

# 1st Sunday of Lent

## Gospel Reflection

How do you deal with temptation? That's the personal challenge given to us by the Word of God on the first Sunday of Lent. And so, we begin our journey with Jesus, traveling to the holiest place we can reach at this point in our lives.

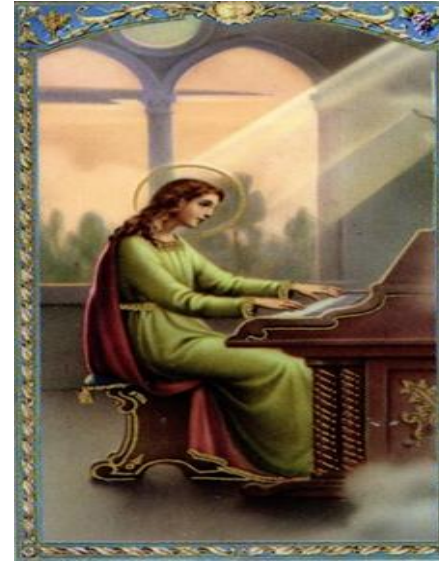
This Lent is like no other Lent. Last year, you had different needs, different areas of growth, different levels of insight and understanding. Much has happened since then, and all of it is a preparation for what the Lord is going to do in your life right now.

What victory do you need this year? What needs to be resurrected? To get there, Jesus will lead you through the cross of penance and self-denial, into his tomb, and out into God's light where his love provides healing and new life.

During Lent — and every time we make sacrifices and connect our sufferings to the Passion of Christ — we follow Jesus to the cross and to resurrection. This involves seeing our own crosses in a new light, for the Calvary Road is the only way to reach the victories that we yearn to experience.

If we want Easter to be more than just a holiday of colored eggs, chocolate bunnies and big dinners, we have to make Lent more than just 40 days of enduring an annoying, obligatory sacrifice, eating meatless pizza on Fridays, and going to an occasional extra event at church.

If we want to experience the power of resurrection, we have to experience the power of mourning and repenting from our sins. In other words, we have to experience the powerlessness of death — the death of our selfishness, the death of our worldliness, the death of our behaviors that are not like Christ's.



February 26th, 2023  
First Sunday in Lent

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**Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:**  
Kennett: Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Portageville: Thursday and Friday 10-4  
Fr. David is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Adoration or by appointment.

### Holy Mass Schedule

Monday and Wednesday: Adoration at 5PM: Mass at 6PM  
Sunday Masses: 10:30AM Mass in English; 10:05AM Rosary;  
1PM Mass in Spanish

### Please pray for /Oramos para:

+Lynette Anderson, +Pedro Orocio, The Melendez Family, James Hargett,  
+Sandy DeLisle, +Bill Anderson, Polly McAtee, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck,  
and Kathy Larsen. Special prayer for Bishop Rice, Fr. David, and our homebound.

### Mass Intentions

February 26 +Rose Saracini  
March 1 +Lynette & Bill Anderson  
March 5 +Bob Bradley

**Collections for February 19th: \$1514.00**

***Father David has a new phone. 417-413-3864. His old number will no longer be active very soon.***

**Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday of Lent. 6 PM in English, and 7 PM in Spanish. Please join in this contemplation of the Passion of Christ.

### **PSR Classes**

These classes are for anyone seeking the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation. We have parent classes at the same time as the children's classes, which is 11:45am on Sundays.

The next Family Movie Night will be Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> after the evening mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Camp-RENEW-All fliers are posted on the bulletin board. The deadline for camper application is April 11, 2023.**

"May Mary, our guide on the Lenten journey, lead us to ever deeper knowledge of the dead and Risen Christ, help us in the spiritual combat against sin, and sustain us as we pray with conviction: 'Convert us to you, O God, our salvation.'" - Pope Benedict XVI



### **Youth Group**

Don't forget that the Youth Group meets every Wednesday evening after the 6:00 PM Mass for religious education and other activities.

**Colectas para el 19 de febrero: \$1514.00**

**El padre David tiene un teléfono nuevo. 417-413-3864. Su antiguo número ya no estará activo muy pronto.**

Las Estaciones de la Cruz se llevarán a cabo todos los viernes de Cuaresma. 6 PM en inglés y 7 PM en español. Por favor, únase a esta contemplación de la Pasión de Cristo.

### **Clases PSR**

Estas clases son para cualquiera que busque los sacramentos de la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación. Tenemos clases para padres al mismo tiempo que las clases para niños, que son a las 11:45 am los domingos.

La próxima Noche de Cine Familiar será el miércoles 22 de marzo después de la misa vespertina. Todos están invitados a asistir.

**Campamento-RENOVACIÓN-Todos los volantes se publican en el tablón de anuncios. La fecha límite para la solicitud de autocaravanas es el 11 de abril de 2023**

"Que María, nuestra guía en el camino cuaresmal, nos conduzca a un conocimiento cada vez más profundo de Cristo muerto y resucitado, nos ayude en el combate espiritual contra el pecado y nos sostenga mientras oramos con convicción: 'Conviértenos a ti, oh Dios, nuestra salvación'". - Papa Benedicto XVI

### **Grupo de Jóvenes**

No olvide que el Grupo de Jóvenes se reúne todos los miércoles por la noche después de la Misa de las 6:00 PM para educación religiosa y otras actividades