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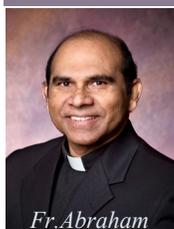


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The First Sunday In Lent - March 6, 2022



Fr. Abraham

Jesus, a Model for Conquering Temptations

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Lent has always been one of the key periods of the Church year. Traditionally on this First Sunday of Lent the Gospel speaks of the temptations of Jesus in the desert. Jesus has just completed his forty days of preparation in the desert and he begins his mission. Rather than just seeing them as three consecutive temptations happening almost simultaneously at a particular moment, we should perhaps see them as three key areas where Jesus was tempted to compromise his mission during his public life. They were not just passing temptations of the moment but temptations with which he was beset all through his public life. Clearly, in varying forms, these temptations of Jesus can come into our lives too.

The first temptation (*to change stones into bread*) and the third (*to jump from the top of the Temple*) try to turn Jesus away from his role as the Servant-Messiah to become an eye-catching, self-serving superstar. The second temptation (*to worship the devil who can give power and wealth*) tries to entice Jesus away from the true direction of all human living - the love and service of God and his creation. All in all, Jesus shows himself totally faithful and trusting in God and thus qualified for his role as Messiah.

Like Jesus, every one of us is tempted to sinful pleasures, easy wealth and positions of authority, and is drawn to the use of unjust or sinful means to attain good ends. Jesus sets a model for conquering temptations. It is through prayer, fasting, penance and the use of the Word of God. Temptations make us true warriors of God by strengthening our minds and hearts.

The story of the temptation ends with these words: "The devil departed from him for a time." (Luke 4:13) That means the devil will return at the appointed time. He is looking for another chance. The battle with evil was not over for Jesus. It will occur again and again at various stages in his life, right up to and especially at those last hours in the garden and on the Cross. For us, too, the battle against evil never stops. The selfishness, the greed, the anger, the hostility, the jealousy and the resentment, above all, the desire to have rather than to share, to control rather than to serve will continually control us. That is why we need this purifying period of Lent every year.

Let us observe the Season of Lent with a concrete resolution to renew our life in Christ, doing our duties for the glory of God, for the service of fellow beings and for our own sanctification. I invite you to make a good Lent: to attend the **Sunday Mass regularly**, if you are not a weekday Mass participant, consider participating in **at least one weekday Mass** in a week during this Lenten Season, to have the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, to find new moments for **prayer**, especially to find some time for **Eucharistic Adoration**, **Stations of the Cross**, to do some voluntary **fasting**, and to **help the needy and the poor**.

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to **abstain from meat** on all the **Fridays in Lent**. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to **fast on Good Friday**. Have a holy Season of Lent.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI
Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Fri Mar 11 6:00pm Stations of the Cross @ StB
 Tues Mar 15 4:00pm Finance Council @ Asc
 Wed Mar 17 7:00pm JMT Meeting @ StB
 Fri Mar 18 6:00pm Stations of the Cross @ StB

Bible Study at Ascension

No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that begins **Sunday, March 13th at 9:00am at Ascension.** We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. For more information or to register, contact Chris George at 952-467-3138.



Thank you for your support of the **Catholic Services Appeal.** When you give to the CSAF, you partner with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need and help provide a better future for all! From campus ministry to support for the disabled; deaf ministry to room and board for future priests, your gift makes a real difference across several different ministries!



Rachel's VINEYARD

"God is Waiting for You..." Pope Francis ~ Healing after Abortion

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is April 1-3, 2022. Retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion—women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see rvineyardmn.org

The Rosary Across America with Archbishop Hebda

Monday, March 7, 7 p.m. Join Archbishop Hebda and fellow Catholics from around the United States and the world, as he leads Relevant Radio's Rosary Across America. You can participate locally on the radio at 1330am or anywhere at relevantradio.com or via the Relevant Radio app.

Saint Patrick's Day Mass Thursday, March 17, 9:30-11 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul The Ancient Order of Hibernians would like to invite all to join us in celebrating the Feast of Saint Patrick. The celebrant at the Mass will be Bishop Joseph Williams. A brunch will take place in Hayden Hall immediately following Mass. Visit aohmndivision4.org for more information.



LENT IS HERE!

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with **CRS Rice Bowl.** Pick up your family's **CRS Rice Bowl** from the narthex at St. Bernard or the church entry at Ascension. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more about CRS, to see Stories of Hope, view Lenten activities and recipes and much more.

"The more you go to confession, the more realistic you are about the state of your soul. When you receive the sacrament more often, you see more flaws in yourself because you examine your conscience more frequently." - *Aurora Griffin*



Lenten Services

Stations of the Cross
 Friday's 6:00 pm
 Mar 4, 11, 18 @ StB
 Mar 25, Apr 1, 8 @ Asc

Lenten Reconciliation Service
 Wed Mar 30 6:30pm - 8:00pm @ Asc

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Selmer T. Olson Jr.** whose funeral was on Thursday, Feb. 24th. Selmer is the father of Tina Laumann and her husband Rich. May he rest in peace and may her soul and the souls of the faithfully departed, with the mercy of God, rest in peace. Pray for peace and comfort for Selmer's family.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—will resume every Wednesday beginning on Wednesday, Marth 9th. 2:00 pm. To 7:00pm. Please sign up for an hour or half hour of adoration. The sign up sheet is on the table In the narthex of the church. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a great way to be more prayerful during the season of lent.

St Bernard's Parish has been given the opportunity to assist with the Fish Fry at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Waconia on Friday April 8th, please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4da4a922a57-fish> to help out.

The Knights of Columbus will have a fish fry each Friday during Lent serving 4:30-7pm at St Joseph School, cost is \$14 per adult, 6-12 \$7, under 6 free, \$50 max per family. Please support them by attending and working at the April 8th Fish Fry. Questions contact Monica@kooiman2010.com or 952-466-5769

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Do you wonder if you could be happier, healthier, more fulfilled and have more passion for your faith? Take time out of your busy life and join us for a Christ Renews weekend retreat. Men's Retreat: March 19-20. Women's Retreat: March 26—27. Sign-up online at <https://stjosephwacoia.org/programs/adult-formation/crhp-retreats/>

"It felt like a honeymoon... I couldn't wait to get home and see her at the end of the day." - husband who attended a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter.**

Bring back the honeymoon in your marriage. The next available Weekends are May 6-8, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and Oct 7-9, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswme.org <<mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com>> or 612-756-8720.



KNOWING YOUR TOUCHSTONES

When Jesus found himself tested by the devil, he was given several different scenarios. The devil brought up situations that he knew could specifically test Jesus, but similar situations would test any of us. Physical hunger is a real need, and many of us might yearn for success, or better paying jobs, or power, or the like. The difference is that when Jesus was tempted, he had some strong "touchstones" to hold onto, secure answers to lead him. He went to simple, basic scriptures that he could call upon in his time of need. For many, one of those basics would be Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have in mind for you—plans for peace and not disaster." For another it might be the Beatitudes or the twenty-third Psalm. Whatever it may be, have ready those touchstones, those "go to" prayers or phrases that you can hold onto during the times when you are sorely tested in your life. Let those stones be your firm foundation. *Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

Mass Ministry Schedule -March 12-13, 2022

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Ann Dettmann	Kathy Kloempken	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Steve Lemmer	Florian Schindler	Dan Worm
Reader	Darlene Mondor	Brian Willems	Greg Wickenhauser
EMHC	Curt Wilson	Brenda Seifert	Tom Kasel
Ushers	Dave Donnay & Rich Ulrich	Steve Coyle & Jeremy Friendshuh	Brian Vos & Leo Willems
Greeters	Grace Cook	Leo Pouliot	Julie & Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Sue & Rich Tellers Grp B: Tim George & Steve Helget	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Time	Location	Intention
Monday	Mar. 7	No Mass	
Tuesday	Mar. 8 6:15 pm	Ascension	Marge Peter †
Wednesday	Mar. 9 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Thursday	Mar. 10 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Lorraine & Stanley Kelzer † †
Friday	Mar. 11 8:00 am	Ascension	Bernice & Dennis Wickenhauser † †
Saturday	Mar. 12 5:00 pm	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	Mar. 13 8:00 am	Ascension	John Worm †
Sunday	Mar. 13 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Living & Deceased members of the Mathias & Gertrude Fick Family



Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension
Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard
Every Wednesday
2:00 until 7:00 pm
Adoration resumes on
March 9th, 2022

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: By appointment.

Marriage Arrangements

The couple should contact the priest as soon as they become engaged. They must meet with the priest twice before setting a marriage date. These two meetings need to be completed 6 months before the proposed date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Ascension: Tues. 5:45pm - 6:05pm

St. Bernard: Wed: 7:30am-7:50am

Saturday: 4:30pm—4:50pm

at parish hosting the Mass

By appointment with Father- Call 952-856-1050

Communion for Homebound

Ascension - Sue Tellers.....612-247-6881

St. Bernard - Barb Knorr.....952-466-2447

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mar 7-13, 2022

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46 **Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15 **Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32 **Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12 **Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26 **Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48 **Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Bulletin copy is due by Thursdays @ NOON

for the bulletin two weekends out;
St. Bernard copy must be emailed

to:

bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org
and pquinn55322@hotmail.com

Ascension copy must be emailed

to:

busadmin@ascensionnya.org

All inserts and weekend Mass announcements can be emailed or a paper copy brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension.

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

January Budget for week	3,059.33
Contributions 02-16 through 2-22-2022	6,000.17
Total Actual Collection YTD	125,055.09
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	8,258.07
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	170.00
Electronic Donations	543.42
Forward in Faith Total	713.42
Forward in Faith YTD	57,143.64

Did you know you can have your contributions automatically deducted from your checking or savings account?
For more information call the parish office 952-466-2031, or visit www.st-bernard-cologne.org

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 2/20/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,208.00
Weekly E-Giving:	250.00
Collections Budget YTD: 94,807.98	
Actual Collection YTD:	102,691.76
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	7,883.78
Capital Improvement Offering:	50.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	25.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	7,500.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnya.org
Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more information: 952-467-3351.