

February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

The weekly bulletin of

HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 pm (English)

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday

7:30 am (Vietnamese)

9:30 am (English)

11:30 am (Vietnamese)

1:30 pm (English)

Weekdays

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

(English & Vietnamese)

RECTORY OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Thursday

9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm

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First Sunday of Lent - Year B

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are entering into the first week of Lent. This is a necessary time to reflect on our spiritual journey. These 40 days of Lent help us, who are the followers of Christ the Lord, reexamine, recall, and renew the purpose our life.

The Collect for Ash Wednesday in the Roman Missal states:

*Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting
that campaign of Christian service,
so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils,
we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.*

Indeed, Lent is a time of spiritual training. We learn to take up battle against spiritual evils, our own vices so that we may come to know ourselves and God's love for us better.

The first task in this spiritual training is to repent, to have a genuinely repentant heart, for no one is perfect, but God. Acknowledging our weaknesses, our unworthiness, we need for God to help us change.

During the season of Lent the Church asks us to fast, pray, and give alms. Let us recall the meaning of these practices.

By fasting, we take good care of ourselves, to live a more healthy way, and to experience how to be hungry and thirsty in order to be in solidarity with those less fortunate than us. By almsgiving, we rebuild our relationship with others. That is to share the resource that God has given to us, to include the poor and the needy into our life, and to change our wrong perceptions about the poor. And by praying, we reconnect ourselves to God more intimately every day for knowing that God wants us to have a better relationship with God.

May God bless us all in this Lenten season.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

Holy Child Jesus Parish is looking for parishioners interested in counting the Sunday collections.

Counting is done once a week, lasting about one hour. Training is provided.

For further information, contact Laura Honda at delatahon@comcast.net or 773-401-2869.

COLLECTION REPORT

February 14, 2021

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$1,630.00
Loose Money	\$2,699.85
Total Collection	\$4,329.85
Variance.....	(\$4,612.15)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	35

What to Give Up...

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Give up complaining ... | focus on Gratitude |
| Give up pessimism ... | become an Optimist |
| Give up worry ... | trust Divine Providence |
| Give up bitterness ... | turn to Forgiveness |
| Give up hatred ... | return Good for evil |
| Give up negativism ... | be Positive |
| Give up anger ... | be More Patient |
| Give up pettiness ... | become Mature |
| Give up gloom ... | enjoy the Beauty all around you |
| Give up jealousy ... | pray for Trust |
| Give up gossiping ... | control your Tongue |
| Give up sin ... | turn to Virtue |
| Give up giving up ... | Hang in there! |

CYCLES OF FAITH

First Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.



Every Friday Evening
in Lenten Season

6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross
Vietnamese

7:00 pm
Mass
Bilingual

7:40 pm
Exposition and
Stations of the Cross
English



6 WORSHIP CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 21 1st Sunday of Lent

Vietnamese

7:30 am Cầu cho linh hồn Phêrô.
For the soul of Maria Nguyễn Thị Nói.

English

9:30 am Barbara Isaacson
Marie Schmid
John Cipriani

Vietnamese

11:30 am Cầu cho linh hồn Phêrô.

English

1:30 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Monday, February 22 Chair of St. Peter

8:00 am Raquel Guerra
Cầu cho linh hồn Anna

Tuesday, February 23 St. Polycarp

8:00 am Cầu cho linh hồn Matta

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 am For the soul of Maria Nguyễn Thị Nói.

Thursday, February 25

8:00 am Cầu cho linh hồn Giuse

Friday, February 26

8:00 am Cầu cho linh hồn Têrêsa.
7:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Saturday, February 27

8:00 am Cầu cho các đấng linh hồn.

English

4:00 pm Ann Donhue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm For the soul of Maria Nguyễn Thị Nói.

Sunday, February 28 2nd Sunday of Lent

Vietnamese

7:30 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

9:30 am Pedro Bernal - anniversary

Vietnamese

11:30 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

1:30 pm Mario Vega

Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/
Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-
19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
[19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc
-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/
Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made
at least three months in advance.

Baptism: Sunday, 3:00 pm
2nd in English
3rd in Vietnamese

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm
1st & 3rd in English
2nd & 4th in Vietnamese

R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic
Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: sm office spaces \$300-\$600/mo, perfect for 1-8 person office,
quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or
Neal.gallo.gzm@statefarm.com; 3 bdrm, 1500 sq ft, 3rd fl, Peg, 773-274-
7534;

FOR SALE: 2003 silver Malibu, 67,112 mi, 773-764-3789.

