



Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ Jesus,

Lent is a time for conversion and renewal and recommitment, a time to decide again to follow Christ Jesus more closely.

One traditional, symbolic way Catholics follow Christ Jesus is by walking with Him to Calvary. By this I mean praying the Stations of the Cross.

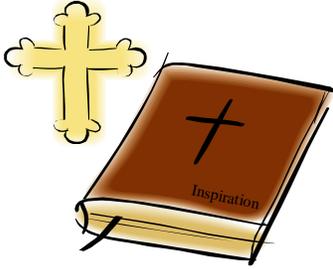
Each Friday night, beginning at 7pm, during the season of Lent, the fourteen Stations of the Cross will be prayed. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and benediction immediately following the Stations of the Cross. Please join us as we walk with our Lord to Calvary.

Have a most blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield

February 25, 2007

First Sunday of Lent



**Congratulations
to the
2nd grade class
on making their
1st Confession**

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Holy Rosary

Sunday 7:40AM
Sunday 10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday 8:00AM
Sunday 11:00AM

LENT (Discovering Joy in a solemn season) by Rev. John Catoir

Why should we think of it as the joyful season of Lent?

The Lenten Liturgy has references to joy, not only because it's a preparation for Easter, the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, but because purification through prayer and faster brings special delight to the soul.

Thinking of Lent as a time of joy, not only a time of penance, is not a new idea. Gregory the Great, who was pope at the turn of the sixth century, emphasized the theme of joy during Lent. He spoke of the two fold path before us: the way of death that leads to misery, and the way to life that leads to joy. He used the Psalms (1:1-2) to make his point: *Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked ... but their delight is in the law of the Lord.*

What exactly is Lent?

Lent is forty-day period devoted to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, which helps us focus on the mystery of redemption. We are called to live joyfully because of the knowledge of God's love. Yes, we fast and do penance, but we do so in order to follow the path to joy.

Think of Lent as a musical prelude to the jubilant symphony of Easter, which lasts for fifty days beyond Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. During this time we joyfully anticipate, then celebrate, the Resurrection of Jesus, and finally, the gift of the Holy Spirit coming upon us.

I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also.
(1 Corinthians 14:15)

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Calendar

1st Communion Parent Meeting March 4th, 9:30AM
1st Communion Testing March 11th
Fridays of Lent, 7PM Stations of the Cross

Critic / Praise / Prayer Corner

Critic.

- ◆ Why does the presidential race has to start 21 months before the election?

Praise.

- ◆ To all the great cooks who donated to the pot luck.

Prayers.

- ◆ For everyone to meet their Lenten penance with Jesus in their hearts.

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When does Lent begin?

It begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until Holy Thursday. (The three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are the Triduum.)

Ashes go back to a fourth-century rite, when the Church required those who committed grave sins to perform a public penance. The ashes reminded them of their mortality - and the danger of losing their immortal souls.

The words used then and, in many places, still today are: Remember, man, that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return.

Today another formula is often used: *“Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”* Mark 1:15

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote the following lines to express the idea that ashes are less about an ending than about a beginning. *Life is real! Life is earnest! And the grave is not its goal; Dust thou art, to dust returnest, Was not spoken of the soul.*

February 25, 2007 8:00AM

Usher.....Tom Anderson
 Usher.....David Crawford
 EM of Holy Communion..... Harlan Harrington
 Rosary Leader..... Fred Bates
 Altar Server..... Fernando Lucero
 Altar Server..... Charles Lucero
 First Reader..... Lillian Ortiz
 Second Reader..... Jose Guillen

February 25, 2007 11:00AM

Usher.....Carl E Beyer
 Usher..... Tony Quinones
 EM of Holy Communion..... Jeremy McClellan
 Rosary Leader.....Joanna Dunn
 Altar Server..... Tabitha Chavez
 Altar Server..... Domenica Chavez
 First Reader..... Cheryl Montoya
 Second Reader..... Vicky Howell

March 4, 2007 8:00AM

Usher..... Tom Anderson
 Usher.....John Christensen
 EM of Holy Communion..... Jose Guillen
 Rosary Leader..... Fred Bates
 Altar Server.....Sergio Guillen
 Altar Server..... Fernando Lucero
 First Reader..... Julie Burnside
 Second Reader..... David Crawford

March 4, 2007 11:00AM

Usher..... Ed Uhrich
 Usher..... Tony Quinones
 EM of Holy Communion.....Margaret Chavez
 Rosary Leader.....Rochelle Quinones
 Altar Server..... Steven Chavez
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