

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

5:30PM † Fabian Moy - *anniversary*

by Lillian Moy Family

Lenten Lamentations

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30AM † George Sturm

by David Sturm

9:00AM For Our Parish Family – *youth mass*

by Father Andrzej

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:30PM † Arlene Kroll

by Felix & Patsy Sekula

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:30PM † Jeffrey Swierc - *birthday*

by Glenn & Geraldine Swierc

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:30AM † Kutac & Dziuk Families – *living & deceased*

by Wilfred & Dianne Dziuk

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

NO MASS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:30PM *Stations of the Cross*

† Palitza Family Members – *living & deceased*

by Gene & Mary Moczygamba

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:30PM † Shirley Zaiontz

by Lee Zaiontz

Lenten Lamentations

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30AM Thanksgiving & Further Blessings Gerald Sekula Family

by Gerald & Lillian Sekula

9:00AM For Our Parish Family

by Father Andrzej

SERVING THE LORD – February 24 and 25

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday 5:30PM - Mary Wiatrek

Sunday 7:30AM - Patsy Sekula



9:00AM – Mary Stulting

LECTORS:

Saturday 5:30PM – Mary Wiatrek

Sunday 7:30AM – Kim Kowalik



9:00AM - Jeannette Wiggins

ALTAR SERVERS: February 24 and 25

Saturday 5:30pm - Hope E. Emma E.

Sunday 7:30am – Seth L. Kenna L. Alberto G. Gabriel L.

9:00am – Claire L. Cameron L. Audrey P. Kaylee P. Haleigh H. Keller H.



Money Counters for February

February 18 – Wilfred and Dianne Dziuk

February 25 – James and Sophie Dziuk

Weekly Collection \$2365.00

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - DAILY MEDITATION: MARK 1:12-15

The kingdom of God is at hand. (Mark 1:15)

Can you imagine the excitement that Jesus must have generated as he began healing people, performing works of wonder, and preaching the good news of the kingdom? Can you picture the hope and expectation evident in the faces of the people who flocked to him? Maybe the time really had been “fulfilled.” Maybe the kingdom really was “at hand” (Mark 1:15).

It certainly was a dramatic way for Jesus to begin his ministry. But today, on the First Sunday of Lent, the Lord reminds us that this exciting new beginning came at the end of something not quite so exciting. Just before he burst on the scene, Jesus had endured a grueling forty-day fast and a host of demonic temptations.

This sequence of events wasn’t just a coincidence. It was that very fast that helped launch the new kingdom Jesus was announcing. By staying faithful to his Father throughout this ordeal, Jesus began his work of disarming the devil. As the first man who didn’t bend to temptation, he reversed the sin of Adam and opened a path for us to follow. Beginning with his time in the wilderness, Jesus demonstrated that his kingdom was indeed at hand—and that the devil’s reign was coming to a decisive end.

As your own Lenten journey unfolds this year, keep the story of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness close to your heart. Especially when life gets hard or temptations arise, remind yourself that every desert experience can result in new life as you try your best to stay faithful to the Lord. Even if you fall, remember that you can stand up again and keep moving forward because of Jesus’ triumph over the devil. Sin no longer has the final word in your life; Jesus, your Redeemer, does!

“Jesus, I’m ready to enter the desert this Lent. I trust in your promise to walk with me and bring me into your kingdom!”

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE (FEAST) - DAILY MEDITATION: MATTHEW 16:13-19

Upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)

Did you know that there is a physical chair of St. Peter located in St. Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican? Tradition holds that it is the original wooden seat used by St. Peter whenever he preached or taught the Christians in Rome. The chair was later encased in bronze, and is an impressive work of art.

But today’s feast is not about a piece of furniture. It’s about what it signifies. The Chair of St. Peter stands as “a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his successors to tend Christ’s flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity” (Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, February 19, 2012). It’s a sign that Jesus has kept the promise he made to St. Peter, which we read in today’s Gospel: “The gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against [the Church]” (Matthew 16:18).

It’s no secret that, over the centuries, some of Peter’s successors have been less than exemplary in their faithfulness to God. Yet God has always been faithful to his promise! He has continued the unceasing flow of graces to the world through the Church. In fact, in spite of many forces of darkness coming against it from within and from outside, the Church remains “united in faith and in charity.”

We can recount the ways in which the graces and blessings of the Church have touched our own lives: the youth group that led us to experience the joy of Christ, the Catholic school teacher who taught us the truths of the faith, or the chapel that became our place of encounter with the Lord. In these ways, and so many more, the Church has helped heaven come to earth in our lives!

So trust that God is faithful to his promises! He will continue to keep the Church united, even as he deepens our communion. In the end, Jesus will be victorious over all the forces of darkness in this world—and in our hearts.

“Lord, build your Church up in unity and charity so that it may continue to be a stream of life and grace to the world.”

The 2024 Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries is an annual campaign that supports more than 30 shared ministries that advance the mission of the Catholic Church in our area. Please consider a donation so that **Walking United in Christ**, we can consistently care for those who rely upon the Archdiocese and our programs for life and faith sustaining support. Please visit archsa.org/archbishops-appeal to give today! Have questions? Please call (210) 734-1910.

COMMITMENT WEEKEND MARCH 2ND AND 3RD

SECOND COLLECTION - This weekend, February 17 and 18 there will be a 2nd collection for the Catholic Missions among Black and Native Americans. Thank you for your support.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:30pm during Lent followed by mass.
Lenten Lamentations on Saturdays during Lent following 5:30pm mass.

There will be CCD classes this Wednesday, February 21 at 6:00pm.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry, Friday, February 23rd, fried fish, cole slaw, hush puppies & French fries, \$10.00 plate, to go only, FC diner, serving starts at 4:00pm, plus Bake Sale.

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence means eating no meat.

St. Boniface Spring Social, Sunday, March 10, FC Community Hall, BBQ Chicken Dinner, \$12 plate, auction, bingo, raffle, bake sale, plant and country store

Catholic Daughters of America 2024 Lenten Retreat, ***Spiritual Graces of Going to Confession***, this Saturday, February 24, 2024, Falls City Diner, guest speaker Father Jan Klak

Catholic Charities begins Lenten season with 40 Cans for Lent - What does Lent mean to you?

Lent is a season of preparation for Easter when Christians are called to almsgiving and prayer. Lent is a time when we are called to internal reflection and sacrifice to grow closer to God and our faith. Oftentimes, Lent is a season centered on the concept of fasting. The concept of food goes way beyond simple nourishment, but is something emotionally satisfying.

Breaking bread with others is central to our culture and identity. It is not just a meal, but an experience of encounter with another person. This Lenten season, the challenge is to encounter God through those who truly are hungry.

More than one million people in Texas experience hunger on a regular basis. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to respond. Catholic Charities humbly asks you help us feed the hungry throughout the Archdiocese of San Antonio by supporting 40 Cans for Lent.

By providing non-perishable food donations, you are responding to the Gospel message of feeding the hungry and offering more than just a meal. We are offering compassion and hope to those in need.

As we prepare for Lent, consider helping us reach the goal of 100,000 pounds of food to serve those most in need.

The CCD children and parish ask our parishioners to donate towards this food drive. There will be a collection box in the back of the church during Lent to drop off your can goods.

There is a list of can goods and dry goods on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

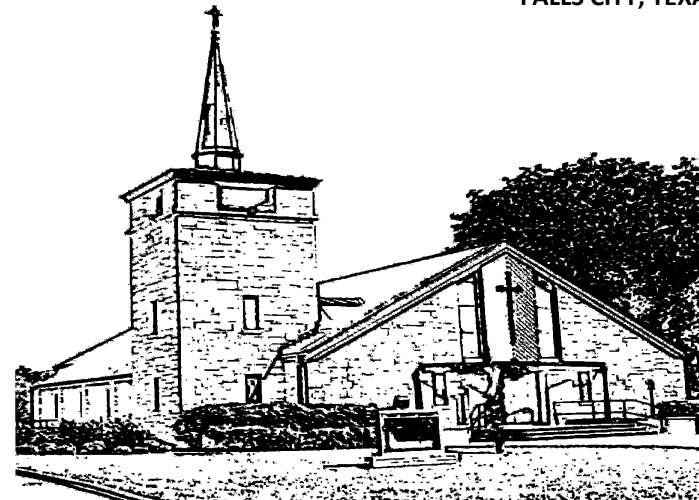
What does a can of food mean to you?

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
8AM-2PM
CLOSED THURSDAY

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday 7:30AM & 9:00AM

DAILY MASSES

As scheduled.

DEVOTION TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Monday after Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday 6:00PM.

SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS

First Friday: Mass, Exposition, Benediction,
Mass 6:30PM.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Rectory to make arrangements at least two weeks in advance. **A birth certificate must be shown.**

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Please call the priest when sick or before going to the hospital, if possible.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

30 MINUTES BEFORE EVERY MASS

VISITING OF THE SICK & ELDERLY

First Fridays & upon request.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

25 minutes before every Mass