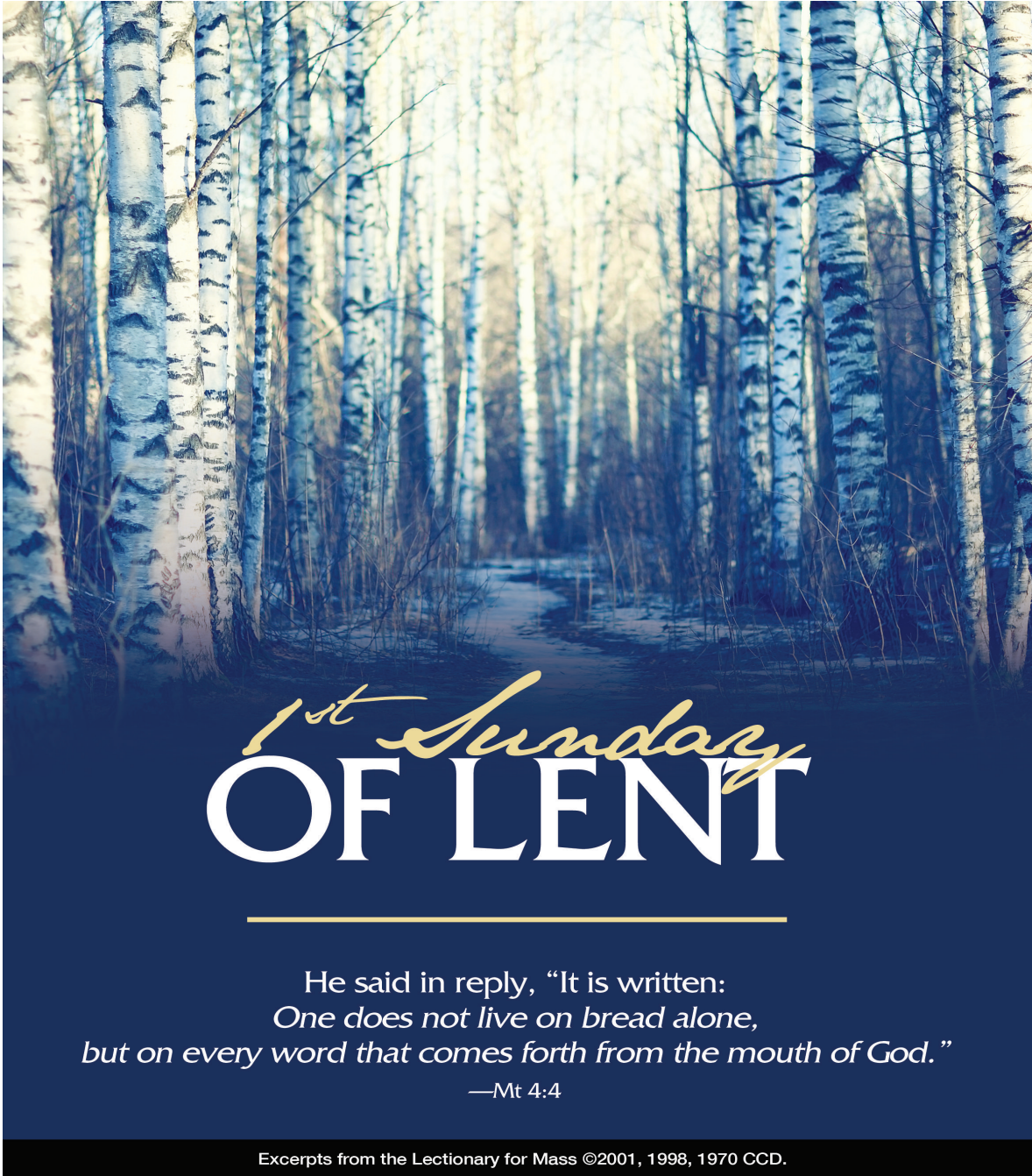


# Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Iglesia Católica San Juan el Evangelista

MARCH 5, 2017 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
5 DE MARZO 2017 — PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Daily Masses: ..Thursday ..... 8:30 a.m.  
                  ..Wednesday and Friday ..... 12 noon  
CONFESSIONS (Saturday) ..... 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

### HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

### HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo ..... 12:15 p.m (Español)  
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves ..... 8:30 a.m (Ingles)  
                  ..Miércoles y Viernes ..... 12:00 del medio día  
CONFESIONES (Sábado) ..... 4:30 p.m. o por cita

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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## St John Parish Calendar

### SATURDAY

**MARCH 4, 2017**

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass for soul of Alfreda Chandler

### SUNDAY

**MARCH 5, 2017**

9:00 AM

Mass soul of Helen Bryant

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa por el alma de Julio Penarrieta

### WEDNESDAY

**MARCH 8, 2017**

8:30 AM

Mass for soul of Julio Penarrieta

12:00 Noon

Lenten Service Imani Ministry

### THURSDAY

**MARCH 9, 2017**

8:30 AM

Mass for soul of Dan Pastore

### FRIDAY

**MARCH 10, 2017**

12:00 Noon

Mass

5-7 PM

Lenten Fish Dinner

### SATURDAY

**MARCH 11, 2017**

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass for souls George, Margaret, Andy Smith

### SUNDAY

**MARCH 12, 2017**

9:00 AM

Mass soul of Helen Bryant

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa Maria de los Angeles Esquivel

**ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON  
DURING LENT ST JOHN'S WEDNESDAY MASS  
WILL BE AT 8:30 AM**



The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." - Mt 4:3-4

### Readings for the Week of March 5, 2017

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/  
Mt 17:1-9

**Stations of the Cross and Confession:** Please join us as we pray the stations of the cross every Friday during the season of Lent. Stations will start at 6:30 pm. There will be a sign up sheet in the commons for those who want to lead the stations. Fr. Frank will lead the stations on the First and the Last Friday of Lent. There will be confession every Friday during lent at 6:30 except Friday March 17.

### February 25 & 26, 2017

#### Weekly

Actual \$3,873.00

Budgeted \$5,170.00

Difference (\$1,297.00)

#### Year to Date

Actual \$158,852.65

Budgeted \$180,950.00

Difference (\$22,097.35)

Monthly Debt Expense \$1,860.00

Monthly Debt Collection \$1,992.00

Difference \$132.00

**Remaining Debt Balance \$63,377.35**

### MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
95	158	203



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/  
RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:**  
*Pray for*

Keith Pinney, Doug Stanley, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Rev. Mr. Bill Blatnik, Red and Nancy

Goodman, Steve Garrett, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Sonya Calo'oy, Richard Painter, Martha Livingston, Deborah Shorter, Elena Chavez, Virginia Saunders, Maxine DiMarino, Isaias Fuentes, Melanie Paterson, Lillian Arthur, Carole Trent, Anita French, Shirley Griffey, Mary Helen Sohaski and Shirley Hughes.

**Prayers for members of the Armed Forces:** Daniel Gaudette, David Licciardello, Josh Drumheller, Lee Balderson, JD Painter and Daniel Johnson.

The item being collected for **FISH** for **March**  
**jelly and pancake syrup**  
En el mes de **marzo**  
**Mermelada y miel para pancake**



Happy Lent everyone!!!

I hope you are feeling the graces!!!!

These times are when God gives us a little extra help in our lives to feel His presence. Just because we are blessed enough to be part of His family as Catholics, as Christians, He gives us this time for a little extra outpouring of Himself. He is very, very, very generous to us. He spoils us!!!

So for the next 40 days we have the opportunity to be a little more spiritual and a little less stressed about the world, to have our heads a little more in the clouds and out of the mud, a little more care free from the problems of the world and little more focused on the time when we won't have any problems ever again (Heaven!!!).

Has anyone ever wondered why Lent is 40 days? Why not 45? Why not 30...like a month? Why is Lent 40 days?

Well, there are a few reasons.

40 is a very important number in the bible. Here's a few times when '40' was important.

When God destroyed the earth in the days of Noah, He caused it to rain for 40 days. God was cleansing the earth for 40 days. Sort of like the spiritual cleansing we experience during Lent.

The people of Israel wandered in the desert for 40 years after they escaped from pharaoh, until God brought them into the promised land...which is sort of like us wandering through the desert of this life until we reach our promised land...the desert was not too much fun for the Jewish people...although God provided just enough for them to get through it...again sort of like us Christians now...

Moses, as he was leading the people through the desert, spent 40 days on the mountain with God. He removed himself from regular life in order to listen and commune with God. Sort of like how we strive to focus more on spiritual things during Lent, and escape regular life a little more.

Elijah was in the desert 40 days before he went to Mount Horeb, where he encountered the presence of God in the tiny whisper. This was a very important time of spiritual renewal after completing very exhaustive work. Anyone who has ever done Christian ministry will testify that without a solid prayer life to be renewed through after doing God's work, it's impossible to persevere long-term and not get burnt out.

In the New Testament, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting and praying, resisting the temptations of the devil, before he began his ministry. This was similarly a time of focus and of contemplation of what awaited Him in the days ahead. He followed the example of those prophets who went before Him and demonstrates an example for those who would follow after.

I am sure there are others examples as well

Have a great Lent! It's only 40 days and it will be gone before we know it. Enjoy the extra grace. It cost God everything but He gives it to us...free!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**From March 1 through April 9, you're invited to join with Christians in cities around the world for the Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.** for more information contact: Ann Niermeyer, 804-714-5170, [atniermeyer@aol.com](mailto:atniermeyer@aol.com).



#### SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night. Daylight savings time begins March 12th.

#### Lenten Fish Dinner - Sponsorship Opportunity

#### Thank you—Gracias

Thank you to the following parishioners who generously have donated to **the Lenten Dinners**. Julie & Lloyd Mercer, Cornelio Chavez, April Painter, David Stull, Theresa Civitelli, Sharon Lucas, Sheila Morris, anonymous, Diane and Tom Yates, Beverly Draper, Juan Plumey, Edgar Dominguez and Elena Chavez de Penarrieta for a total of **\$2000.00**.

#### St John Lenten Dinners

Don't forget our Lenten Dinners have already started. As always, in order to make this year another successful year we **NEED YOU**. If you are interested in pitching in (and perhaps making a Lenten sacrifice or commitment) now is the time to step up. We can always use help performing food prep work, set-up, food donations (specially desserts), cooking, serving and cleaning up. If you are interested in serving as a team member please call the office, or just show up. If you are not able to work, come and eat and bring your friends.

#### 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal:

##### *Building Our Family of Faith*

The 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway. Many of you have received a letter from Bishop DiLorenzo asking for your support. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our In-Pew pledge process at all Masses during the weekends of March 11-12 and 18-19. It is very important for all of us to make a gift to the 2017 Appeal.

Each gift that is contributed to the Appeal makes a real difference because the gifts of many enable our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services such as heating and grocery assistance to families, health insurance for our retired priests and tuition for our future priests to attend the seminary.

In addition, all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. All pledges can be paid in 10 convenient monthly installments. Please answer Bishop DiLorenzo's request and make a generous gift. Thank you in advance for your support.

**The Knights of Columbus** gives you a chance to win tickets to the Nascar Cup race on 4.30.17 at the Richmond International Raceway. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. All proceeds to benefit the good works and projects in our community of the K of C Father James Scanlon Council of St. John and St. Patrick parishes. Drawing to be held on 4.23.17. Tickets are available after mass each Sunday in the commons area