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Welcome

As we journey through this holy season of Lent, we are reminded that we are called to be **disciples**, people who follow Jesus more intentionally, more deeply, and more faithfully. Whether you are here every week or visiting for the first time, we are **grateful** that you are with us. Faith is a journey, and what matters most is not where you are, but that you are walking it. We simply ask that you walk with us and be open to what **God** is calling you to. We believe that God calls each member of our parish to **worship**, to **grow**, to **serve**, to **connect** and to **give**. Let's walk this season together.

TODAYS READINGS: ① Gen. 2:7-9,16-18,25;3:1-7 ② Rom. 5:12-19 ③ Matt. 4:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, February 25
5:30PM + Ledson McLean

Thursday, February 26
The Gardens 10AM Vocations to the Priesthood

Friday, February 27
11:00AM Eucharistic Adoration
12:10PM + Phyllis Ertel

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 28
4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, March 1
9:00AM + Henri Aubin
11:00AM + Nancy Loch



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LITURGICAL CHANGES

In Lent, we experience a few liturgical changes during our worship:

- The **Gloria** is not sung and the word 'Alleluia' is also not said or sung.
- For the **Profession of Faith**, we use the Apostles Creed (instead of the Nicene Creed).
- The ending of the **Universal Prayers** shifts to: "Lord, in your mercy" and we respond: "Hear our prayer."
- The sung **Parts of the Mass** (Holy, Mystery of Faith, Great Amen, Lamb of God) will be chanted without musical accompaniment.

READY SET LENT



This past Wednesday we began the Lenten Season with our celebration of Ash Wednesday. The three pillars of Lent are **Prayer**, **Fasting**, and **Almsgiving**. It is through these three Lenten practices that we allow God to reshape us from the inside out. Lent is not about perfection, but about returning to the Lord who never tires of calling us back. Visit spta.church/lent to explore practical ways to enter into this season.

FRIDAY WITHOUT MEAT

Meatless Fridays are a timeless tradition in the Catholic Church. The simple act of abstaining from meat joins us to the sacrificial heart of Jesus. We encourage every parishioner to adopt this penitential practice on the Fridays during Lent.

FASTING ISN'T JUST ABOUT FOOD

Catholics traditionally fast from food during Lent, but perhaps we should look beyond what we eat. Have you ever thought of fasting from the media devices which dominate much of our lives? The silence that follows is an invitation to prayer and meditation. Try it!

CONFESSIONS

Experience the healing power of unconditional forgiveness. Father is available to hear confessions on Saturdays between 3:00PM-3:45PM in the Confessional and during Adoration on Fridays. If it's been a while or you don't know how to start - don't worry....Father will help you through it. Don't let the sins of the past weigh you down.

SOUP & STATIONS

Join us each Friday evening during Lent for Soup & Stations. We begin at 5:15PM in the Church Basement with a simple meal and good conversation, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6PM in the church as we walk with Jesus on His journey to the cross. Want to prepare a pot of soup for one of the Fridays? Stop by the Welcome Desk after Mass.

LENTEN PASTORAL VISITS

If you know of anyone, or are yourself, unable to leave your home to attend Mass, please call the parish office and leave your name. During Lent, Fr. Jerry would like to visit our shut-ins to offer anointing of the sick, Holy Communion or just a short visit with a coffee or tea in the comfort of their home.

LENTEN LUNCHES

This ecumenical tradition begins this coming week, with our Parish hosting the first one on February 25th at 12:10PM. Fr. Jerry will be preaching at St. James United on March 11th. All are welcome!

Feb. 25, St. Peter the Apostle, Melissa Horkins

March 4, Trinity Anglican, Captain Kyron Newbury

March 11, St. James United, Fr. Jerry Tavares

March 18, Salvation Army, Rev. Ken Gallinger

March 25, St. Andrew's, Rev. Cory Brunatti

LENTEN DINNER AND A MOVIE

Join us on March 7th right after the 4PM Mass for an evening of pizza, fellowship, and faith as we watch **The Gospel of John**, a powerful and faithful retelling of the life of Jesus drawn directly from Scripture. Tickets are \$5 and **must be purchased in advance** at the Welcome Desk after weekend Masses. We hope you'll join us for this special Lenten gathering.

PASS THE BASKET

At offertory time our Host Ministers come along with baskets for our offering to help with the running of the parish, our programs, maintenance and staff. We understand that many parishioners donate in other ways (Automatic Giving, E-transfer or Online via credit card) for which we thank you. When the ministers come to you, please pass the basket along to others in your pew who may wish to give.

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Give More

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Plug In

Add something that helps you connect with God. Read the bible, pray the Rosary or attend Adoration.



Serve

Serve in our parish. Join a ministry and volunteer. Make a visible difference in our community.



Do it Together

Share your Lenten practices with others to help you stay accountable. Consider doing one of the above with a friend or as a family and grow together.