

BULLETIN: MARCH 6, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Please pray for the ill & those in need of our continued prayer:

Bob Yoder, Christopher Endicott, Luke Barden, Joe Kranz, Doug Jones, Trang & Ann Treber, Tara Young, Eddy Messer, Scott Weaver, Foster Sauter, Steve Wilmes, Erin Palmer, Keagan Sanders, Shirley Schaffer, Tara Clawson, Gary May, & Regan DeRee

DAILY EVENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 5th

7:00 a.m. That Man is You
 8:30 a.m. Mass: Capuchin Poor Clares
 10:00 a.m. Rite of Election (Cathedral)
 4:15 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Mass: People of Our Lady of the Plains

Sunday, March 6th

8:15 a.m. Confessions
 9:00 a.m. Mass: + Jesus Gonzales
 10:10 a.m. Religious Education (k-8th)
 10:15 a.m. Altar and Rosary Meeting
 11:30 a.m. Mass: + Celida Santoyo

Monday, March 7th

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Suffering Souls in Purgatory
 9:30 p.m. Lectio Divina
 7:00 p.m. Inlps: (Going Deeper) w/ Fr. Chris
 8:00 p.m. Marriage Prep.

Tuesday, March 8th

8:30 a.m. Mass: Doug Jones

Wed. March 9th

NO Mass (Office Closed)
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 7:00 p.m. KofC Meeting

Thursday, March 10th

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Marie Scheller & William Linnebur
 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (Adoration)
 7:00 p.m. RCIA

Friday, March 11th

7:15 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 8:30 a.m. Mass: + Virginia Elpers
 5:00 p.m. Soup Supper (Alter & Rosery)
 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12th

7:00 a.m. That Man is You
 4:15 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Mass: Hilbert Family

REFLECTION

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel.

We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son (see [Luke 3:22](#); [Exodus 4:22](#)). Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights (see [Exodus 15:25](#)).

He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food (see [Exodus 16:1-13](#)). As Israel quarreled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care (see [Exodus 17:1-6](#)). When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf (see Exodus 32).

Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings (see [Deuteronomy 8:3](#); [6:16](#), [12-15](#)).

Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty (see [Genesis 7:12](#); [Exodus 24:18](#); [34:28](#); [1 Kings 19:8](#); [Jonah 3:4](#)), the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification.

Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. "Call upon me, and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle (quoting [Deuteronomy 30:14](#); [Isaiah 28:16](#); [Joel 2:32](#)).

This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the Lord . . . and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

OFFERTORY

February 27, 2022:

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PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ *****REMINDER*** MARRIAGE PREP CLASSES:** Marriage Prep has begun but it's not too late to come and participate. This is for those couples who have not been married in the church, or who want to get married, and also for those who are struggling in their marriage.
- ❖ *****NEW***2022 AID TO EASTERN EUROPE:** This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.
- ❖ *****NEW***FISH FRY AND SOUP SUPPER:** During this time of Lent the Knights of Columbus and Alter & Rosery will be having a Fish Fry and Soup Supper Menu every Friday before the Stations of the Cross from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
- ❖ **OUR LADY OF THE PLAINS CONFESSIONS:** Our Parish Confessions will be on the 24th of March. Adoration at 6:00 P.M, followed by Confessions at 7:00 P.M. There will be two other bilingual priests to hear confessions.
- ❖ **PREPARING FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY:** If there are any photos that pertain to Our Lady of the Plains and its history that you would like to share, it would be appreciated. You could send via email at ourladyoftheplains@gmail.com or a box which will be available at both entrances for anything you would like to share publicly, as we are getting geared up to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of OLP. You should have your information in a separate envelope with your name and contact information on it so it can be placed back in the envelope to be given back to you.
- ❖ *****NEW***PARISH CONFESSIONS TIMES:**

Parish	Date & Time
St. Therese Parish	Sat, Mar 5, 10:00 am
St. Pius X	Thu, March 10, 7:00 pm
St. Giana Molla	Thu, March 31, 6:30 pm
St. Michael	Sat, April 2, 10:00 am
Our Lady of Loreto	Tue, April 5, 7:00 pm
Queen of Peace	Thu, April 7, 7:00 pm

- ❖ *****NEW*** FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK:** <https://watch.formed.org/forgiven/season:1/videos/where-are-you>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

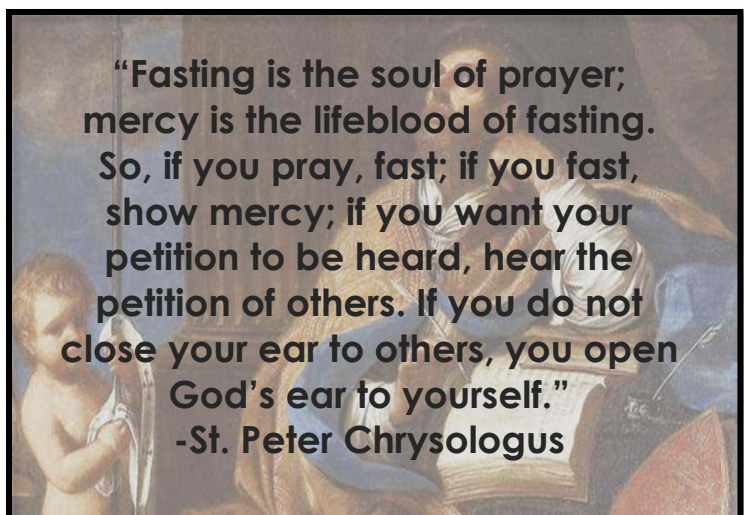
- ❖ **1ST RECONCILIATION RETREAT:** For those students on RE (3rd & 4th Graders), RCIA, & RCIC that need to Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, there will be a retreat, Saturday, April 2nd at 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- ❖ **FIRST CONFESSIONS:** All those in Religious ED, RCIA, RCIC who have not done confessions have to come on April 9 at 11:00 A.M for First Confessions.
- ❖ *****NEW*** CHILDREN'S FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK:** Lent with Brother Francis; Day 1 - A Time to Repent <https://watch.formed.org/lent-with-brother-francis/season:1/videos/day-1-a-time-to-repent>

YOUTH GROUP

The Next High School Youth Group is this Sunday at 12:45. We will meet again on 3/20/22.

ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ **MEETING MARCH 6TH:** Sunday in the classroom next to the kitchen (printer room). All are welcome, meeting starts at 10:10 am. Agenda includes funeral circles, soup supper & more. Next meeting will be on April 3.



"Fasting is the soul of prayer; mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So, if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself."
 -St. Peter Chrysologus

