

BULLETIN: 1ST, SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021

DAILY EVENTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 20th

- 4:15 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass: Rebecca Hohnholt
7:00 p.m. Neo-Catechum. Mass: People of OLP

Sunday, February 21st

- 8:15 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass: David Fahey
10:45 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Mass: + Juana López de Cárdenas
12:45 p.m. Hora Santa con Música y Meditación

Monday, February 22nd

- 7:10 a.m. Holy Hour with Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m. Mass: + Stu Curtis

Tuesday, February 23rd

- 7:10 a.m. Holy Hour with Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m. Mass: + Josephine Elder
9:30 a.m. Lectio Divina

Wednesday, February 24th

No Mass: Office Closed ALL DAY

Thursday, February 25th

- 7:10 a.m. Holy Hour with Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m. Mass: All Souls
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. RCIA & RCIC Classes & Biblical School

Friday, February 26th

- 7:10 a.m. Holy Hour with Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m. + Nick Fahey
7:00 p.m. "The Search" Meeting

Saturday, February 27th

- 2:00 p.m. YOUTH GROUP
4:15 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass: Don Benz
6:15 p.m. Presentation by Jason Sewald
8:00 p.m. Neo-Catechum Mass: People of OLP

Sunday, February 28th

- 8:15 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass: David Fahey
10:45 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Mass: + Juana López de Cárdenas
12:45 p.m. Hora Santa con Música y Meditación

Please pray for those who are ill & in need of our continued prayer: Terence Sewald, Bob Yoder, Eddy Messer, Joe Kranz, Kaylee Remmich, Brian & Crissy Cobain, Christopher Endicott, Trang & Ann Treber, Deborah Messer, Scott Weaver, Luke Barden, Foster Sauter, Steve Wilmes, & Erin Palmer.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK/REFLECTION

What is Repentance? Do I need to Repent?

Repentance according to the *M.-W. Dictionary* means: "to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life; to feel regret or contrition." Since the Original Sin of Adam and Eve until today, there has always been a need for human beings to repent. Any desire we may have to repent comes from the knowledge that we have sinned and need God's forgiveness. The Scriptures tell us, "They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one" (Ps 14:3) and "Surely there is no one on earth so righteous as to do good without ever sinning" (Ec 7:20). God continually the prophets to call the people to repentance, that they may reconcile with God. John the Baptist is considered the last of the Old Testament prophets, and he was sent for a singular mission of preparing the way for the Messiah, by calling people to repentance through a baptism of water.

Before beginning his mission, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert, fasting for forty days, to be tested. He fought against all the temptations that the devil tempts humanity with, but he was victorious; he did not fall into temptation. Unlike the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, Mark gives no details regarding the temptations. Rather, he begins his public ministry announcing, "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mk 1:15). The gospel is Good News but only for the person who feels they need to repent. When a person encounters the love of Jesus, who loves them despite their sins that is when conversion begins.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus replies to one of the Pharisees, "Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners." The Word helps us to see our sins and realize our need for repentance and to go to confession. When someone sins against me, he goes against my plans, or does thing I hate. What is the response, 'I won't talk to them anymore,' 'they don't exist for me,' so have I killed them? Yes. Maybe we do not steal material things, but do I take credit for all the "good things" I do? Do I steal the glory of God? This Lent, do not be afraid to go deeper, and do not believe the devil's lie whenever you examine your conscience, who always says you are: "okay, or pretty good." If we allow the **Word of God** to penetrate our lives and scrutinize our hearts, without trying to give a theological explanation or take it as a nice teaching, we may be able to see our need to turn back to God and amend our life.

Have a blessed and fruitful Lent! Fr. John

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PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ ****NEW** Black and Indian Mission Collection:** Today, our parish will take up the 137th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.
- ❖ ****NEW** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Beginning this Monday, February 22nd, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed every morning before the 8:30 a.m. Mass from 7:15 – 8:15 a.m. This will be throughout the time of Lent. Morning Prayer will also be said beginning at 7:40 a.m. Join us for a moment of prayer and intimacy in the presence of Our Lord!
- ❖ ****NEW** 40 Days for Life:** Our parish will participate in a 40 days for Life Vigil. Our parish has been assigned for February 23rd, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet at both entrances of the Church for anyone who is interested and willing to participate. For more info visit the website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/>
- ❖ ****NEW** Following the Will of God: A Presentation by Jason Sewald:** All are invited to a presentation that will be given by one of our parishioners on February 27th at 6:15 p.m. There will be a small meal provided at the end of the presentation. Come and show your support!
- ❖ ****REMINDER** Hora Santa con Música y Meditación:** Our Spanish community will be having a Holy Hour after the 11:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday of Lent. All are invited to come and participate!
- ❖ ****REMINDER** Our Lady of the Plains Lenten Observances:** Every Friday of Lent from 4:45 to 6:15 p.m., this week is the Soup Supper. And starting at 6:30 p.m., we will begin the Stations of the Cross. For more information, see the flyers on the Church!
- ❖ ****REMINDER** Formed Lenten Journey:** The online program called, "The Search" will continue. There has been a change of schedule, we will now meet on Friday after Stations, beginning Friday, February 2nd from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. We will meet in the Church to watch and discuss. The Archbishop has asked all to watch during Lent!

RELIGIOUS ED. EVENTS & UPDATES

SUNDAY & THUR. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUES:

- ❖ **IMPORTANT! 3rd and 4th Grade Sunday Religious Ed. Classes:** Those to be confirmed will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 22nd at the 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Pentecost.
- ❖ **IMPORTANT! 2nd Grade Sunday Religious Ed. Class:** On March 13th we will have 1st Reconciliation for 2nd graders and their parents at 11: a.m.
- ❖ **REMINDER! NEXT RCIA & RCIC class:** Thursday, February 4th: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- ❖ **IMPORTANT! RCIA & RCIC Classes:** Those who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation will receive them at the Easter Vigil on April 3rd. The hour is yet to be determined, but the Vigil Mass will be bilingual.
- ❖ **ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK FOR KIDS!!!** (for K- 2nd grade)
THIS WEEK: Brother Francis – The Stations of the Cross
<https://watch.formed.org/lent/videos/brother-francis-the-stations-of-the-cross>

YOUTH GROUP

Next Meeting! The next Youth Group meeting will be on Saturday, February 26th at 2:00 p.m. This is for all kids Sixth grade through High School!

ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ **Next Meeting:** March 7th 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. In the Quiet Room.
- ❖ **Annual Sock Drive:** Socks will be collected in the next couple of months for the Emergency Room at University Hospital. Please bring NEW socks — for adults only. A basket will be placed in the Hall to collect donations.

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