



LENT

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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All In-Person Worship Services Held at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

March 6, 2022: First Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022: Second Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022: Third Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Pastoral Staff:

Pastor: +Fr. Bob Catlett, 314.800.3456, pastor@sspp-eccusa.org

Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

March 2, 2022 – Ash Wednesday: Today is the first day of the Lenten Season. Today, we set our course for a 40-day journey. Do we see this as an “acceptable time” for more serious prayer, a well-chosen penitential act, and some specific gift of alms to charity? Whatever we choose, we will keep between our heavenly Father and ourselves, offering Him our whole heart! (Joel 2:12-18, 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18)

March 6, 2022 – 1st Sunday of Lent: “What does Scripture say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.*” Jesus demonstrates the power of Scripture in the face of temptation. Three times he withstood the very personal affronts of the evil one with the “strong hand and outstretched arm” of God’s saving word. May we find wisdom, courage and love in God’s holy word. (Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13)

March 13, 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Lent: God made a covenant with Abram promising that his descendants would become a great nation. Paul encourages fidelity to Christ because our “citizenship is in heaven.” There “he will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body,” as revealed to Peter, John and James at the Transfiguration. Lord, make us faithful until that day of glory! (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 9:28b-36)

March 20, 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Lent: Today, God gives a striking reminder of how necessary it is to repent, to turn and listen to what he says. God manifested the majesty of his Person to the Israelites through Moses, first in the burning bush and then throughout the exodus, yet they strayed. God will sustain us if we are truly repentant and desire to grow in fidelity. (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9)

March 27, 2022 – 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday): The wayward son, like Israel of old, found comfort and peace in the loving embrace of his father, and *his reproach was removed*. “All this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.” Are we ministers of reconciliation, or do we stand aside in reproach like the elder son? (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

Along the way

*reflections
selected by +Fr Carl*



LENT, 2022

For the next six weeks (Wednesday, March 2 through Saturday, April 16), we are led by our Catholic Faith Tradition to spend time preparing ourselves to celebrate the great feast of the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday). Lent, as the time of preparation for Easter Sunday, should find us spending time, effort, and resources, offering prayers and doing good deeds. As we walk *along the way* this Lent, the following suggestions are offered as possible ways to prepare ourselves for a joyous Easter.

+ Suggested themes and actions for each week of Lent +

First Three Days of Lent (Beginning Ash Wednesday)

Begin Lent by thanking God, with this prayerful attitude, for your many blessings:

"As I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed."

Week One (March 6-12) *Do something beautiful for God.*

Do it with your life. Do it your own way. Do it every day. Be creative.

Week Two (March 13-19) *Listen to Jesus: "whatever you do to the least of my brethren you do to me."* Who is "out there" in your life that needs a show of love or concern?

Week Three (March 20-26) *Listen to Jesus: "whatever you do – you do to me."*

Use your amazing self to brighten someone's day. Give them a reason to laugh.

Week Four (March 27 - April 2) *Listen to Jesus: "whatever you do – you do to me."*

Show persons that you love that you need him/her/them in your life. Share your thoughts, needs, and concerns with them. Ask for their help. Make it clear that they are an important part of your life.

Week Five (April 3 - 9) *Listen to Jesus: "whatever you do – you do to me."*

Help someone(s) in need. Give your time, talent, and -- if possible -- financial support to help with their survival needs.

Week Six (April 10 - 16) *Listen to Jesus: "whatever you do – you do to me." Surely Jesus felt alone, afraid, and forgotten as he faced his death which we remember this week.*

Go out of your way to thank people for what they do for you. Let them know with smiles and "thank you" that you appreciate even the ordinary things they do for you.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Lenten Practices: As we have stated previously, while the ECC+USA does not subscribe to the mandates on Fasting and Abstinence from certain foods, nor do we teach you must make a "sacrifice" during Lent, we do encourage you to practice your faith as much as is comfortable to you. We do encourage you to focus on your prayer life and Jesus' journey to his death and resurrection. Our parishioners will receive a daily meditation booklet to aid in their 2022 Lenten Season prayer lives. Additional copies are available at church.

Special blessings to our parishioners who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month:

Birthdays:

Dwight Jacobi: March 6

Anniversaries:

Bishop Carl: March 30: Ordination to the Priesthood (59 years!)