



After tempting Jesus with food and power, the devil appeals to Jesus' sense of mission. Jesus, newly baptized in the Jordan, is now aware of His mission. The devil tempts Jesus with a "quick fix mission," a dramatic jump off the roof of the temple. After forty days in the desert Jesus did not have much energy. But it wasn't physical strength He needed - it was strength of the Spirit. That Spirit who was with Jesus during His testing is with us today. But Jesus realizes His mission requires time, patience, and the cross. The way of Jesus is the only "fix." We, too, must face our crosses this Lent and always.

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?

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.

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 – Catholic Charity Appeal
- March 6 – Ladies Guild Meeting
- March 12 – Daylight Savings Time
- April 2 – Palm Sunday
- April 6 – Holy Thursday
- April 7 – Good Friday
- April 8 – Holy Saturday
- April 9 – Easter Sunday
- April 16 – Divine Mercy Sunday & 1st Communion – Older Students – 9:30 am Mass
- April 23 – Confirmation at Cathedral of Ss. Peter & Paul
- May 20 – Annual Parish Dinner Dance at Santa Maria Di Prata Hall

2023 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

***Every gift matters.
Every gift makes a difference.***

The Annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal will get underway in our parish with the In-Pew Appeal in March. In the past, generous donors have contributed by a gift or pledge. Although, we are all living in difficult financial times – we need to reach out and help those worse off than we are – as we offer thanks to God for His many gifts and blessings to us. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated!



***"It is in giving that we receive..."
Prayer of Saint Francis***

MASSES FOR

FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 5, 2023

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

Monday, February 27 – Lenten Weekday

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday, February 28 – Lenten Weekday

7:30 am – Florence Lisi by Cynde & José

Wednesday, March 1 – Lenten Weekday

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday, March 2 – Lenten Weekday

7:30 am – Intentions of Priest Celebrant

**Friday, March 3 – Lenten Weekday – Abstinence
World Day of Prayer**

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, March 4 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 am – In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary



**Sanctuary Candle &
Altar Bread & Wine:**

Carlos Flores

Special Collections in March

Thank You For Your Generosity!

March 5 - Major Repair Fund

March 12 – Utility Fund

March 19 - Extraordinary Expenses

March 26 – Easter Flower Offering

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.
(Increased Giving Campaign)

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets

Weekend of February 18 & 19, 2023

Collections: \$5,056.00

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, March 4

5:00 pm

Intentions of Parishioners

6:30 pm

Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, March 5
Second Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am

David Veiga by friends

9:30 am

Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Amadio & Angelina Bianco and Wayne Rand

by Virginia

Mary Cassidy by Father Joe

Dennis Pimental

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In Memory Of

Very Rev. Flaminio Parenti, C.S.

December 4, 1885 – February 27, 1972

Ordained September 19, 1908