

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Part of the “hardship” of discipleship is that like Abram, we must leave behind what we know and love in order to journey into an unknown future. Part of the blessing of discipleship is that like Peter, James and John, we are given glimpses of the glory that is to come. Called to be faithful to the journey and strengthened along the way by flashes of glory, we live in the in-between time of hope. Our hope, like Abram’s, like Christ’s, like the apostles, lies in the awareness that the One calling us forward will be faithful to the Promise. This merciful God who keeps a tender eye on us grants us the vision we need to keep moving on. *Think about a time when the joy of the moment gave you a sense that the rest of life was worthwhile.*

Saint of the Week – Friday, Feb. 22 –

The Chair of St. Peter – This is an ancient feast, going back to the mid-fourth century, having its roots in the commemoration of the dead relatives and friends, (*Parentalia*) celebrated in Rome between Feb. 13-22. At this commemoration, a chair (*cathedra*) was left empty for particular deceased persons. Since the actual date of Peter’s death was unknown, it came to be commemorated on this day, eventually celebrating his taking pastoral responsibility of the Church of Rome. Today’s feast commemorates the designation of the Roman seat as the head of all the churches. It could be said that this is the feast of the Pope and the feast of the Holy See. *How well do you know the structure of the Church? Why is it important to have a nucleus within the Catholic Church?*

Weekly Offering



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Last Weekend

Plate:	\$4,548.00
Other Donations:	\$1,394.00
Total:	\$5,942.00
Budgeted Expenses:	\$6,103.00

Thank You for Your Support!

Healing Mass

Next Sat., Feb. 23rd, at 5:00 PM and Sun. Feb. 24th, at 6:00 PM we will be celebrating a Healing Mass. During the Mass those who are in need of healing will be prayed for and anointed with the Holy Oil. All who are in need of physical, emotional and psychological healing are invited to attend. It is fitting to have a celebration during Lent, when we experience God’s forgiveness and healing flowing from the Cross.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent



- 6:00 PM– Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 PM– Lenten Meal of Soup, Salad & Bread
- 7:30 PM– Stations of the Cross

Parish Council Elections

Elections for two new Parish Council members will take place next weekend at all Masses. You will be asked to vote for two of the following candidates: **Mary Lee Becwar, Maricela Catalan, Lee McFarland and Michael McLaughlin.**

Pray for the sick...

Mary Collins, Cornelia Carey, Laverne Fisher, Kathleen Harms, Richard Macedo, Kelly Martinez, Katherine McMicking, Betty Fiscalini, Jim Adams, Glen Graham, Mary Lennan, Laura Edwards, Linda Hotchkiss, Michele Krohn, Jim Greathouse, Elie Crettol, Steve Richardson, Tommye Brennan, Don Schwarzkopf, Timothy Maschler, Michelle Moran, Sandy Stevens, Kellie Mackin, Fr. Scott Hill, Robert Brennan, Charlotte Greathouse, Betty Williams, Louis Fiscalini, Bob Lennan, Edward Sullivan, Tammy Graham.



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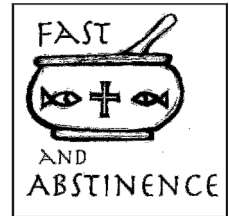
Faith Formation News– Meeting for First Communion parents at 6:30 PM on Thurs., Feb. 21st, in the hall.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat., 5:00 PM– Intentions of Dennis Manders & Tommye Brennan
 Sun., 9:00 AM- +Justin Linn & +Angelina Lazio
 Sun., 6:00 PM– People of the Parish
 Mon., 9:00 AM– Communion Service
 Tues., 9:00 AM– Communion Service
 Wed., 9:00 AM- +Bob O’Bryan & +Evelyn Courtney
 Thurs. 9:00 AM- +Eva Valenzuela & +Kathleen Nielsen
 Fri., 9:00 AM- +Margaret Soto

Lent 101 - Part II -

Fasting means consuming less – or sometimes nothing. Abstinence means avoiding a certain kind of thing – such as meat or television. Both practices are hallmarks of Lent and they may be applied to a wide variety of things. Fasting and abstinence discipline the body to rely less on the things of this world. They create within us a clear-headed dependence on God, whose love fulfills our every need. Sometimes we fast from what is essentially good. We do so in a spirit of penance or to demonstrate our preference for the higher good of an unencumbered relationship with God. Other times we abstain from habits that hinder us – excesses we know we should trim, but struggle to do so. Both practices remove the distractions that keep us from the presence of God. During Lent we observe fast and abstinence to deepen our prayer and to open our hearts for charity. On Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent we are to abstain from meat. If you’re able, you may fast and abstain beyond that minimum. Jesus, Moses, and Elijah fasted for 40 days! Make some good decisions about what you will eat and drink during these 40 days of Lent, and make sure to open your heart to the needy!



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Bible Study – A participant stated that last week we had the best session ever! This coming Wed., Feb. 20th, we will continue our in-depth study on the passion and death of Christ according to John’s Gospel. The remaining dates for this theme are Mar. 5, and Mar. 12, all at 6:30pm in the parish Hall.



Men’s Club– Don’t miss the February meeting of the Men’s Club on Tuesday, the 19th, at 6:00 PM in the hall. Chefs Arbogast, Blankenship and Morales have a delicious meal planned. Please sign up to let us know you will attend.

Finance Council & Parking Lot – will meet this Thursday at 6:00 PM. Issues such as funding the repaving of parking lot will be discussed. The Planning Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Council, has been investigating the options for paving our parking lot. It is in terrible shape, with pot holes and deteriorating asphalt throughout. We are still determining firm estimates for both using asphalt or pavers. Here are some figures to think about:

Asphalt Replacement – Assumes a generous 25 year life and annual maintenance of \$1,410 per year based on actual costs from 1993-2005.

\$ 73,420.00	Replacement
\$ 35,250.00	Maintenance (\$ 1,410 X 25 years)
\$108,670.00	
X 2	Repaving after 25 years; historical dollars
Total \$217,340.00	Cash outlay for 50 years

Pavers Replacement

\$115,327.00	Pavers Only
8,938.00	Tax @ 7.75%
25,000.00	Installation
10,000.00	Contingency
\$159,265.00	
12,500.00	Maintenance @250.00 per year for 50 years
\$171,765.00	Partial Total
\$ 3,435.00	Cost per year for 50 years

Costs not available for this presentation: 6” base – possible \$25,000.00; removal and haul away present asphalt; fees and permits.

As per today we have \$64,075.00 in our Facility Repairs and Maintenance account. We need every parishioner to help and participate in this most expensive project of our parish. We are planning to accomplish this goal by the end of April. Depending on how much money we collect, we will use asphalt or pavers. Thank you once again for your dedication and selfless generosity.