

Daily Readings

Week of February 26, 2023

Sunday, 2/26: Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7/Ps 51: 3-6, 12-13, 17/
Rom 5: 12-19/Mt 4: 1-11

Monday, 2/27: Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18 /Ps 19: 8-10, 15/
Mk 25: 31-46

Tuesday, 2/28: Is 55: 10-11/Ps 34: 4-7, 16-19/Mt 6: 7-15

Wednesday, 3/1: Jon 3: 1-10/Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11: 29-32

Thursday, 3/2: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138: 1-3, 7-8/Mt 7: 7-12

Friday, 3/3: Ez 18: 21-28/Ps 130: 1-8/Mt 5: 20-26

Saturday, 3/4: Dt 26: 16-19/Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5: 43-48



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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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February 26, 2023

1st Sunday of Lent



Schedule for March 5, 2023

Lector: CCD

Greeters/Gifts: CCD

Servers: CCD

Money Counters: Sharon/Jon

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: 3 Volunteers

Today's Mass Intention:

**Jean Feuss, Eleanor Bicknese &
Joyce Slouha**

Priest Visit to the Homebound

If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack,
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen,
Isaiah Leeper, Larry Merrick, Rosie Stephan, Shirley Coon
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



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PASTOR SPEAKS

As we start the season of Lent, I share excerpts from the pope's Lenten Message to all Catholics. I pray we all have a blessed Lenten Season.

Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey

"The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all recount the episode of the Transfiguration of Jesus. There we see the Lord's response to the failure of his disciples to understand him..."

....During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline – asceticism – as God's holy people.

....The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of his paschal mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two "paths" to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal.

....The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if

we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet....

....the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need. Let me say something else, which is quite important for the synodal process: listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church. Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church....

....Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions....

...Also on the synodal journey, when God gives us the grace of certain powerful experiences of communion, we should not imagine that we have arrived – for there too, the Lord repeats to us: "Rise, and do not be afraid". Let us go down, then, to the plain, and may the grace we have experienced strengthen us to be "artisans of synodality" in the ordinary life of our communities....

- **Serving the Poor...God's Work is Here:** Did you know that your donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque stays in the 30 counties of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and serves the most poor and vulnerable in our local communities? Your gift directly impacts families in Northeast Iowa. Please consider supporting these services with your gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.



- **Parent-to-Parent / Peer-to-Peer: Share the Special Journey** Have you experienced the struggles and joys of caring for a family member with a disability? Have you become disabled due to an accident? Do you find comfort in accompanying others who share similar experiences? The Archdiocese of Dubuque is offering an opportunity for parents, family members, and friends of persons with special needs to connect and provide guidance and support through the maze of emotional, health, educational, and transitional times. If interested, or for more information, please contact Deacon Steve MacDonald (stevekathymac@gmail.com), Spiritual Director for Disability Inclusion ministries, and parent of a child with special needs.
- Weekly contribution envelopes are on their way. Our vendor has been having production issues. In the interim, there are envelopes with your name in the hallway. Please put your contribution in this envelope or a regular envelope, be sure to put your name on it and your actual envelope number. If you don't remember your number, that's ok, just be sure to put your name.
- Several of our Eucharistic Ministers will be gone for the next few months. If you are at Mass, please volunteer your time as we always need 3 people. THANK YOU for your help in this matter.



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