St. Joseph Church Dover, Ohio 44622

The First Sunday of Lent February 13 and 14, 2016 13 y 14 de febrero del 2016

Mass Intentions



Monday, February 15 - No Mass

Readings: 224: Lv 19:1-2,11-18/Ps 19/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 16

2:00 p.m. Special Intention (Hennis) **6:00 p.m.** Ferdinand Bonaducci

Readings: 225: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 17 8:15 a.m. Anna Monohan

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 226: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 18

8:15 a.m. Deceased Members of the

Paul and Faye Altier Family

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Eucharist

Readings: 227: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138/

Mt 7:7-12

Friday, February 19

8:15 a.m. Helen Henrich Cook

Readings: 228: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 20,

The Vigil the Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Lisa Fenton DeBois

Sunday, February 21, The Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Anna Monohan 11:00 a.m. Rex Splinter

1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish (**Spanish Mass**) Readings: 27: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27/Phil 3:17–4:1/

Lk 9:28b-36

Offertory for Sunday, February 6 and 7, 2016

Loose	$\psi = 2,140.00$
Adult (266 Envelopes)	\$ 9,234.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 275.00</u>
Total	\$11,649.00
Contributions needed each week	\$12,192.00
	Other Funds:
Capital Improvement	\$ 75.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 122.00
Poor Fund	\$ 175.00
The Catholic Times	\$ 36.00
Catholic Schools	\$ 40.00
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Thank you for your generosity.

Ministry Schedules February 20 and 21, 2016

4:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Sue Quillen – 1st Reading Anthony Incarnato – 2nd Reading Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Roberts,

Marlo Nowak, Marysu Sorohan, Vicki Avon, Tim Avon, Vicki Wilhelm, Jeri Middaugh **Hospitality:** Pastoral Council Members

Servers: Joe Pruni, Jimmy Ferrell,

Nathanial Rafter (Alt: Paul O'Donnell)

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Jack Burnham – 1st Reading

Bill Bartz - 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Deetz,

Lynn Ballantyne, Sharon Kuczirka, John Kuczirka, Alyssa Blickensderfer,

Matt Ritzert, Jeannine Kennedy, Adam Stilgenbauer, Ron Onlsow

Hospitality: Ann Riley and Pastoral Council **Servers:** Michael Maxwell, David Maxwell,

Charlie Bartz (Alt: Sydney Selinsky)

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Nancy Allen – 1st Reading Sally Dooling – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Duong Nguyen, Ann Telle, Rebecca Nylund, Dave Nylund, Susan Crust,

Kevin Fitzgerald, Jack Dooling

Hospitality: Pastoral Council Members

Servers: Peter Nguyen, Andrew Nguyen,

Sebastian Sedares (Alt: Matthew Dummermuth)

If you know of a friend or family member who is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and give us the information. Someone will visit them as soon as possible.

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day. If you have an emergency, please call the office and leave a message, someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Spiritual Notes:

Today's reading for Deuteronomy provides instructions for a ceremony of offering the first fruits to the "Lord, your God" This phrase is characteristic of the author of Deuteronomy, who indentifies the Lord as the God of Israel, in contrast to the various gods of Egypt and Canaan. Because it was the Lord who delivered them from Egypt and rescued them at the sea, the Israelites pledge to accept the Lord as their own god, exclusive of the gods of their neighbors. Offering the first fruits acknowledges that they would have nothing without the Lord's help. During their 40 years in the wilderness, Israel learned to rely on the Lord for their existence. Paul tells the Romans that dependence on God is the key to salvation. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." He tells us that we are called to "confess with our mouthand believe in our heart," in order to be justified and saved. In the biblical world, to be justified is to be made right with God; the heart was the organ of decision making and thought, not of emotion as in our day. So believing with our heart means that we have incorporated our belief into our way of thinking and living. Luke tells us that after Jesus was baptized he "was led by the Spirit into the desert...to be tempted by the devil." His temptations deal with satisfying human hunger, acquiring power, and trusting God. In each case he replies to the devil using verses of Scripture. His dependence is on God, as ours should be. Interestingly, Luke tells us that after the devil "had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time." This implies that the devil is not done with his work. We know from personal experience that temptation is not something we encounter just once in life. Jesus' example teaches us that with the help of God and God's word, we can resist temptation.

For reflection: Does my life indicate that I "believe in my heart?" Do I employ God's word to resist temptation?

In Our Parish

Please keep in your prayers, John Karl, Sr. age 83, who died on Sunday, February 7, 2016; and Theresa Gardner, age 59, who died on Sunday, February 7, 2016. May their souls and all the souls of our faithful departed rest in peace. Please keep John and Theresa's families in your prayers.

Rice Bowls

There are Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services at each of the entrances. We are reminded that Jesus identified himself with the poorest brothers and sisters. The monies from these Rice Bowls are vital in supporting those who suffer from the unjust laws and those who are in need of pastoral care and humanitarian assistance around the globe.

Joy-filled Marriage

Engaged couples....don't forget to register for the March 12th Joy-filled Marriage Retreat day! We will meet in the Family Life Center from 8:15 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. You will hear presentations from local couples based on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. The cost is \$65.00 for materials and meals. Please call 330-343-9109 to register no later than Saturday, March 5th.

Spiritual Life of Saint Joseph Parish.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Confession times are 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; on Sunday mornings from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and from 10:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick

Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass the first weekend of each month, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass the second weekend of each month, and following the 11:00 a.m. Mass the third weekend of each month.

Adoration of the Eucharist

The Eucharist will be exposed for Adoration every Thursday morning after Mass until 9:30 a.m.

Rosary

Each Wednesday morning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, join us as we pray the Rosary.

St. Joseph Parish Penance Services

February 21, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. for the Deanery and Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. with the students from Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, February 19, 26, and March 11 and 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in English and 8:00 p.m. in Spanish. Or with the students from TCCES at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays, February 26 and March 11.

Feast of St. Joseph - March 19, 2016

Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will follow in the Family Life Center.

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u> in the Life of the Parish

Men's Bible Study Group: Saturday Mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. For more information, please contact John Kuczirka.

Heart of Mary Bible Study: Come and join us the first and third Fridays of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Seniors: Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at Noon at the Manor Restaurant. Please RSVP with Sue Schwartz.

Pastoral Council: Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center – Bodner Room.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016

"It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of Forgiveness and Reconciliation." ~ Pope Francis



Spiritual Works of Mercy: First spiritual work of mercy – converting the sinner. Jesus is about converting sinners. We, ourselves sinners, need to observe how Jesus called the sinner Zacchaeus to conversion (Lk. 19:1-10). Jesus did not judge Zacchaeus, but rather treated him with dignity and gentleness. He

honored Zacchaeus by staying at his house. But Jesus told the crowd who was critical of him associating with a sinner, "The Son of Man has come to search out and save what is lost." (Lk. 19:10) As disciples of Jesus, we too are called to this task of fraternal correction. Admonishing the sinner should be understood, not as a judgment, but as a service of truth and love, since it addresses the sinner not as an enemy but as a brother or sister (2 Thes. 3:15). We should be concerned with leading a brother or sister who is becoming lost back to spiritual life (Jas 5:19-20). Of course, it requires discernment in order to choose the right moment, to preserve the dignity of the one being admonished, and to exercise it only in truly essential things.

Mercy grows within us as we reflect on how God has been merciful to us.

2016 Lenten Enrichment Series

St. Joseph Parish will host a Lenten Series again this year. We are blessed and honored to have such an amazing lineup of guest speakers.

Tuesday, February 16th - Our own Dr. James Pauley and students from Franciscan University will speak to us on "Lent and the Call to Intentional Discipleship." Dr. Pauley has a Doctorate in Sacred Theology and is an Associate Professor Of Theology and Catechetics at Franciscan University in Steubenville. He is also the Editor of The *Catechetical Review*.

Tuesday, February 23rd - Prof. Amy Roberts will present "Knowing and Following Christ in Prayer." Prof. Roberts has a Master of Arts in Theology and Christian Ministry. She is an Instructor of Theology and Catechetics at Franciscan University in Steubenville.

Tuesday, March 1st - Dr. Donald Asci will present "Christ Lives in Me: Reflections on Embracing the Call to Follow Christ." Dr. Asci has a Doctorate in Sacred Theology, with a specialization in Moral Theology. He is an Associate Professor of Theology at Franciscan University in Steubenville.

Tuesdays, March 8th and 15th - Dr. John Bergsma will speak to us on "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Catholics and Confession as Spiritual Warfare." Dr. Bergsma has a Doctorate of Philosophy in Theology. He is an Associate Professor at Franciscan University in Steubenville.

Each session will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour. Light refreshments will be served. If you are interested in attending, please call the Parish Office. Please feel free to attend one or all of the sessions, as your schedule allows! If you would like to learn more about our presenters, please visit the Theology Department webpage at Franciscan University http://wwwfraciscan.edu/theology/faculty.

Please remember in your prayers, all the sick, homebound, and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping with physical or mental conditions. Please include all those on our prayer lists who have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.



Youth Ministry News

Sunday, February 14th - St. Joseph Sunday, February 21st - Sacred Heart Sunday, February 28th - Sacred Heart

Jr. High Youth Group – Sunday, 2:00-4:00 p.m. High School Youth Group – Sunday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Did you know... the Youth Group attends Mass together on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.? After Mass there is food and fellowship. If you are able to join us, we would love to see you there!!

Parents and Teens: If you would like more information about upcoming youth events, please call Andy in the Parish Office.



Notes from Kevin

Attention, all Teens! The next Mass for the Teen Choir will be on Sunday, February 21st at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All students in the 7th thru 12th grades are invited to join in singing. Please be in the choir pews by 10:45 a.m. for a brief rehearsal... no need to bring anything, except for a friend to sing with you... all the music will be provided. Thanks to all of you who have been singing with the Choir!



<u>Tuscarawas Central</u> Catholic Elementary School



It's time to register!
Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School
is currently accepting applications
for the 2016-2017 school year.

- Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten classes for three and four-year-old children.
- Grades K through 6 in a safe, loving environment where all students are recognized as a gift from God!

TCCES participates in the Ohio Department of Education EdChoice Expansion Scholarship Program. This is an income-based scholarship that can pay the entire cost of tuition for families with children entering grades K through 3. (For example, a family of four with a household income of \$48,600 or less would qualify for the scholarship.)

Affordable. Open to All. Be a Saint! Want to learn more? Call us to arrange a visit at 330-343-9134.



Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School



Save the Date!

The TCC Annual Irish Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the McDonald Marlite Center. Tickets are \$40.00 a person or \$75.00 a couple, silent auction and cocktail reception begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and a live auction. For more information, please call TCC at 330-343-3302.

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Everyone is welcome!!

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Below you will find the upcoming schedule.

Needed: containers for "carry-out."
We often have food left over, and we are able to send it home with our guests.

Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

February 17, 2016 – Team J (Class of '61) February 24, 2016 – Team K (Secular Franciscans) March 2, 2016 – Team L (Chrissie Hensel) March 9, 2016 – Team M (Fran Mason)

Thank you for your support!



Other Information To Note:

Mass Intentions: Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

Can you help with transportation to Mass? We often get calls from parishioners in both Dover and New Philadelphia who need help getting to Mass. If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office.

Please Note: If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.

Prayer Chain: To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063.

Low-gluten Hosts: If you are a person who needs to receive a low-gluten host because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin deadline: The bulletin deadline is Monday at 3:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Crafty Ladies

Crafty Ladies meet the first and third Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. ** Weather permitting** Come share your talents with the group. Join us and have fun! For more information, call Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063 or Mary Pusateri at 330-364-2775.

Sacred Heart Lenten Fish Dinner

Each Friday during Lent, Sacred Heart will host a fish dinner held at TCC High School from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$7.00 for a small and \$9.00 for a large. All-you-can-eat is available for "eat-in only." There will be fried or baked fish, French fries, baked potato, or mac and cheese, coleslaw/applesauce, bread, beverage, and dessert. There will be pizza available!

Trinity Hospital - Twin City

Trinity Hospital in Dennison is beginning a new program: Vibrant Living. As we go through life, we all experience the challenges and setbacks of aging. Vibrant Living, a senior outpatient mental health service, can help. This outpatient counseling center is medically supervised, handicap accessible, and transportation is available. For more information, please contact Jill at 740-922-7415, ext. 2148.



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goes. Please visit www.stjosephdover.org to get started. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.

Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith



Your last will and testament can CATHOLIC leave a legacy of your faith by FOUNDATION helping to pass it on to others.

When drafting your will, after taking care of your family, please consider naming St. Joseph Parish or the Diocese of Columbus as a recipient of your estate. For more information, contact James Anzelmo at the Catholic Foundation at 1-866-298-8893 or IAnzelmo@ catholic-foundation.org.

Courage/Encourage:

Courage offers spiritual support for Catholic men and women with same sex attractions and is endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family. Courage was founded in 1980 by Cardinal Cook to help Catholics with same sex attractions live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church's teachings. EnCourage is the affiliate support group for family members, spouses, and friends of men and women with same sex attractions. For confidential inquiries, please contact Father Pat Toner at 614-296-7404. For more information, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or visit www. couragerc.net.



When traveling and you need to masstimes.org know where the closest Catholic Church is and the times for their Masses, please check out www.masstimes.org.

The Amazing Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have gathered us together as a parish to be Your visible life in our world. Here we unite in worship, proclaim Your word, celebrate the Eucharist, and are sent forth to share Your love and make disciples. Lord, we take Your Great Commission seriously and long for our parish to be so on fire that we draw people to You. Help us in that endeavor, as we strive to work together - ordained, religious and laity. Please make our parish amazing, through Your power and Your grace. Amen.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions February 2016

Universal Intention: That we may take good care of creation - a gift freely given - cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization Intention: That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

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Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools Report

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A Track Record of Success

Every fall students in grades three through six take the Terra Nova Standardized Test at Immaculate Conception and Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary Schools. Students at both schools score consistently high marks in reading, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. For example, the sixth grade class at TCCES scored in the 80th percentile in science and the fourth grade class scored in the 86th percentile in social studies. At Immaculate Conception, the fourth grade class recorded a score in the 80th percentile in social studies and the third grade had a very high score in math



Student achievement over the last year demonstrates a continuing record of academic excellence. Of particular note is that the Class of 2015 earned nearly \$2 million in college scholarships. This year of academic success is further evidenced by the 96% of TCC sophomores who passed all 5 parts of the Ohio Graduation Test on the first attempt. As well, the eighth grade median score on the Terra Nova standardized test score was within the top 20% of scores across the country. Additionally, the TCC Boys Basketball Team was recognized for having earned the 2nd highest cumulative GPA in the State of Ohio.

TCC Distinguished Alumni Awards

TCC proudly announces the inaugural Distinguished Alumni Awards, which will be presented at the Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools Arts Fest on April 14, at TCC.

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Award will be presented to Peter Range from the class of 2000.

St John the Apostle Award will be presented posthumously to Barney Lawless.

Marine Lance Corporal Peter Clore will be named to the **St Michael the Archangel Society** for 2016.

From pre-school to Seniors in high school, registration is now OPEN for the 2016-17 school year at Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools: Immaculate Conception, Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School, and TCC Jr/Sr High School.

Registration information is available in the school offices and on the school websites which can be found by logging on at www.Be-A-Saint.org. Families interested in learning more about the schools are invited to visit anytime to see first hand what we have to offer!

For the Most Current Calendar Information visit www.TCCSaints.com

Fridays in Lent - Fish dinners @ HT & TCC
2/13 St Joe's First Penance
2/15 JH Winter Sports Banquet
2/17 Girls Bkb Sect Semi @ Indian Valley 6pm
2/19 Regional Mock Trial @ Akron
2/20 Boys Bkb Sect Semi @ NPHS 7:30pm
2/20 Birthright Steak Dinner @ Denn KofC
2/21 TCCES Spaghetti Dinner 11am-2pm
3/1 Early Dismissal TCC, TCCES, ICS
3/2 Protecting God's Children @ Sacred Heart
3/-5-3/6 Special Olympic bktball Tour @ TCC

3/20 Palm Sunday
3/24 Early Dismissal TCC, TCCES, ICS
3/25-3/29 Easter Break

3/19 Irish Extravaganza @ Senior Center

3/27 Easter

4/14 Arts Fest @ TCC 4/17 Confirmation @ St Joe's 4/30 Prom @ TCC

5/14 Booster Bonanza @ TCC 5/27 Last Day of School TCC, TCCES, ICS 5/29 TCC Graduation 1:30pm

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February 2016

Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools Celebrate National Catholic Schools Week

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States from January 31 - February 6. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2016 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The purpose of the week is to draw attention to the value Catholic education offers to young people and the contributions of our schools to our church, our communities and our nation. The Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools; Immaculate Conception Elementary in Dennison, Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary in Dover, and Tuscarawas Central Catholic Junior/Senior High in New Philadelphia; observed this national celebration with a variety of special activities.

At Tuscarawas Central Catholic Junior/Senior High, each day of the week focused on one of five aspects of school life. Each point of focus drew attention to an essential element of the school culture. They included a focus on faith, academics, staff, students and families. TCC Principal Scott Power believes that through this observance, the school can not only draw attention to the importance of each but, also, demonstrate a genuine appreciation for each of them. "We began this observance by acknowledging that faith is at the heart of what we do. With faith at our core, then, we maintain a culture of academic excellence that rests on the shoulders of a gifted and dedicated staff, students who are motivated and engaged and parents who are supportive and passionate about our mission."

Activities throughout the week, that highlighted these points of focus included a special Mass and traditional Blessing of Throats on the Feast of St. Blaise, and other activities included the annual Spelling Bee, release of scholarship information for the 2016-2017 school year, a Staff Appreciation Luncheon, and a Student Appreciation Day. This year, for the first time, students will competed in the "Catholic Quiz Bowl," a competition among all classes.

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School and Immaculate Conception School also conducted special activities throughout the week. Both schools had door decorating contests based on favorite bible stories, and Catholic faith trivia contests. The schools are also honored the parents, staffs, and students with special recognition days. "Catholic Schools Week gave us a chance to honor the people that really make our schools special and unique...our great teachers and the families who entrust their children with us," said Matt Ritzert, principal of both elementary schools.

Immaculate Conception School in Dennison and Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School in Dover offer classes from pre-school through the sixth grade. Tuscarawas Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School in New Philadelphia houses grades seven through 12. This year the three schools have adopted the slogan, "Affordable. Open to All. Be a Saint." "We want to communicate that our tuition rates are affordable, averaging as low as about \$225 a month. We also want to let families know that we are open to students of all backgrounds and welcome the diversity of other faiths. And we want to spread the message that our mission is to encourage and help our students to be saints, to live their life guided by a strong intellect and deep faith," Ritzert explained.



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EdChoice Expansion Scholarship program benefits young families Scholarship pays for tuition

The Tuscarawas County Catholic elementary schools participate in the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship program sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education. The program is an income-based scholarship that may pay the entire cost of tuition for students entering grades K through 3 in the 2016-17 school year. For example, a family of four with a household income of \$48,600 or less would qualify for the scholarship. Each year the state expands the scholarship to an additional grade level so parents who receive the scholarship one year can apply to renew it for the following year. Application forms are now available at the Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary and Immaculate Conception school offices.

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Iglesia San José Ministerios Hispanos Primer Domingo de Cuaresma 13 y 14 de Febrero del 2016

Calendario Litúrgico:



Misas en Español

Domingo14 de Febrero1:30 p.m.Domingo21 de Febrero1:30 p.m.Domingo28 de Febrero1:30 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

 Sábados
 4:00 p.m.

 Domingos
 8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

Confesiones

Antes d misa de español de 12:45 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

La Cuaresma: Es un tiempo de Oración, penitencia y ayuno. Cuarenta días que la iglesia nos pide un cambio a nuestras vidas. El ayuno consiste en hacer una sola comida al día y la abstinencia es no comer carne. Este es un modo de pedirle perdón a Dios por haberlo ofendido y decirle que queremos cambiar de vida para agradarle siempre.

<u>Vía crucis "Estaciones de la Crus"</u> <u>Febrero 19, 26, y Marzo 11 y 18</u> <u>8:00 p.m. en Español</u>



Invitación al coro "Guadalupe"

Están cordialmente invitados a practicar en el coro, todos los viernes a las 2:00 p.m. Si tiene preguntas llame a Carmen al tel: 330-432-0811 ó a la oficina al 330-364-6661.

Grupo "Corazón de María": Todas las mujeres están invitadas a participar cada viernes, de 11:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m., en este grupo para Oración, Evangelización, clases de Inglés, labores del hogar y consejos prácticos para la vida.

El "*Grupo de hombres*" se reúne todos los viernes en Family Life 7:30 p.m. (en el edificio nuevo en frente de la Iglesia San José).

Notas Espirituales:

La lectura de hoy del Deuteronomio proporciona instrucciones para una ceremonia que ofrece los primeros frutos al "Señor, tu Dios." Esta frase es caracterizada del autor del Deuteronomio, que se identifica como Dios el Dios de Israel, en comparación con los diversos dioses de Egipto y Canaán. Debido a que era el Señor quien los liberó de Egipto y los rescató en el mar, los israelitas se comprometen a aceptar al Señor como su propio dios, el único de los dioses de los habitantes. Ofreciendo los primeros frutos reconoce que no tendrían nada sin la ayuda del Señor. Durante sus 40 años en el desierto, Israel aprendió a confiar en el Señor para su existencia. Pablo les dice a los romanos que la confianza en Dios es la clave para la salvación. "Todo el que invoque el nombre del Señor estará a salvo." Nos dice que estamos llamados a "confesar con (nuestra) boca ... y creer en (nuestro) corazón" con el fin de ser "justificado" y "salvado." En el mundo bíblico, para ser justificados podrá ser justo con Dios; el corazón es el órgano para hacer decisiones y el pensamiento, no de la emoción como en nuestros días. Así que creer con el corazón significa que hemos incorporado a nuestra creencia en nuestra forma de pensar y de vivir. Lucas nos dice que después de que Jesús fue bautizado, "fue llevado por el Espíritu al desierto ... para ser tentado por el diablo." Sus tentaciones hacen frente a satisfacer el hambre humana, adquirir poder, y confiar en Dios. En cada caso, responde el demonio usando versículos de las escrituras. Sus tentaciones hacen frente a satisfacer el hambre humana, la adquisición de poder, y confiar en Dios. En cada caso, responde al diablo usando versículos de la Escritura. Su dependencia es de Dios, como la debe ser de nosotros. Curiosamente, Lucas nos dice que después de que el diablo "hubo acabado toda tentación, se apartó de él por un tiempo." Esto implica que el diablo no ha terminado con su trabajo. Sabemos por experiencia personal que la tentación no es algo que encontramos sólo una vez en la vida. El ejemplo de Jesús nos enseña que con la ayuda de Dios y la palabra de Dios podemos resistir la tentación.

Para la reflexión: ¿Mi vida indica que "creo en mi corazón?" Cómo puedo utilizar las palabras de Dios para resistir la tentación?