



**Saint John Catholic Church**

**Iglesia Católica San Juan**

**February 26, 2023 — First Sunday of Lent**  
**26 de febrero de 2023 — 1er Domingo de Cuaresma**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

**SUNDAY OF LENT**

**"One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from  
the mouth of God." - Mt 4:4**



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**OFFICE HOURS - HORARIO DE OFICINAS**

Monday—Thursday / LUNES—JUEVES: 9a.m.—3p.m.

Friday / Viernes: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon /medio dia

**LITURGY SCHEDULE—HORARIO LITURGICO**

Saturday—Sábado – 5:30 p.m (English)

Sunday- Domingo 9:00 a.m. (English) 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Daily Masses: Wednesday – Miércoles 12:00 Noon (English)

.....Thursday - Jueves - 8:30 a.m (English)

CONFESSIONS—CONFESIONES

Saturday—Sábado 4:30 p.m. or by appointment / o por cita

**ADORATION—ADORACION**

**ST. JOHN 1ST WEDNESDAY - 1er Miércoles—6PM (English)**

**1ST SATURDAY - 1er Sábado—7PM (Spanish)**

**ST. PATRICK 3RD SUNDAY AFTER MASS**

**ST. PETER 1ST FRIDAY AFTER MASS**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**February 18 & 19, 2023**

**Weekly**

Actual \$4,101.00

Budget \$4,714.00

**(\$613.00)**

**Year to date**

Actual \$165,922.50

Budget \$155,562.00

\$10,360.50

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

5:30

**54**

9:00

**140**

12:30

**272**

All Totals include weekly collection and e-giving

**St John Parish Calendar**

**SATURDAY**

**February 25, 2023**

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass—Soul of John Kolakoski

**SUNDAY**

**February 26, 2023**

9:00 AM

Mass—Soul of Fr. Alistair McKay

12:30 PM

Misa—Thanksgiving/family Lopez Tamat

**WEDNESDAY**

**March 1, 2023**

12:00 Noon

Mass Soul of Fr McKay

**THURSDAY**

**March 2, 2023**

8:30 AM

Mass—Soul of Shirley Hughes

**SATURDAY**

**March 4, 2023**

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass—Souls of Doug & Edna Stanley

**SUNDAY**

**March 5, 2023**

9:00 AM

Mass—Soul of Eugene Cooley Sr.

12:30 PM

Misa—Soul Aparicio Serrano Cano

**ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON**



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

Keith Pinney, Helen Rice, John & Jolene White, Wayne Ewing, Jeff Kenschack, Elena Chavez. John & Peggy Smith, Stanhope Flournoy, Betty Yingst, Frank Haselton, Leonora Gray, Leslie Gray, Melissa Harrington, Chris Jones, Virginia Saunders, Hallett Harrison, Joseph Di Marino, Mike Elrod, Theresa Mosely, Joan Purcell, Paul Evans, Kathy McCollum, Red Goodman, and Susanne French.

**Readings for the week of February 26, 2023**

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 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/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19

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 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3

7c-8/ Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-

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, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2

**DONATION FOR FISH**

**REQUEST FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

**Brunswick Stew**

**DONACIONES PARA FISH EN FEBRERO**

**Estofado de Brunswick**



**Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal  
Strengthens Catholic Communities**



Scan the QR code to donate or visit  
RichmondCatholicFoundation.org/Appeal

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,  
The church just began the holy season of Lent, a forty-day journey with the Lord, to avoid or renounce sin in order to do good. "Forty" signify:  
- From the Old Testament how Moses fasted for 40 days and nights on the mountain Sinai writing the ten commandments of the Lord. (Ex. 34:28)  
- Elijah travelling for 40 days and nights to Horeb, the mounting of God without any food (1 Kgs. 19: 8)  
- The fasting of Jesus for 40 days and nights on the desert after his baptism (Mt. 4:2ff), which became the model for Christians even till today.  
- Christians prepare their bodies as temple of the Holy spirit by fasting at the start of Lent for 40 days (Pope Francis).  
Lent then is a journey of repentance, sacrifice, penance and reflection, by turning away from the road that does not lead to God (Joel 2:12). The three very important practices to be observed in this Lenten journey are Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving. (Mt. 6:2-18).  
May we observe these practices by listening to the Lord's voice and acting accordingly for our sanctification.  
Praised be Jesus Christ

Fr. Maxwell

**Annual Diocesan Appeal 2023  
Sharing His Love with Others**

This Lent don't be afraid to give generously. Our Annual Diocesan Appeal needs you. You may feel your resources are too small to make a difference, but thankfully, we have a God who specializes in strengthening the weak and multiplying gifts given generously. Give anyway; He'll take care of the rest. Thank you in advance!

**Mass Journal Book**

This lent we are providing you a Mass Journal to write down the one thing you sense God is saying to you that week, and date your entry. Then use your Mass Journal in daily prayer and allow it to stimulate your conversation with God. Please take a Mass Journal for FREE during this LENTEN season.

**40 DAYS for life The spring campaign for 40 Days for Life has started on February 22 and run through April 2.** . Come to pray at Planned Parenthood 201 N. Hamilton Rd. Vigil hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Prayer warriors will be needed on Thursday March 16.** Your witness makes a big difference. Miracles happen when we pray and fast.

**LENTEN DINNERS—SOCIAL HALL**

Come and Support our Lenten Dinners. Dinner served 5pm-7pm. Pray for the success and tell your friends.

**Sponsorship Opportunity**

Thank you so much for helping us to almost achieve our goal. We still need to raise \$2,400.00 more. All amounts of donations help. Thank you in advance. The Lenten Fish Team.:

Fish—	\$2,000
Vegetable Oil & Margarine—	\$300
Breading & Hashpuppy & Mac&Cheese—	\$400
Big Potatoes & French Fries—	\$400
Dressings	\$400
Produce	\$400
Paper Product	\$600

**Bible Study on the Gospel of St. Luke**

The Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke will start on Tuesday April 11. The Bible Study will meet in the social hall and start at 1:45. Thank you for your patience as we delay the beginning of this bible study. We look forward to seeing you on April 11. Should you have any questions, please contact Dan at 804-614-5623.

**Meet and Greet Event**

Please Join Us for a morning of Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice and Doughnut Holes sponsored by the Council of Women this Sunday, February 26, 2023 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the commons area of the church.

**From the Knights of Columbus**

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Plus. We collected a large number of coats for the needy kids in the Richmond area as well as many hats, gloves and scarves for the homeless served by St. Peters.

**A huge thank you** to everyone who bought Brunswick Stew from the Knights of Columbus. Between St. John's and St. Patrick's all but 4 quarts were sold in one weekend. That was by far the quickest that all of the stew has sold out in the history of Council 6936 Brunswick Stew sales. All of the proceeds benefit the many charitable, church, you, community and fraternal activities of our council.

**Knights of Columbus are collecting broken rosaries** to benefit the Carmelite sisters. If you have any broken rosaries which you no longer need nor use, especially if they are blessed, please bring them to church and put them in the jar on the counter in the narthex. The Carmelite sisters will repair them or use the parts to make new rosaries which will in turn help in the support of their ministry. Thank you.