

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

*Jesus was led by the
Spirit into the desert
to be tempted
by the devil.*

Matthew 4:1

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Mass Times

Monday through Thursday	8 a.m.
Friday Communion Service	8 a.m.
<i>Rosary Recited Monday thru Friday</i>	7:15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil	4 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

For Anointing of the Sick and Confessions, call the parish office at **409-962-0255**.

Lectors I & II

Saturday, 4:00 PM	March 4, 2023	Julie Choate Pat Moreno
Sunday, 8:00 AM	March 5, 2023	Rita Foster Chuck Elizondo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	March 5, 2023	Bert Lamson Michael Campise

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3 p.m.
Baptisms- Call parish office for class dates
Weddings- Contact parish office, arrangement must be made at least 6 months in advance

MASS INTENTIONS
February 25—26, 2023

Saturday	4:00 p.m.—Cynthia Gontarek
Sunday	8:00 a.m.—Gene Gaspard
Sunday	10:00 a.m.—Tyler Die and the Parish Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Catholic Clerical Student Fund
Contact: Pat Slott 409-962-2019

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
February 27 –March 5, 2023

Monday	8:00 a.m.—Faith Filled Lenten Season
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.—Craig Castille
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.—Vocations
Thursday	8:00 a.m.—Homebound
Friday	8:00 a.m.—Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 p.m.—The Parish Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m.—Emily Sexton
Sunday	10:00 a.m.—Deceased Members of the Greig Family



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THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Women's Acts Return Mass & Reception-11:30 a.m.
Sunday	RCIA Meeting 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. "Penance, Reconciliation Anointing of the Sick"
Monday	Rosary-Church 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study-Family Life Center 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Adoration-Church 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Choir Practice-Church 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	CCD Classes-All Buildings 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



On Ash Wednesday, penitents were called to set out on the journey of Lent. This Sunday the map of the Lenten journey is set before the faithful. This Sunday we also welcome new journeyers. We "elect" or call catechumens to join us on the journey to the Easter sacraments. We say, in effect, "Come into the desert with us. Face and overcome with us and the penitents the many temptations of life. Learn with us all the saving power of Jesus' death and resurrection."

Stations of the Cross will be at 5:30 p.m. in the church each Friday during Lent.

Self Denial is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.

Fast and Abstinence - Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Fasting means consuming less, or sometimes nothing. Abstinence means avoiding a certain kind of thing, such as red meat or television. Both practices remove the distractions that keep us from the presence of God. Fasting and abstinence discipline the body to rely less on the things of this world. They create within us a clear-headed dependence on God, whose love fulfills our every need. During Lent we observe fast and abstinence to deepen our prayer life and to open our hearts to charity.



Lenten Fish Dinner's



The Groves Knights of Columbus will be serving **FRIED FISH Dinners** every Friday in Lent (**February 24, 2023—March 31, 2023**) from 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 3749 Lincoln, Groves. Dinners will include Fried Fish, French Fries, Hushpuppies & Cole Slaw for \$12. **Dine in or carry out.** Live music on Friday's when available. **Please come by and support our Knights of Columbus!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

10TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Student/Sponsor Meeting **Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Family Life Center**. Contact the CCD Office at **409-962-7594** with any questions.



LENT

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Our Parish Lenten Mission will take place **March 27—30, 2023, Monday—Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** in the church. The mission is a time of renewal of our relationship with God and each other. It is an opportunity to set aside specific time to pray, meditate, reflect, and most importantly, to do this as a parish. This year our Mission is being presented by **Sister Julie Greig O. P.**

Since 2018 our parish communities of Immaculate Conception and St. Peter the Apostle have been merged to one parish community. To properly update our records, we ask that each family complete a census form. Please call **409-962-0255**, or come by the Parish Office for this form.



Volunteers are needed to assist the priest with Holy Mass at Magnolia Manor on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Prayerfully consider this important ministry, even if you are only available one week per month. Contact **Julie Hebert @ 409-718-2157** if you have questions, or wish to volunteer.

MASSES & ALTAR FLOWERS

Masses may be set up through the Parish Office in advance. Mass stipend is \$10. Masses are limited to (5) per year with only (1) of which can be a weekend date. **Flowers** are a beautiful way to remember or honor a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. **Altar Flower Arrangements are \$45 each.** Roses also available at the **Blessed Mother and St. Joseph & Baby Jesus Statues \$35 (1/2 dozen, Red).**

2022 CONTRIBUTIONS

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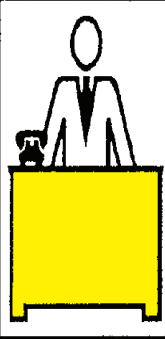
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