

## Daily Readings

### Week of March 6, 2022

Sunday, 3/6: Dt 26: 4-10/Ps 91: 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15/

Rom 10: 8-13/Lk 4: 1-13

Monday, 3/7: Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18/Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25: 31-46

Tuesday, 3/8: Is 55: 10-11/Ps 34: 4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6: 7-15

Wednesday, 3/9: Jon 3: 1-10/Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11: 29-32

Thursday, 3/10: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7: 7-12

Friday, 3/11: Ez 18: 21-28/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5: 20-26

Saturday, 3/12: Dt 26: 16-19/Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5: 43-48



# SACRED HEART

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**March 6, 2022**

**1st Sunday of Lent**



### Schedule for March 13, 2022

Lector: Trenton

Greeters/Gifts: Rickels Family

Servers: Nathan/Kevin

Money Counters: Sharon/Monte

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Volunteers

### Today's Mass Intention:

**Deloris Eganhouse**

**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](mailto:DBQ137@dbqarch.org).

### Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Marilyn Stevenson, Derek Denniston, Julie Ahrendsen
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



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# To Our PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

## First Sunday of Lent- *A reflection on the STATIONS OF THE CROSS*

On the first week of Lent, based on the temptation of Jesus, it will be helpful to start the Lenten journey by reflecting on the traditional stations of the cross. I begin with this powerful quote:

"The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus Christ made with the cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. We should therefore, practice this devotion with the greatest possible fervor, placing ourselves in spirit beside our Savior as He walked this sorrowful way, uniting our tears with His, and offering to Him both our compassion and our gratitude" (St. Alphonsus Liguori, 1761).

Over the six weeks of Lent, it might be spiritually beneficial to actively reflect on the Stations of the Cross and engage in the devotion in imitation of Christ, who spent 40 days in prayer and fasting to be adequately prepared to overcome the devil's temptations. One approach for reflecting is to follow a thematic pattern, which I intend to apply in my personal reflections in the coming weeks. For instance, in the traditional form of the stations, we identify the theme of the *falling*, *Mary's role as a mother*, the *other women*, etc.

### JESUS FALLS THREE TIMES UNDER THE WOOD OF THE CROSS

I have been thinking of why Jesus fell three times and what that means for us, his followers. Scholars have hinted that Pilate's praetorium to Calvary was less than a mile. But Jesus fell three times on the way under the wood of the cross before reaching the place of execution. Why the Fall? Is it merely because he was exhausted? Could he have just fallen once? Indeed, couldn't the savior have carried the cross with ease without losing?

We are all familiar with the well-known invitation, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me" (Mark 8: 34). So, what do the three times of falling mean to us?

One way to comprehend this is to consider the parallel image of Adam falling under the tree in the middle of the garden. Perhaps the heavy load of sin and its ramification placed on Adam, and subsequently humanity, was the weight that triggered the Fall of the second Adam. So, we can say that Jesus fell three times because sin is heavy, and the importance of corruption on the cross was severe enough to bring the Lord to lose three times (cf. Romance 5:19).

Another way to understand it is that Jesus fell three times because he was human. He had been scourged and then forced to carry the cross. But remember that on three occasions, he allowed the devil to tempt him and overcome him. On three occasions, he asked Peter if he loved him after denying him three times. So, Jesus fell three times before reaching Calvary to "determine his fate on Heaven's terms." In other words, God does not give us limits regarding how many times we can fall. Instead, victory comes when we don't give up after losing but rise and move on to serve him. Thus, Jesus becomes the reason we get up whenever we fall. No matter how many times you fail, keep going and stake your fate on heaven's terms, which is your salvation.

- Please join us today after Mass for fellowship with our church family while we enjoy some delicious treats!
- Fridays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm followed by Mass. Please join us!
- BREAKING NEWS! Beginning April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday), our Mass time is changing to 10:30am!
- The next CCD class is Sunday, March 20th at 9:45am.
- We are in need of some more of our church family to consider participating in all of our ministries, especially over-18 members who could help by being Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. It is a ministry that needs a bit of training. We also would like to have some more altar servers, and those need to be a certain age and trained a bit. All of us could be greeters/gift bearers & some of us could be readers or sing in the choir. We will be working on this project for the next few months--please consider volunteering for one or more of these ministries.



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