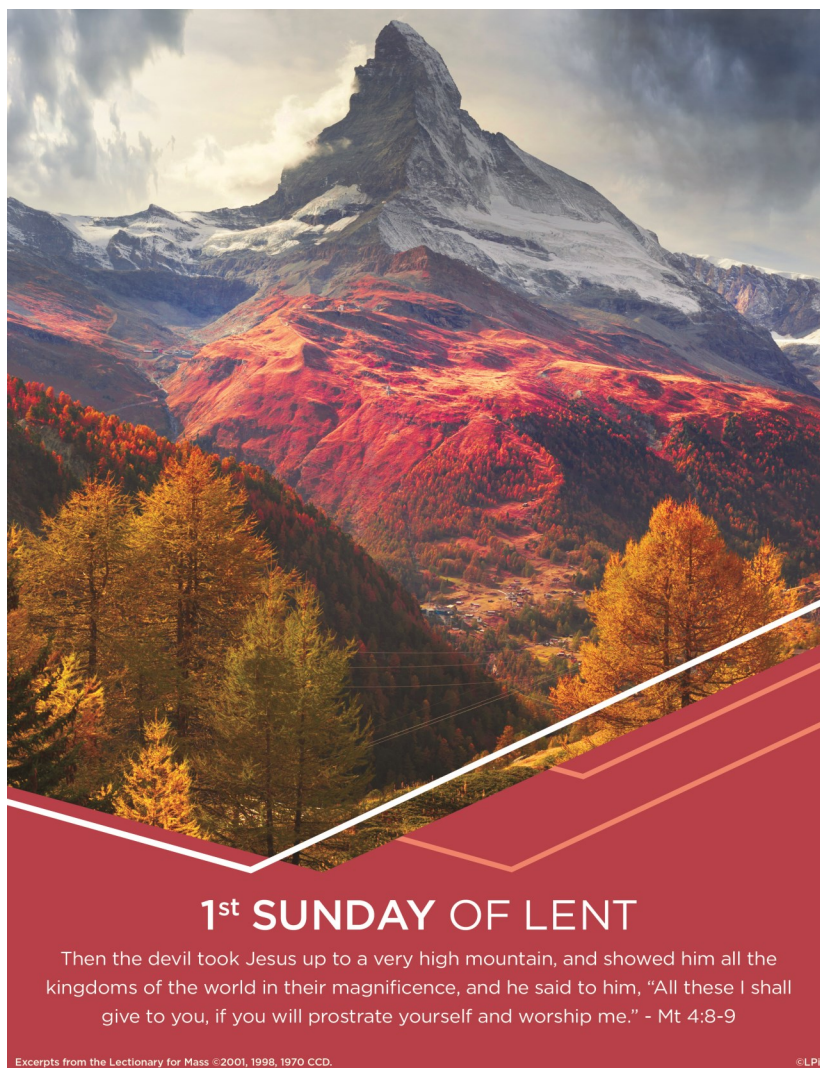


Saint John Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan

March 1, 2020—First Sunday of Lent

1 de marzo de 2020— Primer Domingo de Cuaresma



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday5:30 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 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

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

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

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 FEBRUARY 29, 2020
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass for soul of Mary Jane Messich
SUNDAY MARCH 1, 2020
 9:00 AM Mass for all priests and seminarians
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa por el personal militar
WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 2020
 Noon Community Service Living Hope
Thursday MARCH 5, 2020
 8:30 AM Mass soul of John Kolaskoski
FRIDAY MARCH 6, 2020
 12:00 Noon Mass por el alma de Eliseo Chavez
SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2020
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass for soul of Mary Jane Messich
SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2020
 9:00 AM Mass for all Virginian politicians
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa por el alma de Julio Penarrieta

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON

There will be no Wednesday Masses at St. John during Lent. We will have the Lenten Ecumenical Services at noon. This week the Service will be held at Living Hope Church.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES: Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, Ron Price, Jr., Red & Nancy Goodman, Richard Painter, Maxine Di-Marino, Mary Helen Sohaski, Sherry Wright, Otts Miskimon, Dan Magee, Martha Livingston, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Elena Chavez, Doris Bartlett, Lynn Miskimon, Jeff Korschak, Virginia Saunders, Gerry Biartel, Fred Brown, Elizabeth Jones, Evelyn Clatterback, Dick Wassel, Bobby & Christie Osterloh, Nathaniel Young, Hallet and Frances Harrison, Maria Teresa Casas, John Smith, Rudy Calo'oy Jr. Neil French, Edna Stanley, and David Budjinski,

The item being collected for **FISH** for **MARCH**
APPLE SAUCE
 En el mes de **MARZO**
Puré de Manzana

St. Peter Clothes Closet is now accepting clean, gently used clothes, blankets, jackets and backpacks. Also they are accepting can goods for their pantry. There is a box marked St Peter in the commons area.

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!" –Mt. 4:8-10a

Readings for the week of March 1, 2020

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/
 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt
 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/
 Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk
 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c
 -8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt
 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-
 48
 Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2
 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-

200th Anniversary Coffee Table Book Shine Like Stars

200 Anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Books are \$40 each. If you are interested please call the office 737-8028.

February 22 & 23, 2020

WEEKLY		YEAR TO DATE	
ACTUAL	\$3,336.95	ACTUAL	\$131,601.70
BUDGET	4,827.00	BUDGET	164,115.00
	(\$1,490.05)		(\$ 32,513.30)

Mass Attendance

5:30	9:00	12:15
77	126	230



SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night. Daylight savings time begins March 8th.



Pastor Message Happy Lent!!!

I do not say that sarcastically. Lent is a happy time. There is a special grace that only is given during Lent, and grace always makes us feel great!!! Two important things of note today.

First, please, please, please make sure you go to confession during Lent!!! Every Catholic is required to go to confession at least once per year. But saying it is a requirement is like saying taking a shower is a requirement. Basically, it is part of a normal healthy spiritual life. If you are not sure what to confess, ask the priest to help you. There will be a priest in the confessional 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after every weekend Mass. So there is no excuse. It is so easy. It takes a few minutes. If you understood the amount of grace and the spiritual impact it has for you to confess your sins and receive absolution you would be busting down the doors!

Second, I will be discussing the Bishop's Annual Appeal in the near future at each parish. Because it is the 200th anniversary of the Diocese (our Bicentennial), the Bishop has challenged us with a \$5 million goal in honor of the year. But don't worry, our parish isn't responsible for the whole \$5 million (hahaha).

That said I am asking humbly to please consider stretching yourself this year to give to the Annual Appeal, and to give a little more than you did last year. The Annual Appeal is how we pay for our seminarians to go to seminary, it is how we support retired priests, and it is how we pay for campus ministers who work at our Universities to help kids stay close to God while at college (not an easy task), among many other things. Please, please, please give generously!

I am praying for you all during this Lent. I hope it is a great one!

Fr Rossi

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence. Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Building Our Family of Faith

Many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2020 Annual Appeal. 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 February 29/March 1 & March 7/8. In the spirit of the bicentennial, we are hopeful that all our parishioners will make a gift to the 2020 Appeal. Thank you in advance for your support!

LENTEN DINNERS

With your help we will have another successful year. 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, cooking, serving and cleaning up. If you are interested in any of these please call the office, or just show up. Can't do any of these!! Come and eat and bring a friend.

Don't forget to bring your favorite desserts.

Sponsorship Opportunity

In order to keep our prices the same as last year we need sponsors. Thank you so much to those who have already contributed to our cause. Please take a look at these sponsorship opportunities and let us know if you can help us and help our community:

Fish -	\$1,700
Sea Food -	\$200
Vegetable Oil & Margarine	\$300
Breading & Hushpuppy & Mac&Cheese	\$200
Big Potatoes & French Fries -	\$300
Dressings -	\$250
Produce -	\$350
Coffee, Ice Tea, Sugar -	\$200
Paper Product -	\$500

Please consider sponsoring any of the above items or give a donation of a portion of the total amount. All amounts of donations help. Thank you in advance. The Lenten Fish Team.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We had a great turn out for the initial Pivotal Players session last Monday with 16 parishioners participating. There is still room for plenty more. Please consider joining us as we continue to explore the life, teachings and spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi on Monday at 1:30 in the conference room. The schedule for the next two sessions is as follows:

March 2 St Thomas Aquinas Part I
March 9 St. Thomas Aquinas Part 2

SJP winners for February are Jill Brandon, Lloyd Mercer, Frances Milby x2, Leslie Gray, Stephanie Forshey and Willeen Kirby. Next drawing is March 19.

Special Prayer Request

The next 40 Days for Life campaign is from **Ash Wednesday thru Palm Sunday** In Richmond, a second Planned Parenthood facility is projected to open at 1122 N. 25th Street in the coming months. The leadership team has decided to hold a dual campaign at both locations, with Saint John focusing on the 201 N. Hamilton facility. Please consider spending some time before the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration praying for the success of this dual campaign. Dan and I (Olga Lucia) are cordially inviting you to join us to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday - Friday as follow: Monday at 3:00 PM right after the Pivotal Players, Tuesday at 10:00 AM, Wednesday at 1:30 PM right after the Lenten luncheons, Thursday after the 8:30 AM Mass and, Friday after the 12:00 Mass. We encourage you to come to church earlier on Saturday and Sunday so you can pray before Mass in front of the Tabernacle to end abortion.