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Mass Schedule

(Note: All Masses are at Guardian Angels until further notice)

Ω – indicates a live-streamed Mass which can be found at: https://gachaska.org/live-mass-and -mass-video-archive/

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Ω Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Ω Friday: 8:00 a.m. Ω

Weekends:

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. Sundays: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.Ω Sundays: 12:30 p.m. (Mass

in Spanish)Ω

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30-7:00pm

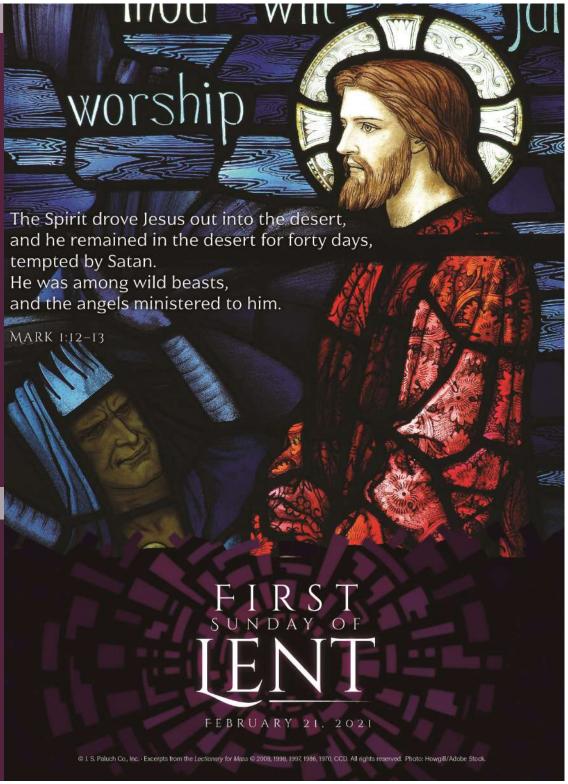
Today's Readings

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15). Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22). Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

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Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required for all parents. Godparents and Grandparents are also encouraged to attend. Baptismal prep sessions are given every other month and Baptism Masses are held once a month. Call the Parish Office to schedule a child for Baptism and the parents for baptismal prep.

Penance: Saturdays at Guardian Angels or by appointment.

Matrimony: Pre-registration required at least one year in advance; marriage preparation course is required. Initial contact: 952-227-4000, or e-mail: info@GAchaska.org.

Anointing: If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

Communion for the Homebound: When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits: Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I

desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.



Amen

Church Calendar

Monday, Feb. 22

Tuesday, Feb. 23

5:30 p.m. Mass at GA

6:30 p.m. RCIA meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 24

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Marilyn Schepers 6:15 p.m. Faith formation Year 2 & 8th Grade

Thursday, Feb. 25

8:00 a.m. Mass at GA—Margaret VanHeel

7:00pm - 9:00p.m. Bible Study (VanDenBroeke) in SFH

7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Altman) in Parish Office Conf. Room

Friday, Feb.26

8 a.m. Mass at GA

7 p.m. Servers Formation (Latino Community)

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)

Saturday, Feb. 27

9 a.m. Hispanic Faith Formation

4 p.m. Mass at GA † Delora Mueleners

Sunday, Feb.28

8 a.m. Mass at GA—Mass for the People

10 a.m. Mass at GA † Catherine Boyd

12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish at GA † Maria Teresa Loja &

Padre Nelo Storoni

4:00 p.m. - 6:00p.m. Bible Study (Julie VanDenBroeke)

6 p.m. –8 p.m. Youth Group (Neal Maxwell) St. Francis Hall

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-

34; Mk 9:2-10

FROM THE PASTOR



The Wilderness Blossoms

Mark the Evangelist devotes only a few lines to Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. These forty days are the model for our forty days of Lent. What did Jesus intend with his time in the wilderness? What was it like for him? What is it about this story that we are meant to imitate? The words are sparing, but they are densely packed with content

First, we see that Jesus had just had himself baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptizer. Before this, he had lived an ordinary life as an artisan. He suddenly left all of this and simply lined up with all of the people who were coming to confess their sins and be baptized by John. Right from the start, Jesus set himself in the midst of the people. "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mk 2:17) was the way he would later explain his task. And that is what the people were: sinners, sick in body and soul. His task was to make them well again and mere talking would be of no help. Jesus went to the root of the evil. That was why he went into the wilderness, where God's spirit drove him.

The wilderness is hard to endure. There is no entertainment, no fun. There is only silence and solitude. And Jesus was tempted by Satan besides. There are sexual allurements today and other ways of continually satisfying the body with food and drink. There are also temptations to boasting, being in control or glory. And finally there is the ultimate temptation of turning away from God.

How did Jesus endure these temptations? We do not know, but we know that he did on our behalf. He took our struggle upon himself. He can heal us and help us only if he knows this struggle with the Tempter and he was victorious over it.

Mark shows us this victory by two signs. First, he lived among the wild beasts and yet they did not harm him. There is peace among them because he is at peace with God. Second, the angels administered to Jesus. This is an image of peace with the heavenly realm. Because Jesus has overcome evil and the devil, peace emanates from him. The wilderness becomes a place of peace.

Jesus wants us to experience his peace in our wilderness! He exhorts us to turn to him again, to believe in the gospel, and to put it into practice in our lives in its fullest measure again.

Father Tony

What are the regulations for penance, fasting and abstinence during Lent?

(A downloadable pdf version of this is available on our website.)

Penitential days – The penitential days for the universal Church are each Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes with the celebration of the Paschal Triduum. During this time the whole Church is invited to do penance in order to purify our hearts in preparation to celebrate the renewal of our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. The following regulations should be observed by Catholics during Lent:

Abstinence – Catholics 14 years of age and older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. It is only on other Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, that a Catholic may substitute another form of penance instead of abstinence.

Fasting – Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days one full meal is allowed. Food may be taken at two other times during the day, in order to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed, however.

Sacrament of Penance – All the faithful who have reached the age of reason (second grade) are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Lent is a good time to fulfill this precept of the Church. Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion without previously having been to sacramental confession (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1457). Of course, frequent confession, even of venial sins, is highly recommended to grow in God's grace (CCC, #1458).

Other Lenten Observances – Each weekday of Lent, with the exception of Solemnities, is also an obligatory day of penance and should be marked by prayer and increased devotion to spiritual practices. Some recommendations to fulfill this obligation include the participation in daily Mass, increased personal prayer time or spiritual study, self-imposed fasting or abstinence, works of charity, financial generosity to programs which benefit others, especially the poor, and participation in traditional Lenten Devotions (Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Retreats, Parish Missions, etc.).

The goal of all our Lenten disciplines is the conversion of our hearts. As the Catechism states, however, "interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works of penance" (CCC, #1430). These penances help us to "repent" as the Lord asks, by redirecting our whole life

Sunday Readings February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

Reading 1 Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:

"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added:

"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (cf. 10) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Reading 2 1 Pt 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Gospel Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

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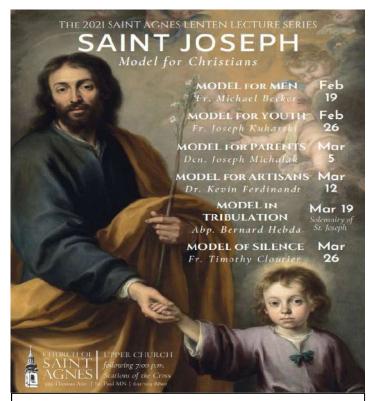
St. Nicholas Prayer Garden

February greetings from the Friends of St Nicholas Prayer Garden Board of Directors. We have been working hard over the winter months, holding our meetings over Zoom as so many work groups do these days. One caveat to remote meetings; we don't have to get bundled up in this brutally cold weather to get the Prayer Garden's winter work completed.

This past fall, we installed all new and improved engraved donor bricks. The bricks are beautiful and the sentiments are easy for all to see. We also have 3 new granite pads installed and we will be having those laser engraved with the symbols of the Alpha, Omega & The Holy Spirit as soon as weather permits. Our new drone video is on YouTube as well as attached to our web site. We have has more than 1000 views on YouTube alone!

We also installed a beautiful new sign to help direct you on a self-guided tour.

Everyone is invited to visit and everyone is welcome.



Writing Contest

Submissions accepted through February 17

The annual Writing Contest has begun! This contest encourages students in schools and parishes to dive further into their Catholicism by answering a specific question. During this unusual year, students are considering how they are sharing God's love during the pandemic. Students are judged for creativity and communications effectiveness compared to their peers in one of four grade levels. So, have students begin now! Flyer is attached. If you have questions, contact Janine Ricker at rickerj@archspm.org or

Lenten Retreat

Saturday, February 20, 9 a.m.-noon at St. Michael Church, St. Michael

Want Peace? Hear from Fr. Michael Schmitz, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and Monsignor Callaghan on finding Peace of Heart. You're invited to participate in our Holy Spirit Academy Lenten Retreat on Saturday morning, February 20. Participate at St. Michael Church in St. Michael or virtually for just \$20. Register at www.HolySpiritAcademy.org.

GA Softball player...Heads up!

"A group of parishioners are wanted to form a Guardian Angels parish men's softball team to join the Wednesday night Chaska men's league at Lion's Park. If there is enough interest and the team can obtain a slot in the league, the team would play in 22 regular season games and two tournaments during the summer.

Deacon Cleveland has committed to buying a round for the whole team if the team finishes the season with a winning record.

The cost will be about \$100 per player, unless we can find a sponsor. Please contact Rob Fafinski at fafinski.robertiii@fmjlaw.com soon if interested.

Skill level so far: men over 30 who played varsity level baseball but have gained weight in the intervening years. Men over 18 invited to join the team."



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Lecturas de Domingo 21 de Febrero de 2021 Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Primera lectura Gn 9, 8-15

En aquellos días, dijo Dios a Noé y a sus hijos: "Ahora establezco una alianza con ustedes y con sus descendientes, con todos los animales que los acompañaron, aves, ganados y fieras, con todos los que salieron del arca, con todo ser viviente sobre la tierra. Ésta es la alianza que establezco con ustedes: No volveré a exterminar la vida con el diluvio, ni habrá otro diluvio que destruya la tierra". Y añadió: "Ésta es la señal de la alianza perpetua que yo establezco con ustedes y con todo ser viviente que esté con ustedes. Pondré mi arco iris en el cielo como señal de mi alianza con la tierra, y cuando yo cubra de nubes la tierra, aparecerá el arco iris y me acordaré de mi alianza con ustedes y con todo ser viviente. No volverán las aguas del diluvio a destruir la vida".

Salmo Responsorial Salmo 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9

R. (cf. 10) Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos.

Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos, guíanos con la verdad de tu doctrina. Tú eres nuestro Dios y Salvador y tenemos en ti nuestra esperanza.

R. Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos.

Acuérdate, Señor, que son eternos tu amor y tu ternura. Según ese amor y esa ternura, acuérdate de nosotros.

R. Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos.

Porque el Señor es recto y bondadoso, indica a los pecadores el sendero, guía por la senda recta a los humildes y descubre a los pobres sus caminos.

R. Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos.

Segunda lectura 1 Pt 3, 18-22

Hermanos: Cristo murió, una sola vez y para siempre, por los pecados de los hombres; él, el justo, por nosotros, los injustos, para llevarnos a Dios; murió en su cuerpo y resucitó glorificado. En esta ocasión, fue a proclamar su mensaje a los espíritus encarcelados, que habían sido rebeldes en los tiempos de Noé, cuando la paciencia de Dios aguardaba, mientras se construía el arca, en la que unos pocos, ocho personas, se salvaron flotando sobre el agua. Aquella agua era figura del bautismo, que ahora los salva a ustedes y que no consiste en quitar la inmundicia corporal, sino en el compromiso de vivir con una buena conciencia ante Dios, por la resurrección de Cristo Jesús, Señor nuestro, que subió al cielo y está a la derecha de Dios, a quien están sometidos los ángeles, las potestades y las virtudes.

Evangelio Mc 1, 12-15

En aquel tiempo, el Espíritu impulsó a Jesús a retirarse al desierto, donde permaneció cuarenta días y fue tentado por Satanás. Vivió allí entre animales salvajes, y los ángeles le servían.

Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio".

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Regulaciones para la penitencia, el ayuno y la abstinencia durante la Cuaresma

(Puede bajar este documento en PDF en nuestra página web)

Días de penitencia: los días de penitencia para la iglesia universal son todos los viernes del año y durante el tiempo de Cuaresma. La Cuaresma comienza el Miércoles de Cenizas y termina con la celebración del Triduo Pascual. Durante este tiempo, toda la Iglesia está invitada a hacer penitencia para purificar nuestros corazones y prepararnos para celebrar la renovación de nuestras promesas bautismales el domingo de Pascua.

Las siguientes, son las regulaciones que los Católicos deben observar durante la Cuaresma:

Abstinencia: los Católicos mayores de 14 años deben abstenerse de comer carne el Miércoles de Cenizas, el Viernes Santo y todos los viernes de Cuaresma. Los Católicos solo pueden reemplazar la abstinencia por otra forma de penitencia los días viernes fuera del tiempo de Cuaresma.

Ayuno: los Católicos entre 18 y 59 años deben ayunar el Miércoles de Cenizas y el Viernes Santo. En estos días se permite una comida completa y dos comidas pequeñas mas durante el día para mantener la fortaleza necesaria y de acuerdo a las necesidades físicas de cada persona. Estas dos comidas juntas no deben ser equivalentes a una comida completa. No está permitido comer entre comidas; si se puede tomar líquidos, leche o jugos.

Sacramento de la penitencia: todos los fieles que han alcanzado la edad de razonamiento (segundo grado) deben confesar fielmente sus pecados graves al menos una vez al año. La Cuaresma es un buen tiempo para cumplir este precepto de la Iglesia. Toda persona que sabe que ha cometido un pecado mortal, no debe recibir la Sagrada Comunión sin acudir antes a la confesión sacramental (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica # 1457). Se recomienda la confesión frecuente de los pecados veniales para crecer en la gracia de Dios (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica # 1458).

Otras observaciones durante el tiempo de Cuaresma: los días de cada semana de Cuaresma, con excepción de las Solemnidades, son días obligatorio de penitencia y se deben observar con oraciones y un aumento en la devoción de las prácticas espirituales. Algunas recomendaciones para cumplir con esta obligación incluye: atender la misa diaria, aumentar el tiempo de oración personal o de estudio de la fe, hacer voluntariamente mas días de ayuno y abstinencia, aumentar las obras de caridad, dar con generosidad a programas que ayudan a los demás, especialmente a los pobres y participar en las tradicionales devociones de Cuaresma (Vía Crucis, Rosario, retiros, misiones parroquiales, etc.) El objetivo de observar estas devociones y prácticas es la conversión de nuestros corazones. Como lo dice el Catecismo, "la conversión interior impulsa a la expresión de esta actitud por medio de signos visibles, gestos y obras de penitencia" (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica # 1430) Estas penitencias nos ayudan a "arrepentirnos" como nos pide el Señor, y a dirigir nuestra vida hacia Dios y lejos del pecado y del mal que lastiman nuestra naturaleza (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica # 1430-1439)

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Horario de Misa

(Nota: todas las misas son en Ángeles Guardianes hasta nuevo aviso.)

Ω – indica una Misa transmitida e vivo que se puede encontrar en: https://gachaska.org/live-mass-and mass-video-archive/

Días laborales:

Martes: 5:30 p.m. Miércoles: 8:00 a.m. Ω Jueves: 8:00 a.m. Ω Viernes: 8:00 a.m. Ω

Fines de Semana:

Sábado : 4:00 p.m.
Domingo: 8:00 a.m. /
10:00 a.m.Ω
Domingo: 12:30 p.m. (Misa
en español)Ω

Reconciliación: Sábados: 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Adoración Eucarística: Jueves: 8:30-7:00pm

Lecturas De Hoy

Primera lectura — Moisés le habló a todo el pueblo diciendo: "El Señor Dios hará surgir en medio de ustedes un profeta como yo" (Deuteronomio 18:15-20). Salmo — Ojalá escuchen hoy su voz; no endurezcan sus corazones (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — Hermanos y hermanas: Yo quisiera que ustedes vivieran sin preocupaciones (1 Corintios 7:32-35).

Evangelio — Los oyentes quedaron asombrados de sus palabras, pues enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad (Marcos 1:21-28).

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