



“This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel” (Mark 1:15). In three simple sentences, Jesus summarizes His mission. During Lent we bring to mind the suffering Jesus endured to accomplish His mission: ***God’s love for us all, God’s mercy for us, God’s desire for each of us to repent and believe.***

The flood that Noah survived foreshadows the baptismal waters that wash away sin’s hold on our hearts and brings the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus showed what it means to be a child of God; enduring temptation, seeking always to do the Father’s will. From the desert He went forth to proclaim God’s presence among humankind, and God’s desire to rule our hearts.

As Lent begins, how can we live our baptismal commitment during this time of fulfillment to draw closer to God over the coming 40 days?

Prayer for Lent

Merciful God, you invite us to repentance so that we can find the happiness we are seeking. Help us to trust more deeply in the Good News of Salvation so that we can turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. This Lent, as we pray more devoutly and listen to your Word more attentively, may our hearts be transformed by the saving love of the Cross. We ask these things as we ask all things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Looking Ahead

- March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- April 1 – Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper
- April 2 – Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord
- April 3 – Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil
- April 4 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
- April 11 – Divine Mercy Sunday
- April 17 & 18 – Catholic Charity Appeal
- April 24 & 25 – Catholic Charity Appeal

What will this Lent mean to you?

Our spiritual journey for Lent is outlined in the Ash Wednesday Gospel: **prayer – fasting – good works.**

Make the following a part of your journey:
daily mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Saturday confession...

Let this Lent really make a difference in our lives as we ***“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”***



LENTEN REGULATIONS

WEEKDAYS OF LENT - Although there is no obligation to fast, Jesus calls us to do penance. Voluntary acts of self- denial are highly recommended and encouraged.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY - are days of fast and abstinence. Limit one full meal on these days to all between 18 and 59 years of age. The other two meals should be lighter than they normally would be. Eating between meals is to be avoided. No meat for those 14 years and older.

FRIDAYS OF LENT - are days of abstinence, that is, Catholics who are 14 years and over are required to give up meat.

EASTER DUTY - the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season.

The Scalabrini Dukceovich Center, across the street from our Church, will offer **FREE COVID-19 TESTING every Monday afternoon from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.**

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MASSES FOR

FEBRUARY 22 - 28, 2021

*Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.
However the following are specifically remembered this week.*

Monday, February 22 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 am - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, February 23 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 am - Antonetta & Peter Gallo, Sr. by family

Wednesday, February 24 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 am - Florence Lisi by Cynde & José
5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration - Spanish
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Thursday, February 25 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

Friday, February 26 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 am - Intention of Priest Celebrant
3:00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Saturday, February 27 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 am - For A Special Intention

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, February 27

5:00 pm

Norman Caruolo by wife
Nicholas & Emma Capezza
Thomas & Theresa Pizzi
Frank Sionni

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, February 28
Second Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am

Deceased of St. Bartholomew Memorial Fund
Frank & Marion Cuiccio

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Dennis D'Ercole
Guido Pennacchia, Jr.
Rose Lima by daughter & family



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Frank J. DiMaio by wife & family*

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