First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018



Weekday Readings February 19-23, 2018

Mon: Lev. 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46 Tues: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15 Wed: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32 Thurs: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19 Fri: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26 First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22; Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

"He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him."

I find myself writing this reflection deeply pained by the "wild beasts" of gun violence that has killed 17 students and staff, and wounded many more, in the Parkland, Florida high school. We, like Jesus in today's gospel, find ourselves in a wildly harsh and cold desert filled with acts of evil.

Our foreheads are freshly marked with ashes calling us to embrace our mortality and repent for our personal and social sin. While lawmakers allow another mass shooting by denying us of reasonable gun laws that would prevent such massacres, we as baptized must speak out and confront evil, including easy access to weapons of war, with works of unity and peace.

Let us fervently pray, fast and give alms during the Lenten Season by promoting non-violence and doing what is possible to change the hearts of national leaders that are ultimately in compliance with these unacceptable deaths. We cannot give in to evil. Together we must "repent, and believe in the gospel." God's Spirit of peace is with us. "The kingdom of God is at hand!"

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2018

"Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt 24:12).

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a "sacramental sign of our conversion".[1] Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (24:12).

These words appear in Christ's preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord's passion would begin...

A link to the entire Lenten Message of Pope Francis is available at: ourladycarmelvalley.org.

Friday Way of the Cross

We hope you join with us for prayer each Friday of Lent beginning at 5:00 pm, as we share in the very meaningful tradition of the Way of the Cross.

Lenten Dinners

Our second Lenten Dinner will take place this Friday, February 23, at 6 pm. The donation is \$15/plate. All proceeds will support our Parish Building Fund. Please join us for a delicious meal and fellowship as we journey in faith as followers of Christ during the very blessed Lenten Season.

Our menu for Friday, February 23:

Penne Riga with Pesto Genovese, Yellow Tuna, Mixed Green Salad and Ciabatta bread.

Eucharistic Adoration during Lent

You are invited each Wednesday during Lent, beginning February 21, to share in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please stop by anytime. There will be a final prayer and blessing with the Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm.

If you are able to offer an hour of prayer with our Lord, a sign up sheet is available on a clipboard at the entrance of the church. Thank you.

Annual Ministry Appeal 2018 Weekly Update FAITH, FAMILY, FUTURE

We thank all of you who have participated in the 2018 Appeal to support the various ministries of the Diocese as well as our own Parish Building Fund. With **54** individuals or families participating (49% of our Participation Goal), we have now received donations or pledges for **\$27,357** (55% of our Financial Goal). We have met our responsibility to assist with the diverse ministries of the Diocese this year. Please remember that our Parish Financial Goal is \$50,000, with the Participation Goal of at least 110 individuals or families. If we meet this goal, **\$39,500** will then be added to our Building Fund.

It is not too late to make a donation or pledge to support the AMA. You can also make online donations from our parish website. A pledge or donation can be fulfilled during the coming months by cash, check or credit card. Envelopes continue to be available at the entrance of the church and can be completed and placed in the basket now, during Lent, at the foot of the AMA Thermometer next to the candles. Thank you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This Lent on Wednesdays during Adoration from 4:00 - 5:00 pm, and Saturdays at 3:30 pm, in our small Reconciliation Room near the choir.

"To celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation means to be wrapped in a warm embrace."

Pope Francis

Hot Meals for the homeless and others in need

This new social outreach ministry of our parish will begin this Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 11:30 am. Please inform those who might like to attend and receive a hot lunch. Thank you.

2nd Collection This Sunday 2/18/18

Hope's Pantry and Parish Outreach Ministries

2nd Collection in 2 weeks 3/4/18

Catholic Relief Services & Church in Latin America

Offertory Report 2/11/2018

Plate \$3,292; Building Fund \$105; Hope's Pantry/Social Outreach \$130; Other \$278; Total: \$3,805.

Mass Intentions Feb. 17-23, 2018

Sat	4:30 pm	+Frank Toscano
Sun	9:00 am	+Gladys & Funzi Scarpitto
Sun	11:15 am	Sick and homebound of the parish
Sun	5:00 pm	+Johnny Osornio
Wed	7:00 am	+Bienvenida Velez
Thu	7:00 am	+Mauri Velez
Fri	7:00 am	+Helena Bracken

ANUNCIOS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español: Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm Bautismos, Bodas, Quinceañeras:

Favor de hablar con Padre Dennis

Confesiones: Los sábados a las 3:30 pm y por cita.

Coro: Ensayos los domingos a las 4:15 pm

Acompáñenos Durante la Cuaresma:

Viacrucis bilingüe—Cada viernes a las 5:00 pm. Cena Cuaresmal—Cada viernes a las 6:00 pm. Adoración del Santísimo—cada miércoles de 7:30am a las 5:30 pm con la bendición final. Confesiones—Cada miércoles a las 4:00 pm y sábados a las 3:30 pm.

Ayuno y abstinencia de carne—El Viernes Santo. Respetamos también la abstinencia de carne cada viernes de la cuaresma.

Favor de seguir nuestro calendario cuaresmal para mas información y eventos especiales.

Mensaje Cuaresmal del 2018 del Papa Francisco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Una vez más nos sale al encuentro la Pascua del Señor. Para prepararnos a recibirla, la Providencia de Dios nos ofrece cada año la Cuaresma, «signo sacramental de nuestra conversión»[1], que anuncia y realiza la posibilidad de volver al Señor con todo el corazón y con toda la vida...

El mensaje completo del Papa Francisco está disponible en nuestra página de web: www.ourladycarmelvalley.org.

<u>Anuncio Especial</u>: Por la causa del virus de la influenza, no estamos sirviendo la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo del cáliz hasta que el virus está controlado.

Youth Corner (Genesis 9:8-15/Mark 1:12-15)

God sent Noah a rainbow as an eternal sign of hope for God's people. It will always be a reminder of our friendship with God! Lent is a season of hope and change. A time to embrace a life with Christ!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parishioner

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday through Friday 7 am

Pastoral Council:

Jeff Hawkins, *Chair*, Patrick Dowd, *Vice Chair*, Lori Jakubowski, *Secretary*, Tess Arthur, Concepción Jara, Alondra Klemek, Adele Margolis, Dede Woodhead

Faith Formation:

First Communion Year 1: Lorena Cabrera, Esther Valdez First Communion Year 2: Christian Haun, Patricia Merrifield

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Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

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