ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

970-352-1060 www.StPeterGreeley.org

MASS TIMES

Saturday (anticipatory) 4:00 pm

<u>Sunday</u> 7:00 ам, 9:00 ам, 11:00 ам, 6:00 рм

> <u>Weekday</u> Mon-Fri 12:10 pm Saturday 9:00 am

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm Friday 8:00 am-12 noon

ANGELIC ACCENTS GIFT SHOP

Monday-Thursday 10:00 am-1:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am-12:15 pm

CONFESSION

Saturday 2:00 pm Wednesday 11:30 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 1pm Through Thursday 5pm

| | OBSERVANCES | READINGS | MASS INTENTIONS | CHURCH EVENTS |
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| Sunday February 26 | 1st Sunday of Lent | Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11 | 7:00 AM People of St. Peter 9:00 AM +Robert Vasquez, Jr 11:00 AM +Angie Vega 6:00 PM Lorena Koffler | 8:00 AM-12:15 РМ Gift Shop Open 9:15 AM Religious Ed Classes |
| Monday February 27 | Saint Gregory of Narek, abbot and doctor of the Church | Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Matthew 25:31-46 | Flores-Ramz, Ramirez-Lozano, 12:10 PM Ramirez-Garcia, Ramirez-Montalban Families | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Begins 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open |
| Tuesday February 28 | | Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Matthew 6:7-15 | 12:10 рм +Holly Williams | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open |
| Wednesday March 1 | | Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Luke 11:29-32 | 12:10 PM ++Benjamin and Zachary Smith | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open11:30 AM Confession6:00 PM Adult Faith Formation6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group |
| Thursday March 2 | | Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Matthew 7:7-12 | 12:10 PM Shirley Johnson | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open |
| Friday March 3 | Saint Katharine Drexel, virgin | Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Matthew 5:20-26 | 12:10 PM Brooke Sheridan Beach | 1:00 PM Quilter's Group |
| Saturday March 4 | Saint Casimir | Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Matthew 5:43-48 | 9:00 AM Mike and Gilbert Guerrero 4:00 PM +Ernesto Pena | 2:00 PM Confession |
| Sunday March 5 | 2nd Sunday of Lent | Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9 | | |



Call the office to sign up 970-352-1060

Questions? Contact Susan Labonde 970-353-3342



FEBRUARY 22ND-MARCH 2ND

Your prayers are working!

Greeley's Planned Parenthood has been closed for almost 3 months!

Join us for our spring vigil to ask the Lord to shut down this facility permanently.

Visit <u>40daysforlife.com/Greeley</u> to sign up for vigil hours outside Planned Parenthood on 10th St and 35th Ave. 8:00 AM-8:00 PM Monday-Saturday

Contact Dalas greeley40daysforlife@gmail.com 970-978-1857



3 PART NFP CLASS SYMPTO-THERMAL METHOD

Through The Couple to Couple League

March 27th at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of the Valley in Windsor

Follow up classes April 24th and May 22nd.

COUPLES IN <u>ALL</u> STAGES OF LIFE ARE WELCOME!

ENGAGED COUPLES: THIS CLASS CAN FULFILL THE REQUIREMENT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE PREP.

NFP is highly effective at achieving and postponing pregnancy and is all natural.

For more info and to register contact Elizabeth Timpe <u>setimpe@ccli.org</u> or 970-690-5927

20th Women's Journey Retreat March 10-12, 2023 YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park

Give Me the Living Water

Presenters include Father Doug Grandon Father John Lager, a Capuchin Franciscan friar Sister Lumen Gloriae Sister Lucia Christi from the Sisters of Life.

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Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Please continue to pray for our Elect who are beginning the period of purification and enlightenment leading to their Initiation into the Catholic Church. They are intensifying their preparation through prayer and selfexamination.

The following Catechumens were presented to Archbishop Aquila and are entering their final preparation to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

> Alexís Ault Irís Borunda Ríchard Borunda Trinity Dick Isabel Geisick Samantha Gomez Emíliano Gonzales Esías Gonzales Andres Martínez Israel Martínez Lílyana Martínez Gabriel Martínez Bryant Melendez Lucy Perea Sebastían Perea **Baryron** Satterly

The following Candidates (baptized Christians) were presented to Archbishop Aquila and are entering their final preparation for their Profession of Faith and reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

> Jakob Lütz Madíson Roberts

Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

The mystery of the season of Lent begins with the reflection on temptation. Temptation – although it is not sin itself – is the beginning of sin and in the same time the end of paradise – it is experienced while still in the state of grace. Temptation is the most dangerous proposition for a human being, but at the same time it can make us closer to God. Temptation is allowed by God only to be rejected. On the other hand, to accept the offer of temptation is to reject God.

In this Sunday's readings, we hear about three instances of temptation: in the Garden of Eden, in the life of every human being, and finally during Jesus' stay in the desert. The Gospel reminds us that only in Jesus is it possible to defeat Satan. Even sinless Adam and Eve were deceived by the tempter. Without Jesus, no one can see through the cunning of the enemy that exposes us to the point of desperate shame. The grace of Jesus prevents us from succumbing to the deception of greed, which is really a camouflaged begging; the deceit of exaltation, which in reality is a fall into the abyss of disgrace; the trickery of lust, that creates even greater desire.

The temptation is really illogical, because it is completely insolvent. It brings absolutely the opposite effect to what it promises. Covetousness does not satisfy, it only leaves us unfulfilled. Fame doesn't increase self-esteem, but brings rejection and despair. Finally, greed makes us ultimately deny even ourselves what we already have. Temptation conceals in itself a contradiction. It is shown as a profit but it robs us, like a bread that turns out to be a stone. It is significant that in Hebrew – where all the words are only spelled with the use of consonants – this cunning of the serpent is written with the same letters as the nakedness of Adam and Eve - RM (cunning: aRuM, nakedness: aRoM). Clearly the inspired author wished to point out the contradiction of the serpent's promise, which seemed advantageous, but became a revealing folly.

The tempter argues that sin is more interesting than God himself, that temptation can bring much more happiness than what God proposes. What is temptation then? It is what makes us push God aside in favor of anything else. It is a proposition of the angel of darkness, who claims quite insistently that there is not as much happiness in God as there is in everything except God. Everything can be a temptation if we believe that God is much less worthy of worship and has much less to give than the world. We are not responsible for temptations, but we must take responsibility for agreeing with them, for believing that they are a greater good than friendship with God.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday at 6:00 PM Confession Available

Soup supper in the parish hall

ALMSGIVING BOXES

Pick up a donation box at one of the church entrances. Your gift will benefit Catholic Charities.

PARISH MISSION

March 27th, 28th and 29th 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM More details to come

PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, March 30th at 6:30 PM

Pick up your copy of the Lenten Companion after all Masses this weekend. Accompanying videos can be found on our website.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In today's Gospel reading we listen to the confrontation between Jesus and the devil, who thought he might tempt Jesus to forget who he was and commit a grievous sin when he was most vulnerable. Jesus had just spent 40 days and nights out in the desert, alone, away from civilization. He was hungry, thirsty, and tired. If there ever was a time to tempt Jesus, that was it. Temptations to sin come at us every day, from many directions and in many different forms. When the temptation to sin tries to overcome us, how do we react? Do we consciously ourselves remind that we are followers of Christ? Is there a time this week when you have needed to confront a temptation to sin? What lessons did you take away from the experience?