

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Today's readings remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on Easter.

St. Peter reminds us in our Second Reading of the blessings we receive from Christ's passion, death and resurrection — "Christ suffered for sins once... that he might lead you to God." And again, "[Baptism] is... an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."



In order to more readily receive the blessings from Christ's passion, death and resurrection, we too are called endure 40 days "in the desert." In our Gospel, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified, but rather, to endure temptations of man for our sake. He was fully man, and experience temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin.

We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer.

Let us strive to purify our hearts so that we might be ready to receive the glorious gift of Christ and partake in the riches that pour forth from this Gift.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, February 22

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Dr. Robert Merritt †

7:00 p.m. - Livestream - Holy Hour

Tuesday, February 23

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Louis Van Lankveld †

7:00 p.m. - RCIA (Virtual)

Wednesday, February 24

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Special Intention

Thursday, February 25

No Mass

Friday, February 26

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Mike & Julie Bak †
Paula Vetter †

9:00 a.m. - Livestream - Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. - Mass

Saturday, February 27

4:00 p.m. - Mass

5:00 p.m. - Livestream on YouTube
Richard Shanley † | Aristide Tacinelli †

Sunday, February 28

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

10:00 a.m. - Mass

11:00 a.m. - Aristide Tacinelli †

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

"Christ suffered for sins once for all."

Is He asking you to suffer with Him and bring others to God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603

or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS

Interested in joining our RCIA session

at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 23, 2021 for

"The Commandments 8-10 & Introduction to the Saints"?

Please contact the parish office to join the Google Meet.

SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT: SOLIDARITY WITH COMMUNITIES IN CRISES

Did you know that Development and Peace provides humanitarian aid to communities coping with climate change, conflict and natural disasters in over a dozen countries?



This week, the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign looks at how your solidarity is meaningful for Rohingya refugees and their host communities in Bangladesh.

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