

ST. CALLISTUS CHURCH

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:15PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon

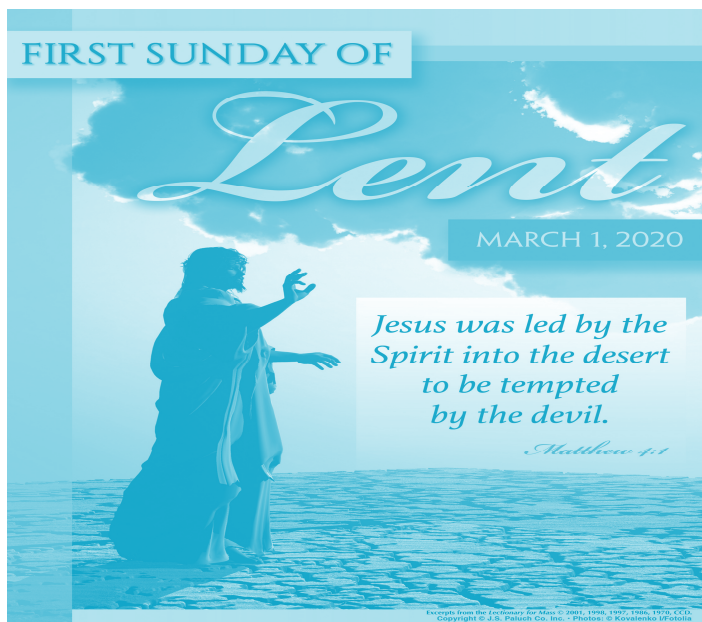
Confession: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45PM

Daily Mass: Monday—Saturday 8:30AM

FIRST SUNDAY

OF LENT

March 1, 2020



STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

begins next Sunday, March 8th. So, before going to bed on Saturday the 7th, please remember to set your clock one hour ahead.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, which is “a powerful season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us. During the season of Lent, the Church issues two important invitations: **to have a greater awareness of the redemptive work of Christ; and to live out one's Baptism with deeper commitment.**” (Pope Francis, General Audience, March 5, 2014) .



The Lenten season is a special opportunity to grow spiritually through penitential practices, especially those of self-denial, almsgiving, and through works of kindness and compassion.

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Catholics ages 14 and over are to abstain from meat and meat products **all Fridays of Lent**. Individuals between 18 and 59 are also obliged to fast on **Good Friday**—eat one full meal . However, these obligations do not apply to those whose health will be seriously affected.



Also, we will have **Stations of the Cross on all Fridays of Lent at 7:30PM.** Please note the schedule below.

Parish Ministries scheduled to lead the Stations of the Cross:

March 6—Ushers & Greeters

March 13—Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers & Mass Coordinators

March 20—Young Adults & FF Catechists and Teachers

March 27—RCIA & Youth Confirmation Members

April 3—SVdP and Choir Members



Passage:
Genesis 2:8 – 9; 3: 1 – 6

And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

Reflection:

Often, we fall into temptation. Most of the time those temptations take us away from God in the form of Sin. Adam and Eve were tempted by the serpent to eat the apple from the tree of knowledge which was in the middle of the garden. This same tree, God had commanded them not to eat. The serpent was crafty in telling Eve how their eyes will be opened, and they will be like gods knowing what is good and what is evil. This made it appealing for Eve to eat from the forbidden tree. These moments give us an opportunity to examine our relationship with God. We have a loving connection with God, however every time we sin, that bond can be strained or broken. God remains present and is always ready to forgive us of our sins.

Action:

Take a moment and ask yourself, how is my relationship with God? Do you feel like you have a deep relationship with Him? Do you recognize the times that you sin against God? Also ask yourself, how is my relationship with people such as your family, friends, co-workers, classmates, strangers, homeless people? Are you quick to criticize and judge others or are you supportive and encouraging to everyone around you?



**Hospitality Ministry
'Mardi Gras' Bake Sale
A Huge Success**

THANK YOU to ALL who participated in the Hospitality Bake Sale on Feb 22 & 23,

2020. Our volunteers, those who donated baked goods and our parishioners who supported us by their purchases. We made \$1442.00. 100% of this money will be used for church events. Our next project will be collecting items for Easter baskets for homeless children. We could not function without your constant support. We have a wonderful church community and we are truly blessed. *-Inez Tamayo*



**Sisters of the Convent of
St. Elisabeth**

To visit St. Callistus on March 11th, 8:30AM Mass. Please take a look at handmade articles and souvenirs made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus). This Sisterhood was founded in 1996. For more than 15 years they have been rendering spiritual, social and financial support for the sick and suffering at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults.

To help these people, workshops were established on the grounds of the Convent. Many of these sick people have the possibility to express themselves in art for God, working together with nuns and sisters and making beautiful articles (hand-painted icons, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, vestments). All these goods are made with love and prayer and bring blessing to your home. They need your support.



*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Next Friday, March 6th is First Friday. We will have the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 A.M. till 3:00 P.M. and conclude with Benediction at 3:00 P.M. Please come join us in prayer. For those who signed up, please remember to keep your hours.

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF MARCH 1ST ~

- MON. 6:55 P.M. Youth Confirmation Class
7:00 P.M. Hospitality Ministry Meeting
- TUE. 7:00 P.M. RCIA Class
7:00 P.M. Youth Group Meeting
- WED. 10:15 A.M. Bible Study Session - **in the Parish Hall**
7:30 P.M. Bible Study Session - **in the Parish Hall**
- THU. 7:00 P.M. Hispanic Prayer Group Meeting
7:00 P.M. Leadership Group Meeting - **in the Church**
- FRI. 9 A.M. - 3 P.M. *Adoration/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*
6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room

MASS INTENTIONS FROM MAR. 1 THROUGH MAR. 7

- SAT. 5:15 P.M. People of the Parish of St. Callistus
- SUN. 8:00 A.M. Leonora & Ruperto Roxas ✠
by Rebecca Balagot
- 10:00 A.M. Juanita Diwata ✠
by The Camaya Family
and Lorenza Dimalanta Tanquilut ✠
by The Zamora Family
- 12:00 Noon Herman Eneran ✠
by Luisa Escueta
- MON. 8:30 A.M. Eusebio Seguncia ✠
by Mildred Llamado
- TUE. 8:30 A.M. Leilani A. Paz (Living, Birthday)
by The Paz Family
- WED. 8:30 A.M. Hermelita Asuncion ✠
by Linda Mauleon & Family
- THU. 8:30 A.M. Estrell & Butch Bautista
(Both Living, Wedding Anniversary)
by Butch & Estrell
- FRI. 8:30 A.M. Oscar Victorino ✠
by Meddie Victorino
- SAT 8:30 A.M. Henrylee Peres ✠
by Gerda & Lee Peres



Faye Eaton
Liling Hernandez
Lee Peres
David Trejo

Gina Burnett
Dan Craighead
Lino Destacamento
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.
Robert Maloney
Judy Robinson
Thinh Tran

Carrie Chew
Aurea de Alz
Vincent Dimalanta
Carole Freeman
Raoul Martinez
Venancio Talao
Ma. Christina Zamora

And all the family members and friends listed in our Prayer Book; and those who are homebound or in nursing homes.

Schedule of Devotions

- Rosary and Chaplet of The Divine Mercy - Monday to Saturday 9:00AM
- Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Wednesdays 9:00AM
- Mother of Perpetual Help: Thursdays 9:00AM
- Hispanic Prayer Group - First & Third Thursdays 7:00PM
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - First Fridays 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Benediction at 3:00 PM.

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(12:00 Noon to 12:30 PM (closed for lunch))

Parish Ministries

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St. Vincent de Paul Conference, Carol Brazil : 1-510-243-7501

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery: 1-510-234-2012

Plan For These Sacraments

Baptism of Infants: Make arrangements with priest at least six (6) weeks in advance. Parents must be *registered parishioners of St. Callistus for at least 3 months.*

Weddings: Make arrangements with priest at least six (6) months in advance.