

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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MARCH 9, 2025 | 1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT

REFLECTIONS

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— Father John Muir



THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Monday	St. Anthony's—Lakin
5:00 pm	Rosary & Prayers
5:30 pm	Mass
Tuesday	HPRV
9:30 am	Mass
10:10 am	Communion/Visiting
Wednesday	St. Raphael-Syracuse
8:00 am (MST)	Mass (Syracuse)
Thursday	St. Anthony's –Lakin
11:00 am	Confession
11:45 am	Rosary & Prayers
12:15 pm	Mass

Friday	St. Anthony's
7:30 am	Rosary & Prayers
8:00 am	Mass
8:30—10 am	Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday	Lakin
3:50 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass (St. Anthony)
5:20 pm	Confession
6:00 pm	Mass (Christ the King)
Sunday	Lakin & Syracuse
8:00 –8:50 am	Confessions
9:00 am	Mass (St. Anthony)

COLLECTION FOR 3-2-2025

Envelopes: \$1,267.86
Loose: \$637.00
Online Giving: \$406.96
Total: \$2,311.82
Average Weekly Expense: 1,761.17
Income over/under: 550.65



OFFICE HOUR

T -F 8:00 am -6:00 pm

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DEAR PADRE,

Who decided that fish isn't meat? I really dislike fish; also, it bugs me when my friends eat lobster for dinner on Fridays in the name of "sacrifice."



Latin is the official language of the Catholic Church. Canon law, as written in Latin, states that we must abstain from carne (meat), a word that refers to warm-blooded animals that walk on the ground. By that definition, fish is allowed. You make an excellent point about the lobster dinners and the nature of sacrifice. In the document "Questions and Answers About Lent and Lenten Practices," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states, "While fish, lobster, and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer." As we enter Lent, we must remember that our acts of penance should be more than thinking about just giving some-

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First Reading: 'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry.' (Dt 26:7)

Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

Second Reading: For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)

Gospel: Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

Observances for the week of March 9, 2025

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight

Saving Time begins

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

LIVING IN FANTASY

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If I Were a Horse by Elizabeth Bridgman is a children's story about Jenny, who daydreams about being a horse and then accepts her true reality, as she realizes no one will recognize her as a horse. In the end, she finds that she likes herself as she truly is. The story may also be a metaphor for our human fantasy about sin, by which we try to redefine the world on our own terms, only to realize that life does not go so well when we do this. It is our stealing by which we pretend that something belongs to us rather than to another. It is our lying that attempts to redefine truth in terms of what we want life to be, rather than in what life really is. It is our addictions that redefine the source of meaning and life not as God, but as ourselves and our wants. Lent brings us face to face with who we are—which is not a horse (real or otherwise), but, by God's design, is a daughter or son of God.

The temptations Jesus experienced in the desert were temptations to define life on his own terms, just as we are

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, what or who sustains me in hope through periods of trial?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

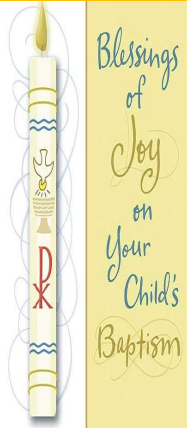
Durante este año jubilar como "Peregrinos de la esperanza", ¿qué o quién sostiene mi esperanza durante los períodos de prueba?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus opposes the attractions of evil...by responding to temptations with the word of God, which says not to take advantage...to obtain privileges. Because true happiness and true freedom are not found in possessing, but in sharing; not in taking advantage of others, but in loving them; not in the obsession of power, but in the joy of service.

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We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, Esteban, child of Ana and Cristian Botello. Welcome to God's family in the Church! May our Loving God continue to pour down His abundant blessings upon Esteban.



During this Lenten season we are invited to reflect, repent, and renew our hearts in preparation for Easter. One of the most powerful ways to do this is through the sacrament of reconciliation.

Confessions Times:

Monday 4:00—5:00 pm

Wednesday 6:30 pm—7:30 pm

Thursday 11: 00 am—11:45 am

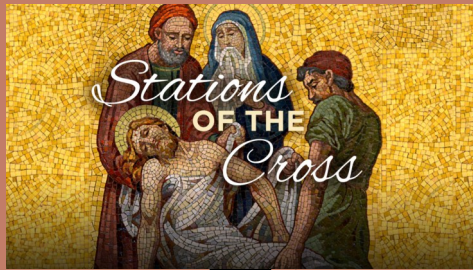
Friday 8:30 am—9:30 am

Saturday 3:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We hold Stations of the Cross led by Knights of Columbus every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm during Lent. We hope you will join us for this prayerful devotion.



9 de marzo de 2025 - 1^{er} Domingo de Cuaresma

Preparados o no preparados, la Cuaresma ha llegado a nuestra vida. Y, el Papa Francisco nos invita a reflexionar en lo siguiente: *"Al comienzo de la Cuaresma nos hará bien a todos nosotros pedir la gracia de conservar la memoria de todo lo que el Señor ha hecho en mi vida: cómo me ha querido, cómo me ha amado. He aquí, pues, el significado de las expresiones: Mira hacia atrás - ¡que no es lo mismo que vuelve hacia atrás – el camino que has hecho. Y el bienestar, incluso espiritual, conlleva el peligro de caer en una cierta amnesia. Es precisamente en este momento cuando el corazón comienza a retroceder, porque no escucha la voz de su propio corazón: la memoria".*



- 3-11 @ 5:00 pm Finance Council
- 3-12 @ 5:30 pm Pastoral Council
- 3-12 @ 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 3-22&25 @ 10 am Budget Shop
- 4-9 Soup and Sermon

RICE BOWLS

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Please consider collecting your spare change and dollars in a CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. The cardboard containers are available in the vestibule.



La Iglesia también nos ayuda a llevar este tiempo Santo de Cuaresma invitándonos a la penitencia, a la purificación y de compartir lo que tenemos y somos con los necesitados. Es por eso que el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia. Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia. Todos los viernes de Cuaresma, como todos los viernes del año, somos invitados a practicar nuestra fe con actos de penitencia. Tan sencillos como visitar algún enfermo, ayudarnos en familia, hacer

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PARISH STAFF

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& Nanette Rice	355-7676
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Question: After attending our parish retreat and feeling much better and stronger about my faith, I want to make this Lent worthwhile. What can I do to keep the spirit and practice of Lent?

Answer: You've already taken the first step by going on the parish retreat. It is important for us to "tune up" our faith, taking some time to renew ourselves through prayer, meditation and education. By deepening our knowledge and understanding of faith, we are often better attuned to its richness and meaning for our life. Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown off kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works.

Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully. ©LPi



MASS INTENTIONS



Mon, Mar 10	5:30 pm	Sp. Int. Powers Family
Tue, Mar 11	9:30 am	Pastor's Intention
Wed, Mar 12	9:00 am	St. Raphael's
Thurs, Mar 13	12:15 pm	Pastor's Intention
Fri, Mar 14	8:00 pm	Pastor's Intention
Sat, Mar 15	4:00 pm	Los Enfermos
Sun, Mar 16	9:00 am	Aaron Rain

MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

3/8/2025 - Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Gus, Jonathan & Nathan Gannett

Reader: Tom Bachman

Extra Ordinary of HC: Cecilia Harris, Karen Burden

3/9/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kingston Guerrero, Jace & Haley Berning

Reader: Bob Woodrow

Extra Ordinary of HC: Mike & Cindy Broeckelman

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

3/15/2025 - Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Rowen Simon, Brelund Budd, Volunteer

Rader: Cecilia Harris

Etra Ordinary of HC: Bill & Janet Rooney

3/16/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

Reader: Julie Kaps

Extra Ordinary of HC: Robert Longoria, Kyle Berning

Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard every Saturday at 3:00 pm and every Sunday at 8:00

Baptism:

Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage:

Please contact parish priest at least four months before the wedding.

Anointing the sick:

Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.