

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY**

Lent's two-fold purpose is to prepare catechumens for their Baptism and to renew the faith of those who are already baptized by reminding them of their own baptismal call. Jesus' sojourn in the desert can be a model for our Lenten observance. Let us begin this Lent with prayer and fasting so that our faith may be renewed and our almsgiving sincere.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7* "The Lord God planted a garden Eden."  
*Psalms 51* "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."  
*Rom 5:12-19* In Adam all die. In Christ all live.  
*Mt 4:1-11* Jesus fasted 40 days and 40 nights.

As we begin this Lenten season, we find that all three readings are harmonized. The first reading and the Gospel are tied together by the second reading. St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, shows how the transgression of Adam and Eve is overcome by the righteousness of Jesus. Listening to these sacred scriptures, let us be grateful for the love of our God who rescues us from our sinfulness.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday,** March 4, Vigil, First Sunday of Lent  
4:00 PM Parishioners of Rosary  
**Sunday,** March 5, First Sunday of Lent  
8:30 AM Parishioners of Rosary  
10:30 AM Parishioners of Peace  
**Monday,** March 6, Lenten Weekday  
8:30 AM Juanita Thrasher (80<sup>th</sup> Birthday!)  
**Tuesday,** March 7, Lenten Weekday  
8:30 AM M. C. Brown (RIP)  
**Wednesday** March 8, Lenten Weekday  
8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**Thursday,** March 9, Lenten Weekday  
8:30 AM Special Intention  
**Friday,** March 10, Lenten Weekday  
9:00 AM People of Peace

Please see Fr. Brown for Mass Intention requests. The Celebrant is not obligated to publicly announce the Mass intentions; this is a courtesy. If the Celebrant omits announcing the intention, the Mass is still offered for the donor's intention. If you would like to make a donation for the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention, please see Father Brown. The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of March is in memory of David and Janet Meyers (RIP).

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

In what area of my life have I not trusted God's providential care for me? How can I change that this Lent, even while making myself a living sign for someone else of God's care?

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Mona Fike Earl Rebello, Marianne Foreman Rosemary Martens, Cathy Wood, Ruthie Kress, Curtis Jackson, Danny Somers, Greg Warner, Bill Sultan, Kelly Lightsey, Margi Bockweg, Cathy Banks, John Loria, Hguyen Dau, Hai Van Heller and family, Nathan Collins, Barbara Northrop, Susan Tanney and Peyton Meyers. Please see Father Brown to update the list or to arrange for a visit to a homebound or hospitalized.

**FRIDAYS OF LENT**

PEACE 9:00 AM Stations/Mass  
ROSARY 4:30 PM Lenten Meal  
ROSARY 6:00 PM  
Stations/Benediction

RECONCILIATION...God is calling and looking for new and original ways to touch our lives and bring us closer to him. He is always looking for us even when we aren't looking for him. This means that when we do turn to him, he is ready to welcome us. He is ready to put his arms around us and enfold us in his love. Even when we come to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, he is ready—not to condemn us, but to lift our guilt and restore our consciences!

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

OFFERTORY	\$1,943.00
BUILDING FUND	<u>\$936.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,879.00</u>

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**

OFFERTORY	\$854.00
TOTAL	<u>\$854.00</u>

**PARISH HALL COUNTDOWN  
AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE**

3/22/2017	\$20,771.53	\$15,259.62
4/22/2017	\$15,259.62	\$ 9,713.27
5/22/2017	\$ 9,713.27	\$ 4,132.26
6/22/2017	\$ 4,132.26	\$ 00.00

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!  
PARISH MORTGAGE**

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION**

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017 beginning at  
12:00 with Mass, followed by a  
catered meal in the Parish Hall and  
activities for everyone, concluding  
with the ceremony retiring the  
mortgage. If you have questions or  
would like to help, please contact one  
of the following:**

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**Knights of Columbus  
Scholarship Program**

Calling all graduating Seniors from Bay District Schools for School Year 2016-2017. The Knights of Columbus is offering two \$500 scholarships for the Fall College semester. To receive an application, contact co-chair-persons Rob Mastropietro at 850-866-1739 or Kevin Hall at 850-914-0334. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by April 28, 2017.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!  
CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL  
CSA COMMITMENT**

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
2017 CSA BROCHURES AND PLEDGE CARDS  
SHOULD HAVE BEEN RECEIVED**

**A PRAYER  
FOR LENT**

Stay with me, Lord,  
because I am weak  
and I need your strength.  
You are my life and without you  
I am without fervor.  
You are my light  
and without you  
I am in darkness.  
Stay with me, Lord,  
for I desire to love you  
and always be in your company.  
Stay with me, Jesus,  
in life with all its dangers,  
I need you. *Amen.*

—*St. Padre Pio*

**NOTICE:** Our Lady of the Rosary Parish website is <http://Rosary.ptdiocese.org>.

***PLEASE SEE FATHER BROWN...*** to place any notices in the weekly Bulletin. These notices should be in writing and given to Fr. Brown on Monday. Thank you!