

First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Responsorial Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17

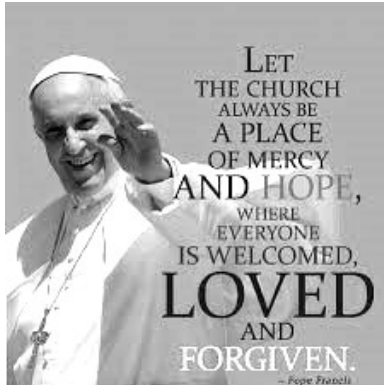
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19; Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

2017 LENTEN MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Word is a Gift. Other Persons are a Gift.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation he shows us his readiness to forgive.



Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Lk 16:19-31). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.

Please go to our parish website for the link to the entire Lenten Message from Pope Francis, available in both English and Spanish.

Lenten Dinners

Our next Lenten Dinner will take place this Friday, March 10, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15 per person. Children's tickets are \$5. The main course this week will be Yellow Tuna and Spaghetti with Piccata Sauce. Ticket sales will begin at 4:00 pm.

Friday Stations or Way of the Cross

Please remember the very prayerful tradition of the Way of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. We are beginning this year at 5:00 pm in the Church. Our 11:15 am Choir and 5:00 pm Spanish Choir will be leading us in music. Please join us on Fridays before the Lenten Dinners.



2017 Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) Update

Our Diocesan AMA Appeal "One Faith, One Family" continues this weekend. We are very grateful for all of you who have returned your envelopes with a commitment. Presently, our commitments total is **\$30,182**. As this is more than our obligation to the Diocesan Ministries, all donations now remain at OLMC.

Our participation level stands at 63 individuals and families, or 37% of our goal.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday during Lent we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 7:00 am Mass and concluding with a final blessing at 5:30 pm. This is an excellent opportunity for us to express our faith in Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

"The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father's tenderness and love towards each of us."—Pope Francis

During Lent the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Wednesdays, from 4:00-5:00 pm, Saturdays, from 3:30-4:00 pm, and on Wednesday, March 29, at 7:00 pm.

Lenten Blessing Bags

Our Confirmation Candidates are asking our help with their Lenten Service Project—Blessing Bags for the homeless. The bags will be filled with items that we can hand out to those in need. Items might include: toothbrushes, toiletries, first aid kits, socks, granola bars, etc.

Confirmation Schedule

March 4—Class

March 11—Class

March 25—All day MANDATORY retreat

April 1—Seder Class (Students begin after Mass, parents are invited to the dinner at 6:30 pm)

Rehearsal prior to the Confirmation Mass

April 27, 7:00 pm—Confirmation Mass



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If you are on Facebook, please "Like" our Parish Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/ourladycarmelvalley/

We are revamping the page and plan to use it as a source of communication for sharing events here at OLMC. If you have photos of the Church, events, and parishioners you would like to share please post them to the page or email them to: janet.reilly@sothebyshomes.com. Thank you!

2nd Collection This Sunday—March 5, 2017

Collection of the U.S. Bishops Conference for **Catholic Relief Services** which provides emergency aid and services throughout the world and the Church in **Latin America**

Offertory Report 2/26/2017

Plate collection: \$2,651; Building Fund: \$5,700; Hope's Pantry \$110; other: \$110; total deposit: \$8,571. Thank you!

Mass Intentions - March 4-10, 2017

Sat., 4:30 pm +Tony Brazil
+Joe Ortman
Sun., 9:00 am +Jim McPharlin
+Kathleen McPharlin
Sun., 11:15 am +Lorena Merino
+Giuseppe Manuguerra
Sun., 5:00 pm +Rosa Lopez
+Adrian Vierra
Wed., 7:00 am +Margaret Brazil
Doris Desmond
Thurs., 7:00 am +Joe Cline
+Eddy Dani
Fri., 7:00 am +Tom Dani

NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Confesiones - Cada viernes de 4:00 pm a 5:00 pm y cada sábado de 3:30 - 4:00 pm.

Vía Crucis - Cada viernes de la Cuaresma a las 5:00 de la tarde. ¡Acompáñenos!

Santísimo Sacramento - Expuesto en la Iglesia cada jueves de 7:30 am hasta 5:30 pm (con oración y bendición)

2017 Campaña Anual de Ministerios (AMA) - Nuestra Campaña Diocesana "*Una Fe, Una Familia*" continua esta semana. Estamos muy agradecidos a todos ustedes que han regresado sus sobres con un compromiso. Actualmente, el total de nuestros compromisos es \$30,182. La Campaña Anual ayuda a los muchos ministerios y servicios Diocesanos. Sobres de Compromiso están en las bancas. Que nuestra fe, esperanza, y caridad nos guíen como fiel discípulos de Jesús.

Youth Corner

What's the hardest test you've ever faced? There are school tests and then there are life tests, challenging situations that push us to our limits. Today, Jesus faces a really difficult life test. He's been fasting for 40 days in the desert, and Satan tempts him. But Jesus aces the test! Jesus knows what you're going through! Ask for his help to overcome the challenges before you.

