

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert for forty days to be tempted by the devil.
Luke 4: 1-13

In Jesus, we pass the test

Many of us have had the experience of facing some kind of testing in the process of applying for a job. Whether in the form of an audition or an essay, a physical drill, or a role playing exercise, the purpose of such a test is to assess how well the applicant might function in the position being offered.

Just before embarking on his public ministry, Jesus undergoes a grueling ordeal in the desert. He is tempted at a particularly vulnerable moment - alone, exhausted, and starving.

The temptations placed before Jesus highlight the kind of ministry he is about to begin. Just what shape will that ministry take? What kind of a leader will Jesus prove to be? As the scene unfolds, we see him firmly rejecting a false or easy style of leadership. He will not be someone who offers instant gratification, who seeks all-encompassing political power, or who dazzles his followers with cheap tricks.

Instead, Jesus will model compassion, gentleness, and humility. He will be the servant leader who does not hesitate to wash the feet of his disciples, the king whose journey will culminate not on a throne but on a cross.

When we are tempted to be selfish or greedy, or manipulative, when we undergo our own desert experiences, we can draw hope and strength, not only from the example of Jesus, but from his presence with us in every moment of our lives.

Krystyna Higgins: *Living with Christ*

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Peter 5: 1-4; Matthew 16: 13-19
Tuesday: Isaiah 55: 10-11; Matthew 6: 7-15
Wednesday: Jonah 3: 1-10; Luke 11: 29-32
Thursday: Esther 12: 14-16, 23-25
Matthew 7: 7-12
Friday: Ezekiel 18: 21-28; Matthew 5: 20-26
Saturday: Deuteronomy 26: 6-19;
Matthew 5: 42-48
Sunday: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1; Luke 9: 28-36

Pray for the Deceased

Elizabeth P. Guntle

Jesuit Retreat House – Online Lenten Retreat

Pray from your home or office computer by visiting the JRH website. Daily readings from scripture as well as reflections and meditations. www.jrh-cleveland.org or www.jrh-cleveland.org/prayeraids.html



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, February 21 - 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Charles Green Park

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Monday, February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter, apostle

5:15 PM Elsie Bartkowiak

Tuesday, February 23 - St. Polycarp, bishop, martyr

8:00 AM Vito Donofrio

Wednesday, February 24 - Lenten Weekday

5:15 PM Michael Prusak

Thursday, February 25 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Mary Trayte

Friday, February 26 - Lenten Weekday

5:15 PM Deceased Priests of Diocese

Saturday, February 27 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Catherine Kniola

5:15 PM Richard J. Dorsey

The Sign of Welcoming

Father Workman is working on acquiring the Statue of St. Hedwig that was formerly in the Church of St. Hedwig. Also, Fr. Workman is working on acquiring other items that can be used here at St. Clement, including votive candle racks for the side altars. Anyone interested in donating to this fund please speak with Fr. Workman, or call him at the rectory.

Coffee & Donuts

Join us for coffee, donuts and conversation after the 9AM and 11AM Sunday Masses.

What's Happening this Week in the Parish

Sunday, February 21: Confirmation Follow-up Session
7 PM - Hall

Monday, February 22:

Tuesday, February 23: Finance Council Meeting
7:30 PM - Rectory

Wednesday, February 24: RCIA
7 PM - Rectory

Thursday, February 25: Scripture Treats 10:45 AM
Bible Study Group
7 PM - Hall

Friday, February 26: Stations of the Cross
6 PM

AA Gratitude Group
7 PM - Hall

Catholic Bible Study

A Catholic Bible Study on the Psalms will be presented at St. Clement Church. This 5 week study is on Thursday evenings beginning February 25th from 7 PM - 8:30 PM, and going through Thursday, March 25th. Come learn the prayers that Jesus prayed. This bible study is for everyone. Come and see. There is no fee. The teachers are members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Bible College which is part of Presentation Ministries, a Lay Association of the Catholic Church. For registration or further information, please call Ed or Mary Lamparyk at 216-898-1440.

Lenten Retreat Announcement

On Wednesday, when you received ashes the priest may have said something like: 'Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel.' Wonderful words to begin the Lenten season; but, have you ever really thought about what 'be faithful to the gospel' might mean in your life? Beginning this weekend please join us in taking a Lenten journey with the Prodigal Son. Our first session will be held at St. James Church, February 24th, at 7 PM. In our first night we will look at the younger son in the story, what his leaving meant to himself, the father, the community, and what it means to us today. Just as many of us may have said or heard in our lifetime, he was only 'trying to find himself.' But in his travels he found so much more and provides an opportunity for us to discuss where we are, who we are, and what we are seeking to find. In the Passion account from Mark's gospel Jesus says to Peter, 'You could not stay awake for even an hour?' Are we willing to give a small amount of time out of our week to spend with Jesus as we journey through Lent? Hope to see you there!

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Eileen Cornelison, Jane Dugan,
Lauren Klocek, Celeste Stark,
Maureen McIntyre, Mary Lynn Rogers



Finance Corner:

Collection for weekend of February 14 - \$5,912.17

Envelopes used - 209

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish.

Black and Indian Mission Collection

This weekend our parish will take up the annual collection for Black and Indian Missions. Your financial contribution helps to support Catholic communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. Your donation funds evangelization programs to strengthen the faith, continue the legacy and share the mission with children and adults here in the United States.

Congratulations...

to the following students from our parish who are on the Honor Roll at St. Edward High School for the current grading period: Luke Horning, Aaron Kovach, Samuel Kress, Kevin Murray, Patrick Murray, Trenton Rivera

Saint Ignatius Scholarship Drive

Sean Williams, a freshman at St. Ignatius, is selling tickets to support the annual scholarship drive at St. Ignatius. The money is used to support young men who wish to receive a Jesuit education. The tickets are \$5 each and the grand prize is \$50,000, 2nd \$10,000, and 3rd \$5,000. The tickets are on sale from February 5th to March 9th with the drawing on March 9th. Contact Sean at 221-9501, or email sdwilliams13@student.ignatius.edu He will deliver your tickets to you.

Volunteers Needed

Crossroads Hospice is looking for committed and caring people to add to our team of volunteers. We are looking for people to provide patient care visits in homes and also to assist with office work and bereavement. Learn about *The Ultimate Gift* available to our patients. To learn more about various opportunities through the Crossroads Hospice Volunteer Program, please contact Judy Sobieski, Volunteer Coordinator at 216-654-9157.

Love a Mystery?

St. James Church is presenting an "A Killer of a Party" A Murder Mystery Play on February 26th and 27th at 7:30 PM. There will be a different ending on each night. A spaghetti dinner is included with the play. Tickets cost \$20 per person or 2 for \$35. Tickets will be available after all Masses, or at the rectory office on weekdays between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM, or call Diane Mravec at 221-0385. Please join us for an evening of fun, food and mystery.

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