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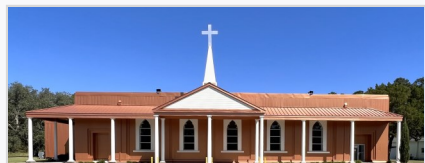
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First Sunday of Lent

Masses



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- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: (Chapel)
 (Monday, Thursday, Friday (8:00am Chapel)
 Wednesday (5:30pm Chapel)
- First Friday :
 (of the Month) Anointing of the Sick
- Fridays: Devotion To Sacred Heart
 Adoration 8:30 - 6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
 (Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)

Office Hours
 Mon-Friday: 8:30am - 12:30pm
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TODAY'S READING'S

Reading 1 -Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Responsorial Psalm -Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Reading 2-1 Pt 3:18-22




Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Gospel Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Reflections:

Lent bids us to return to the innocence our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle. And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see Hosea 2:20; Isaiah 11:1-9). We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God (see Mark 1:11; Luke 3:38), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see Genesis 2:19-20), being served by angels (see Ezekiel 28:12-14). Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-20), Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom. In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see Colossians 1:13-14). We were made children of God, new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 4:3-7). But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 9,13; Deuteronomy 8:2, 16). We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see John 14:6). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see Psalm 8:25; Wisdom 16:20), and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.

<p>Adoration Friday's 8:30—5pm (During Lent till 5pm) There is a <u>sign-up sheet</u> in the vestibule to sign up and spend an hour with Jesus.</p>	<p>Stations of the Cross Friday's 6:00pm (Church) 2nd week: Fr. Mark and the Finance committee will be leading the 'Stations of the Cross'</p>	 <p>The Lady's club is selling beautiful Easter flags and decorations in the vestibule. Check them out!!</p>	
<p><u>Why is the first Sunday of Lent important?</u> On the first Sunday of Lent, we hear about how Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert. In each of the temptations described, Jesus was faced with the choice of spending his time and energy on activities that would lead him away from God.</p>	<p>The 3 Main Practices of Lent Fasting: Fasting allows us to make room in our hearts for Jesus, creating space to encounter him. ... Prayer: Try adding more prayer to your day, whether it's going to daily Mass, sitting with the Scriptures, or adding an extra fifteen minutes of chapel time to your day. ... Almsgiving:</p>	<p>Lent Fish Fry Friday's Annunciation Lady's Club will be having their Fish Fry every Friday during lent. Starting February 16th - March 22nd 5 - 7 pm in the Parish Hall</p>	
<p><u>What are the instructions for fasting during Lent?</u> On Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent: Everyone of age 14 and up must abstain from consuming meat. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Everyone of age 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt due to usually a medical rea-</p>	<p>Please call the office with mass and special intentions for your loved ones. Dates are open.</p>	 <p>Church Cleaning Team 5 this week</p>	
<p>If you need to reach Fr. Mark or if you're hospitalized and from our parish and need spiritual assistance please feel free to call. To reach Fr. Mark please call 228-273-9565</p>	 <p>COFFEE SHOP Come by and enjoy Coffee, Breakfast & fellowship. After 8am Mass</p>	<p><u>Claiborne Hill Receipts</u> We appreciate dropping off your Claiborne Hill receipts! Thank you for your support. YTD \$61.16</p>	
<p>MASS INTENTIONS</p>	<p>Financial News</p>		<p>Prayer Request</p>
<p>Saturday February 17 4pm- Peggy Ladner+</p>	<p>Insurance To be deter.</p>	<p></p>	<p>Donna Battaglia Donald Koenenn Emilee Battaglia Patsy Ladner John Battaglia Carol Moragas & family</p>
<p>Sunday February 18 8:00am- Carolyn Goodwyne+</p>	<p>Diocesan Support t-b-d</p>	<p></p>	<p>Brandon Boudreaux Wilmah Necaize Debbie Byrnes Janet Palmer Kay Cerisier Joy Patin Michel Giardina Abby Rolison Jennie Hoda Brooke Rolison Carla Santiago Olivia Hood Konnor Peterson Gayle Duet Ami Moran Jean Dohm Steven Blaisdell Dean Taylor Elaine Meyer Judy Thornton Colleen McGrath Richard Hoda Rosalind Dauzat Ann & David Delaski Leonard Koenenn</p>
<p>Monday February 19 8:00am- John Rhode II +</p>	<p>School Supplement t-b-d</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p>Tuesday February 20</p>	<p>Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses t-b-d</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p>Wednesday February 21 5:30pm- Sol & Victorica Stewart +</p>	<p>Total Yearly Financial Obligations t-b-d</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p>Thursday February 22 8:00am- Innis & Doris McTaggart +</p>	<p>Amount needed each Week t-b-d</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p>Friday 8:00am- February 23 Thomas Rhode</p>	<p>Last Sunday Collection \$3,157.00</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
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