



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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St. Francis Mass: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
Confessions: By appointment
Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

All times subject to change

1st Sunday of Lent – February 21, 2010



Scripture Meditation: How can we overcome sin and oppression in our personal lives? The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and to be our guide and consoler in temptation and testing (1 Corinthians 10:13). The Lord gives grace to the humble who acknowledge their dependence on him (James 4:6) and he helps us to stand against the attacks of our enemy, Satan, who seeks to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8-10; Ephesians 6:10-18).

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the strength and courage we need to resist sin and to reject the lies and deceits of Satan. God wants us to “fight the good fight of the faith” (1 Timothy 6:12) with the power and strength which comes from the Holy Spirit. Do you rely on the Lord for your strength and help?

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Operation Rice Bowl: First Week of Lent – Jesus’ Temptation - In Luke’s story of the temptations of Jesus we see how we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as He was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith life we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need. Visit orb.crs.org for more information.

COLLECTION

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 14, 2010

Envelopes	\$578.00
Loose	17.12
Total	\$595.12
Candles	13.00
Gift	250.00
MS Catholic	40.00
Mission Appeal	100.00
Catholic Charities	152.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Lector 1	Jim Goo
Lector 2	Susan Brackeen
Euch. Min.	Sr. Colette & Marla
Intercessory Prayers	Ashley Green
Gift Bearers	Larry & Anna Payne

Holy Water: Bottles of Holy Water, which include a scripture passage from the responsorial psalm (Psalm 51:10) of Ash Wednesday, are available to anyone who wishes one. Suggested use: Bless yourselves daily during this Lenten season and think about the cleansing and nurturing water with an attitude towards new life!

Fast & Abstinence from meat during Lent? Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are called to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years and older are called to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting, as explained by the U.S. bishops, means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening – depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.

St. James of Corinth on the web: Please check out the new web site for St. James at www.stjamescorinth.org.

Penance Service: St. James in Corinth will have a Penance Service on Thursday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. in English. There will be a soup supper before the service at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, March 5th, they will have a Penance Service in Spanish at 6:30 p.m.



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The week ahead.....

- **Why Catholic? Renew** class starts today, immediately following Mass and on Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish house.
- **Stations of the Cross**, Friday, February 26th at 5:30 p.m.

Looking to the future.....

- **Potluck** on March 14th in honor of St. Patrick
- **NO Stations of the Cross** on Friday, March 19th.

50/50: We are still looking for someone willing to take over selling the 50/50 tickets before Mass. If interested, please contact Ludie Pietruszkiewicz or Sr. Colette.

Parish Ecology Action: *What You Can Do to Help the Environment* – See how many of the following suggestions you already incorporate into your life. Some of the recommendations are quite easy; other require some research and long-term commitment, and so, are goals to work toward.

1. Recycle newspaper, paper, cardboard, glass, tin, and aluminum.
2. Buy recycled products.
3. Use low- or phosphate-free detergent.
4. Wash clothes in cold water.
5. Use old clothes and cloth to wipe up spills and for cleaning instead of paper towels.
6. Reduce use of nonessential appliances (e.g., electric can openers, pencil sharpeners).
7. Reuse paper grocery bags.
8. Use reusable containers for sandwiches and leftovers instead of plastic wrap, baggies, and foil.
9. Install low-flow aerators on faucets and water-saving showerheads.
10. Do not leave water running when showering, shaving, brushing your teeth, washing dishes or your car. (*more suggestions next week*).

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