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February 21, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

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Every Friday after the 9 am Mass

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Sunday Mass:

Live Stream only
Sunday at 10 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Live Stream only
Monday to Friday at 9 a.m.

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LENT: A New Beginning

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, He patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, He shows us His readiness to forgive (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).

Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.

The Gospel of the rich man and Lazarus helps us to make a good preparation for the approach of Easter. When the priest imposes the ashes on our heads, he repeats the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". As it turned out, the rich man and the poor man both died, and the greater part of the parable takes place in the afterlife. The two characters suddenly discover that "we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it" (1 Tim 6:7).

Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in His word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.

(Excerpt Taken from Pope Francis Lenten Message, 2017)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is a devotion following the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. Prayers accompanying it allow time to reflect on the mystery of His Death. During Lent, you are invited to join us online on **Thursdays** after the 9 a.m. Mass. If you are working you are invited to pray it at a later time.

Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.

Pope Francis

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They are ready to be picked up. Those of you who are able to pick it up please come by the parish office from Tuesday to Friday between 9.30 to 12 noon. And those who wish to have it mailed out please let us know. Call to the office or send us an email.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH (Dec. 08, 2020 – Dec. 08, 2021)

As you are well aware of the announcement of Holy Father Pope Francis that this year is dedicated to St. Joseph. So, you are invited to dedicate your families to the care and protection of St. Joseph. Prayer to St. Joseph is attached in this email. This prayer to Saint Joseph—spouse of the Virgin Mary, foster father of Jesus, and patron saint of the universal Church—was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, *Quamquam pluries*. He asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary.

During the Year of Saint Joseph, however—which lasts from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021—the use of this prayer has been included among those enriched with a plenary indulgence (see [Decree](#) of the Apostolic Penitentiary issued Dec. 8, 2020, section E). At our parish we pray this prayer at the end of the mass starting First Sunday in Lent, February 21.

Let us ask St. Joseph to pray for our families and for the church.



**FEAST OF CHAIR OF ST. PETER:
February 22**

Each February 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. To celebrate the feast of a “chair” sounds strange. However, the “chair” refers to the primacy and authority our Lord entrusted to St. Peter. This primacy and authority are symbolized by the monument of the chair of St. Peter located against the wall of the apse behind the main altar in St. Peter’s Basilica sculpted in bronze by Bernini; the sculpture is a reliquary for what is traditionally believed to have been the original chair or cathedra of St.

Peter. What is of importance is not so much the actual chair, but what that chair symbolizes – the Holy See. *Fr. William Saunders*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 22	<i>1 Peter 5.1-4</i>	<i>Matthew 16.13-19</i>
Feb. 23	<i>Isaiah 55.10-11</i>	<i>Matthew 6.7-15</i>
Feb. 24	<i>Johan 3.1-10</i>	<i>Luke 11.29-32</i>
Feb. 25	<i>Esther 14.1,3-5,12-14</i>	<i>Matthew 7.7-12</i>
Feb. 26	<i>Ezekiel 18.21-28</i>	<i>Matthew 5.20-26</i>
Feb. 27	<i>Deut. 26.16-19</i>	<i>Matthew 5.43-48</i>

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 21 (First Sunday of Lent)

Filomena Alternali	by Giuseppe Margiotta
Adrienne Lane	by Pauline Lane
Michel Kozhaya	by the family
Luca Cuscuna	by the family

Monday, February 22 (Chair of St. Peter, apostle)

James Farrell	by Joanne & Jim Wetteroff
Michel Kozhaya	by the family

Tuesday, February 23

Romeo Senense	by his son
Michel Kozhaya	by the family

Wednesday, February 24

Nieves Arceno & Corazon Mayor	by the Mayor family
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Thursday, February 25

Cecile Martel	by Carol & Sal Santangelo
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Friday, February 26

Souls in Purgatory	by the Ingram family
Frank Garramone	by his daughter Diane

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.***

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

Universal: *Violence against women* – We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.