining access to the Promised Land (Numbers 14:34). Jesus likewise spent 40 days before leaving his old life as the son of the carpenter to bring new life to the entire world.

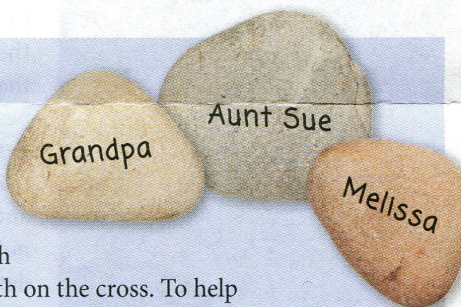
SIGNS OF THE SEASON By Any Other Name

The word "Lent" has a specific religious connotation today, but originally it was used to mean "spring." It derived from the Germanic root word for "long," because in spring the days begin to get longer. In Latin-based languages, the word for the season derives from the term *quadragesima*, meaning "fortieth," indicating the fortieth day before Easter. In other parts of the world, the name means "a time of fasting."

FamilyActivity

Family Calvary Stones

The days of Lent have traditionally been used as a spiritual pilgrimage, in which we symbolically travel with Jesus to his death on the cross. To help emphasize the idea of Lent as a journey, collect 40 small stones, one for each day of the season. (These are sometimes available at craft stores.) Each night at dinner, pray for one person and write his or her name with a marker on one of the pebbles. Collect the stones in a small bowl, and during Holy Week use them to make a "mound" of prayer that holds up a crucifix.



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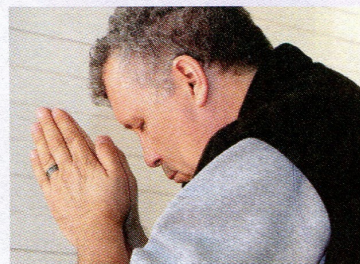
"The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice.¹ These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works)."

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1438

¹ cf. SC 109-110; CIC, cann. 1249-1253; CCEO, cann. 880-883



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LENT PRAYER Unto to you, I cry, my God!

"Repent, and believe in the gospel."

— Mark 1:15

Lord, help us see today and all of its stresses in the light of your eternal love.