SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See inside

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FEBRUARY 22, 2015
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM

Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today’s readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter’s letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: “Repent and believe in the gospel.” It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

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The First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2015

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.
— Psalm 25:4

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)


Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis reminds us that everyone is called to evangelize. As the Church embarks on another year of evangelization in the Black Catholic and Native American communities, all are encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings. Last year’s support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection from the faithful across the United States made possible multiple outreach programs and grants.

Your support impacts the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men and lay-leadership who labor on Indian reservations, urban centers, Black Catholic and Native American Parishes, mission schools and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. I ask you to remain faithful to the Black and Indian Mission Collection!

The Black and Indian Missions collection in the Diocese of Venice is scheduled for the weekend of February 21-22, 2015. It is only through the constant generosity of everyone that evangelization efforts are multiplied a thousand fold. Your support brings a renewed interest to all the local Churches across the country that have Black and Indian Missions.

I take this opportunity to assure you and your families of my continued consideration as well as my prayers during this Lenten Season. Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS - Please join us every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.
All Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law, each in his or her own way, to do penance. However, so that all may be joined together in a certain common practice of penance, days of penance are prescribed. On these days, the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to fulfill their obligations more faithfully, and to deny themselves especially by observing the fast and abstinence according to the laws of the Church.

The following are the Lenten penitential regulations issued for the Diocese of Venice in Florida.

**REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, and Good Friday, April 3, are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat.

**Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are all days of abstinence.

It should be noted that if a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self denial that are suitable to their condition.

**Fasting, almsgiving and prayer** are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

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**Lent** is a time of renewal, for the whole church, for each community and for each believer. Above all, it is a time of Grace.

~ Pope Francis
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Lenten journey has begun! It comes as no surprise that each one of us will determine the difference Lent will make in our life this year.

With the celebration of Ash Wednesday, the Church ushers us into this period of preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. The journey toward Easter begins with the path through Lent.

It is appropriate that the forty days of this penitential season open with the tracing of ashes on the foreheads of the faithful, calling to mind our mortality and absolute dependence on the grace of God. We are signed with a cross! This stark reality should wake us up! Indeed, Lent calls us to break out of indiﬀerence and to enter into the love and mercy of God.

Pope Francis reminds everyone that “Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community, and each believer. Above all, it is a time of grace.” With these words, the Holy Father urges us to move out of complacency, to turn towards God, and to become united with one another in Christ, a unity that is essential. The Church is a communion not only of the saints but of the holy things that are shared including the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Since we are united in Christ, whenever we share in the gift of God’s grace, we become united with one another and we can do things for one another to help build up His body, the Church. The journey of Lent invites us to break out of ourselves in love of God and love of neighbor. This is not always easy but it is necessary in order for us to be ready for the joys of Easter and the glory of eternal life.

What can we do this Lent to help open our hearts to God’s grace and love? As I am sure was the case with many of you, when I was growing up, my parents, the parish priests, as well as the good sisters who taught me in Catholic school, encouraged me to consider Lent as a means of coming closer to God. To accomplish this, each week priests in every parish of the Diocese will be available to hear Confessions from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the Fridays of Lent; and from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the Saturdays of Lent. All are encouraged to take part in these opportunities of reconciliation.

Similarly, I urge you to seek out ways which you can help those who are less fortunate by contributing to our Diocesan Catholic Charities, which continues to do important work in providing for the poor and needy in our own area. Again, as Pope Francis tells us, “Lent is a favorable time for showing this concern for others by concrete signs of our belonging to one human family.”

Remember also that Lent is a time of Reconciliation. This Lent, as in previous years, the Diocese of Venice will once again be undertaking “The Light is On For You” campaign. The primary purpose of this campaign is to encourage Catholics to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To do penance is to perform acts that detach us from temporary, passing things and re-attach us to permanent, eternal things. The practice of “giving something up” helps us to think less of our own desires and more about what really matters. In this vein, the Church prescribes that Catholics who are fourteen years and older abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. Similarly, Catholics who are eighteen to fifty-nine years old (inclusive) practice fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, eating only one full meal (with two optional smaller meals and no snacking) on those days. In addition, the Church urges the faithful to make other sacrifices during the days of Lent perhaps by giving up some things that may be a luxuries. We do this as a penance – a sign of the belief that there are greater things that await us in Heaven.

In the practice of giving to those who are less fortunate – that is, “almsgiving” – the faithful are called to open up to the needs of others. This is a profound way of reminding us to look outside of ourselves and to be attentive to the needs of others. As an example, all the faithful of the Diocese are encouraged to take part in Operation Rice Bowl. This is a Lenten program whereby participants are asked to eat lesser meals as part of their Lenten Sacrifice. The money saved is then placed in symbolic rice bowls and donated at the end of Lent. Of the funds collected, 75% goes to support Catholic Relief Service’s mission to fight global hunger and poverty in over 40 countries, while the remaining 25% goes to support local food pantries and soup kitchens here in the Diocese of Venice.

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As we walk the road through Lent towards Easter, I ask that you remember in a special way those who are journeying through the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Please pray for those Catechumens who will be baptized and those Candidates who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter Vigil. Pray also for their families and those who are helping to prepare them, so that the grace of God will be with them through the final days of their preparation for this momentous event in their lives.

It is my prayerful hope that during this Season of Lent, all the faithful of the Diocese of Venice will follow the call of Pope Francis to break out of indifference and embrace the many blessings that await us in this Holy Season, as we look forward to the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless us all as we journey with Holy Mother Church and each other through this Lenten Season towards the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Frank J. Dewane Bishop of Venice in Florida
**RESURRECTION CALENDAR**

*Adoration*, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
*Bereavement & Beyond Ministry*, Every Monday, 8:30 am.
*Alouise* 481-8168
*Coffee & Donuts*, Sundays after 10:30 Mass
*Craft Club*, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
*Men's Club*, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00 p.m., Sept. - May
*Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena*, Saturdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, church
*Prayer for Priests*, Thursdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, chapel
*RCIA*, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., call 482-6883 for information
*Rel. Ed.*, September - May
*Resurrection for Life*, 2nd Wednesday of Oct., Jan., Apr., 9 am
*Rosary*, before daily Masses and Thurs. & Thurs., 1:30 p.m., chapel
*Rosary Makers*, 3rd Thurs every month, 9-11 a.m.
*St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting*, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 p.m. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749
*Teams of Our Lady*, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
*Women’s Guild*, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30 a.m. Sept. - May

**MINISTRY OF THE SICK**

The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:

*Gulf Coast Hospital* - visited daily by Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, 561-2245
*Lee Memorial Hospital* - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
*Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park* - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

A priest is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for the above hospitals at the above telephone numbers.

**TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:**

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission. If you wish a visit from one of the Resurrection priests please notify the hospital as well as the parish office, 481-7171 as quickly as possible.

Resurrection priests visit the above hospitals daily upon request.

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**A SPIRITUAL LENTEN MORNING WITH FATHER TONER**

To all men and women of the parish -
You are invited to a special morning with Father Toner on Tuesday, Feb. 24th at the parish center immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass. Father’s Lenten Talk will include a question and answer period. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Come and join us for this opportunity to reflect on our Lenten season.
Sanctuary Flowers for Easter Celebration

As a memorial to a loved one, in celebration of a birthday or anniversary, as a thank you or to honor someone special in your life, Easter Flower Offering envelopes are located at the church entrances and also included in the monthly envelope packets. Write the name of the person to honor and your name on the envelope and return via the collection basket or drop off at the parish center. The envelopes will be placed on a pedestal near the sacred altar for the octave of Easter as a spiritual offering to our God.

Please join us for the Rosary, Monday through Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and Tuesday & Thursday at 1:30 in the chapel

Attention Men of the Parish
You are invited to attend the Wednesday Gospel Forum at 7:00AM at Webster’s Grill on Cypress Lake Dr. behind La-Te-Da Salon. We read and discuss the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday and end at 7:50AM so that you can get to work or Mass on time. We meet every Wednesday and you may attend it whenever you can.
For additional data you may call Ange Ford at 216.496.0269 or email ajford@hotmail.com

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

In loving memory of Emma Jane Gilbert
by Husband Paul Gilbert

NEW GIFT SHOP HOURS
Thurs. 8:20 - 10:00
Sat. 2:30 - 5:00
Sun. 8:00 - 1:00
PLEASE HELP
FEED THE
HUNGRY!

Your food donations will help St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, CCMI, Soup Kitchen, South Ft. Myers Food Pantry. Drop food in boxes at vestibules in the church or Parish Center. The following is most needed: Canned fruit & vegetables (corn/peas/carrot/green beans), Canned meat (tuna/chicken/ sausages/ham/Spam), Spaghetti noodles and Sauce, Ready Macaroni and Cheese, Maseca flour (small bags), Canned diced tomatoes, Tomato sauce, Cereal, Canned soups (prefer chicken), and Dry beans (pinto/red/kidney).

Thank you and God Bless!
Men’s
CONFERENCE
Learn, Deepen and Defend Your Faith!
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015
9 A.M. - 3 P.M. CLOSING MASS AT 2 P.M.

TOM PETERSON
Tom Peterson was a successful, award-winning advertising executive for almost three decades. But in 1997, he experienced a profound conversion at a parish retreat that set him in a new direction. He applied his advertising skills to spreading the Gospel and the result was two new media apostolates; Virtue Media and Catholics Come Home. He is also the author of a new book with the title ‘Catholics Come Home, God’s Extraordinary Plan for your life’.

MARK HOUCK
Mark Houck, Co-Founder & President of The King’s Men. Since 2006, he has been speaking to thousands of men about a variety of topics related to the development of authentic masculinity. Mark has a BA from The Catholic University of America and a Master’s in Education from Holy Family University. He is married with four children, and lives in Quakertown, PA.

TRENT HORN
Trent Horn is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, an apologist for Catholic Answers, a blogger and author of Answering Atheism: How to Make the Case for God with Logic and Charity. He resides in San Diego with his wife Laura.

Register online at www.dioceseofvenice.org/mens
Or mail in check to: Diocese of Venice Attn: Men’s Conference
1000 Pinebrook Rd. Venice, FL 34285

LOCATION:
Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers

COST:
Pre-Registration: Adults $20,
Students $5.
At the door: $30 and $10.
Beginning of Lent
... in the words of Pope Francis

“With its invitations to conversion, Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to rouse us from torpor, from the risk of moving forward by inertia. The exhortation which the Lord addresses to us through the prophet Joel, “Return to me with all your heart” (Joel 2:12). Why must we return to God? Because something is not right in us, not right in society, not right in the Church and we need to change and give it a new direction. And this is called needing to convert! Once again Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal, to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us, simply because God is faithful, always faithful, for he cannot deny himself, he continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and he is always ready to forgive and start afresh. With this filial confidence, let us set out on the journey!”

Pope Francis

The Joy of the GOSPEL

Pope Francis’ Call:
“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day.” #3

3 Times to choose from
SUNDAY MORNINGS:
11:45 AM—1:15 PM
MONDAY EVENINGS:
7:00 PM—8:30 PM

Religious Education Syllabus

Sun. 2/22—
Lent Reconciliation
Wed. 2/25—
Lent Reconciliation
Sun. 3/1— Chapter 16
Wed. 3/4— Chapter 16
**Sun. 3/8— Chapter 17
**Wed. 3/11— Chapter 17
Sun. 3/15— Chapter 18
Wed. 3/18— Chapter 18
**Sun 3/22— Seder
**Wed. 3/25— Seder
Sun. 3/29— Palm Sunday-NO CLASS
Wed. 4/1— NO CLASS
Sun. 4/5— EASTER—NO CLASS
Wed. 4/8— NO CLASS
Sun 4/12— Chapter 19
Wed. 4/15— Chapter 19
Sun. 4/19— CLASS REVIEW
Wed. 4/22— CLASS REVIEW
Sun. 4/26—RELICS-LAST CLASS
Wed. 4/29—RELICS-LAST CLASS
**Sun 5/3— Communion Retreat
** Parent & Student Sacramental Prep
* Student Sacramental Prep

March 1
Offertory Sunday:
we are collecting:
Rice

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

On the First Sunday of Lent we have three catechumens and two candidates who will be sent to the Bishop for the Rite of Election.

We rejoice as a community that God is calling them to full communion in the Catholic Church. Our banner will lead them as they are presented to the Bishop.

Please pray for all our R.C.I.A. candidates as they journey through the period of purification and enlightenment during Lent. We pray that they may fully receive God’s graces through the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.
Make Symbolon part of your Lenten Devotional!!!

Most Catholics view Lent as a time to “give up” something. Why not “learn something” about your faith this Lent? You could give your time to learn about the rich Catholic tradition. And the best part about it — you could do this at your own home computer or in the parish center with a community of learners!

The Catholic Faith Lived

Come and join us in the Parish center
Wednesdays 7:30-9pm to join in discussion each week OR
Watch each session in your own home and join our discussion when you can!

Two ways to Register:
1) Go to the Church of the Resurrection Web Page at www.resurrectionch.org and click the register now link on the left hand side of the page (under the green buttons)
Or:
2) Go to Http://symboloncatholic.org/register and enter code 377363 to watch each session and to print out participant study guides

March 4- SESSION 14: PENANCE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK: God’s Mercy Revealed
March 11- SESSION 15: MATRIMONY & HOLY ORDERS: The Sacraments of Service & Communion
March 18- SESSION 16: A CATHOLIC MORAL VISION: Virtue, Grace & the Path to Happiness
March 25- SESSION 17: A LOVE THAT LASTS: The Call to Self-Giving Love
April 15- SESSION 18: A LOVE THAT LASTS: God’s Plan for Sexuality
April 22- SESSION 19: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Building a Civilization of Love
April 29- SESSION 20: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person

And check out the other Symbolon sessions on your home computer TODAY!

Knowing the Faith

SESSION 2: DIVINE REVELATION: God Seeking Us and the Compass for Our Lives
SESSION 3: THE BIBLE: God’s Love Letter to Humanity
SESSION 4: THE STORY OF SALVATION: Creation, Fall and Redemption
SESSION 5: WHO IS JESUS?: Just a Good Man or Lord of our Lives?
SESSION 6: THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: The Mystery of Jesus’ Death and Resurrection
SESSION 7: THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE LIFE OF GRACE: God’s Divine Life Within Us
SESSION 8: WHY DO I NEED THE CHURCH?: The Mystery of the Catholic Church
SESSION 9: MARY AND THE SAINTS: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints
SESSION 10: THE LAST THINGS: What Happens After We Die?
SESSION 11: THE SACRAMENTS: Baptism & Confirmation
SESSION 12: THE EUCHARIST: Source & Summit of Christian Life
**USHERS NEEDED**

We are still in need of ushers. If you are able to volunteer please call John at 481-3456.

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**RESURRECTION FOR LIFE**

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ABORTION CLINIC AT 3900 BROADWAY, FT. MYERS EVERY 2ND SATURDAY (after the 8:00 Mass) FOR THE ROSARY AND EVERY MONDAY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD, CORNER OF WINKLER & COLLEGE ANYTIME BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM.

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**PREGNANT? NEED HELP? CALL 239-772-4673**

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**“Come Follow Me...”**

The Gospels tell us of Jesus sharing meals often with Pharisees, with friends and the outcasts of his world. It was at the Last Supper he celebrated the First Eucharist telling the apostles: “Do this in memory of me...”

**YOU ARE INVITED**

4-6 Parishioners Meet and Go to Lunch

**Goal:** Build community and friendships with other parishioners...by sharing a simple meal with new friends.

**When:** Once in February

**Once in March**

**Commitment is for ONLY two months**

**Where:** You may choose to host or go out to eat.

**How:** Call the office: 481-7172 to complete your invitation You will be notified who your host is and where the simple meal will be.

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**Before you plan your summer vacation, mark your calendar for VBS!**

June 15—19

9 am—Noon

A fun, faith-filled week for children from Pre-K thru 5th gr.

Registration opens March 1

RYM—239-481-5144

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We are excited to announce that Faith & Wine Lee County will hold its first event on February 26, 2015. We invite women from all parishes to join us at Our Lady of Light Parish at 6:30 pm. Come and share in the stories of faith-filled women while enjoying a relaxing evening together with a little wine and food. Our featured speaker is Mary Beth Clary who founded the popular Faith & Wine in Naples and will share the ups and downs of her own faith journey. The cost is $10.00 and reservations are requested by February 16th by email to faithandwineleecounty@gmail.com or visit us at faithandwineleecounty.com.

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**Mass to Celebrate Volunteers**

In appreciation of the volunteers at all parishes in the Diocese of Venice, Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites all volunteers to a Mass on Saturday, February 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Epiphany Cathedral Parish, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice. The Mass is an opportunity to extend gratitude and appreciation for those who generously give of their time and talent. All priests, deacons and the faithful are invited to participate in a celebration of the active stewardship of our laity. **A lunch will follow the Mass in the Parish Center.**

Please call the parish office no later than Noon on Monday, February 23 to register.