

First Sunday of Lent
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Today Jesus goes into the desert to be tested. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to follow him so that our faith may be examined and then strengthened by God's grace.

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 *Moses commands the people to remember how God saved them from slavery in Egypt so that he might lead them into the promised land.*

Romans 10:8-13 *Paul tells us that anyone, Jew or Gentile, who calls in faith upon the name of the Lord will be saved.*

Luke 4:1-13 *Just as Israel was tested in the desert, Jesus enters into the wilderness to be tested by Satan.*



DDF. Next weekend will be our in-pew commitment weekend. This will be an opportunity to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese, to share our many blessings, and show our concern for one another. Your gift is important. Please assist all the ministries in our diocese and the many services they provide. Our parish goal is to have 100% participation. Currently, one 38% of our diocesan families give every year. Can you imagine the good works that could be accomplished if we were to increase our donors by as little as 10%? In order to achieve this goal, each of us must give to the fullest extent possible, in accordance with what God has given us.

Vespers. On the last Sunday of each month Bishop Slattery gathers the people of the diocese together to celebrate Solemn Vespers at the Cathedral, 810 S. Boulder. With psalms, readings and prayers taken from the Scriptures, these Solemn Vespers are sung in the context of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction always closes the service. Everyone is encouraged to join the Bishop at 6:30 pm Sunday, Feb. 28th. Booklets are provided free of charge. Information 307-4955.

Part-time Caregiver needed. Live in care giver or part-time caregiver please call Sr. Pierre 744-9417. Leave a message and be sure to speak slowly and clearly leaving your name and how you can be reached.

**COLLECTION SUMMARY FOR DEC. 13, 2009:
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS WERE \$12,169.00**

Mass Intentions for the coming week :

- Feb. 23 Bob Witcher + r/b Theresa Witcher
- Feb. 24 Jenkin Lloyd Jones + r/b Ana Maria Lloyd Jones
- Feb. 25 Dorothy Miller + r/b Theresa Witcher
- Feb. 26 Tom Ernst + r/b Bob & Jane Smith
- Feb. 27 Steve Conrad + r/b Theresa Witcher

MINISTERS SCHEDULE— FEB 27-28

5:30 Saturday February 27
Lector Sue Kinsey and Gretchen Whistler
EMHC Sheryl Boone and Sharon Burns
Server Jim Ballew, Spencer Thomas, Jack and Ben Crawford
Greeter Chris Crawford
Crucifix Cindy Loftin
Gifts Jessie Dragoo

8:00 Sunday February 28
Lector Donna Stanberry and Harry Stege
EMHC John and Cathye Hotaling
Server Matt Reynolds
Greeter John and Cathye Hotaling
Crucifix Marilyn Connor

10:00 Sunday February 28
Lector Michelle Taylor and Renee Wagenblatt
EMHC Mary Patterson and Jane Rausch
Server Maureen and Ben Goree, Liddy Wilson
Greeter Donna Wuerch, Rita Wilson, Bud Stockdale, and Vera Ballew
Crucifix Beverly Bryan
Gifts Carter and Karen Junghanns
Coffee & Donuts Trina Moore and Family
RCIA Sean Donovan

Computer Class? If you would like to participate in a low-key computer class please let Becky G. in the office know this week. Call 744-0023, ext. 18 and leave your name and phone number.

Bunco Subs. Would you like to play Bunco occasionally as a substitute player? We have a Bunco group that plays at Madalene on the 2nd Thursday of every month. You may call Linda at 747-4515 or Charlene 622-6861 and get the details.

Free Concert. Fr. Brian Parker, Fr. Benedykt Pazdan, and Alex Fisher will be in concert March 10th at the Cascia Hall Performing Arts Center. This group performs world-wide to raise money for special charitable projects such as supporting food pantries and soup kitchens in St. Louis to feeding and educating children from Africa to Central America. Admission is open to the public and free of charge; donations will be accepted. For info about the group visit www.fatherbrianmusic.com.

Lent

What is lent? It's the 40 day period in the church year set aside for spiritual preparation for Easter.

It's a *time of renewal* when new members of the church prepare for the purifying Sacrament of Baptism and other Christians recall their own baptism. It's a *time of penance* through special Lenten practices, when Christians seek forgiveness for sins, to restore the soul and to strengthen faith.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

M.Y. GROUP ACTIVITIES 6TH - 12TH GRADES

- Feb. 26 Family Stations of the Cross
Time: 7:00pm
- Mar. 6 Clear Creek Monastery Work Day
Time: 8am to 1pm
- Mar. 28 Showing of "The Passion"
in the Youth Room
Time: 6-9pm

M & M ACTIVITIES PreK THROUGH GRADE 5

- Feb. 26 Family Stations of the Cross
Time: 7pm
- Mar. 7 Lenten Retreat
Time: 3-5pm

LENTEN COIN BOXES

Money collected during Lent will benefit
San Miguel School

Religious Award. Girl Scouts in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades who want to complete the *Mary, the First Disciple* religious award are invited to meet at the St. Pius X Activity Center Youth Room Sunday, March 7th from 2:30-4pm. Contact Monique at mofrancois@runbox.com or 254-2430 if you wish to attend.

St. Patrick Dinner Show Kickoff to St. Patrick's Day Saturday, March 13th from 5:30 to 10 pm at St. Therese's Jorishe Hall, 8315 S. 107 E. Ave. (Hwy 169 2 blocks south of 81st street). Tickets are \$15/Adults and \$10/Children under 12 and include Irish Harp ensemble, Irish dancers and fiddlers. Contact Tom Hinchey 455-3586 or email to the irishclubok@msn.com. Menu will be either corned beef and cabbage or Irish stew (Must specify your meal choice when making your reservation).



Adoptive Parents Support Group for adoptive parents and parents considering adoption are invited to a meeting with the topic of how to communicate with birth parents on Tuesday, March 9 from 6-8pm at Madalene in Aquinas Hall. No charge, but please RSVP to Sara Delgado at sara.delgado@williams.com or call 573-2713. Sponsored by Catholic Charities.

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER FOR THE EIGHTEEN MEN AND WOMEN WHO WILL BE SENT TO THE BISHOP NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON FOR THE RCIA RITE OF ELECTION.

Widowed? Divorced? Separated? *Beginning Experience* helps those who have lost a loved one in a weekend program that deals with the natural grief process and will offer an opportunity, through God, for dealing with the pain of loss and moving into the future with renewed hope. Next weekend will be Feb. 26-28 at St. Scholastica in Ft. Smith, AR. Contact Gayle 918-357-3867.

Pro-Life Dinner. The Pro-Life community is invited to join Bishop Slattery to raise awareness and support while building an all faith community and celebrate life. Guest speaker is David Bereit, 40 Days for Life National Director. Come join us on Saturday, March 6 at Bishop Kelley High School Gym, 6pm social and 7pm dinner. RSVP is required, \$25/per person. Contact Tracy at 307-4939 or tracy.callicoa@dioceseoftulsa.org. Seating is limited so call soon!

PSI Classes in March

Saints in Sacred Art will take a look at how the saints have been depicted over the centuries in Sacred Art. Usually the saints are depicted with objects that give us clues to their life story. Come take a visual tour of how the saints have been presented throughout history through the medium of Sacred Art. Presented by Joey Spencer, Monday, March 1st from 7-8:30pm at the Chancery Office located at 12300 East 91st Street in Broken Arrow. No fee.

Priest as Confessor by Rev. Msgr. Patrick Gaalaas. Tuesday, March 16th 7-8:30pm in Aquinas Hall. The famous theologian Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange states that "To hear confessions well requires patience, self-denial and great love for souls." Come explore the intimate relationship between the priest and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A Doctor Looks at the Passion and the Crucifixion of Jesus. This fascinating 2-night class will be a unique investigation of the Passion and crucifixion of Jesus from the perspective of a medical doctor. Dr. Gary Hassmann has spent nearly 20 years studying the medical, historical and theological aspects of Christ's passion and has put together a presentation that will help one understand the intensity of what Christ went through for us on Calvary. Thursdays, March 18 & 25 from 7-9pm in the Parish Hall. No fee.

The Life and Ministry of St. John Vianney. To mark the 150 Anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, the Cure d' Ars, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed a Year of Priestly Jubilee. Having been for decades the patron of parish priests, now St. John Vianney will be venerated as the universal patron saint for priests. Join Deacon John Donnelly as he discusses the life story of St. John Vianney, who through his virtuous life and saintly acts has become the example of what it means to be a priest. Tuesday, March 2, 7-8:30pm in Aquinas Hall. No fee.

ALL PSI CLASSES REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION BY sending your name, address, zip code, phone number, parish, class title and email address. You may call 307-4941 or email to psi@dioceseoftulsa.org.