

First Sunday of Lent

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following: Elaine March. Rosemary Seltzer. Elise Sugg. Kathy Carmona. Vicki Robinson. Jacob Stephens. Fr. Nano, Fr. Ruggles, Fr. Kelly, Fr. McGrath, Fr. Rootman, Fr. Duyka, Msgr. Priest. John Fabetz. Bill Pritchett. Ryan Madden. Bernardo Garcia. Jane Stone. Eric Hurley. Jim & Joann Rayl. Andrea Easter. Cathy Ellis. Mary Lou Johnson, Betty Brown, Rose Kennedy, Judith Sotomayor, Dennis Rayl, Judy Fazzio, Marty Blahitka, Carolyn Edwards, Dominic Sosta, Joshua Larsson, Avery Boultinghouse, Wanda Stephens, Wanda Thompson, Elleana Fritz, Kathryn Allen, Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Beth Benoit.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community: Lt. Col. William P Shea, (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana, U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Commander Tom Moroney, Navy (Son of Roger & Shirley Moroney). Colonel Sean Corrigan & 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lpl. Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan, U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma).

PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens. The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalms — 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 — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

**President's Day
Monday, Feb. 19th**



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Mass Times & Intentions

- Sat 2/17 5:00pm Mass**—Holy Spirit Parishioners
- Sun 2/18 9:30am Mass**—Prayer Warriors for Jacob Stephens
(M/M Stephens)
- Tue 2/20 9:00am Mass/Adoration**—Deacon Keith Woods+
- Wed 2/21 7:45am Mass**—Pippa Beaudoin (M/M Stephens)
- Thurs 2/22 9:00am Mass**—Fr. Mike (M/M Stephens)
- Fri 2/23 9:00am Mass**—Bridget Rich (M/M Stephens)
- Sat 2/24 5:00pm Mass**—Lisa Ferrara+ (M/M Ferrara)

**Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm
Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am**

PARISH SUPPORT	2/10 & 2/11	Attendance	
Required Weekly Funds	\$ 3,961	Sat.	Sun.
Offerings	\$ 3,042	74	69

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 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: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 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

Pope's Universal Intention for February: Say "No" to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.



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EVENTS AND NEWS

February Second Collections: 2/17 & 2/18: "Black & Indian Missions." 2/24 & 2/25: "Easter Flowers."

Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm

"Our Lord came to the aid of each great tribulation with a special devotion. The present and future tribulations of the Church & of nations are greater than at any other period, & this persecution is more dangerous than those of previous times. Hence, the devotion which God sends to the succor of His Church and of the nations at the present time is the devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist. It is the highest of all devotions." - Pope Leo X111

ENCOUNTER LENT: Join our faith community-and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the US—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up you family's CRS Rice Bowl in our Narthex. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.



**SAVE THE DATES APRIL 26th—28th
PARISHIONERS PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN
FOR OUR NEW DIRECTORY**

This weekend kicks off the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

The Appeal is an opportunity for you to directly support the Diocese of Tyler's mission to teach the faith anew to every single person in East Texas. Your generosity strengthens our seminarians, our retired clergy, and family life and faith formation ministries within the St. Philip Institute. Please pray fervently about how God might be calling you to courageously say 'yes' in your generosity and support. Help make all things new through Jesus Christ.

Due to the increase of Flu cases in the state of Texas and in particular, the northeast area. Bishop Strickland has given temporary suspension of the reception of the Most Precious Blood during Holy Communion. And, Fr. Mike is temporary suspending the Sign of Peace during this time.

Thurs. Mar. 29th: 7:00pm Mass of our Lord's Supper, with the Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet.

Fri. Mar. 30th: Good Friday. Church will be open from noon—3:00pm. Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Communion.

Sat. Mar. 31st: Vigil Mass at 8:00pm . **EASTER SUNDAY** April 1st: Mass of the Resurrection celebrated at 9:30am Mass



BOOTS TO BANDANNAS

SAVE THE DATE: Casino/Dinner/Raffle, Sat. April 14, 2018

Please pick up your raffle & dinner/casino tickets in the Narthex. Sign-up sheets for donations and volunteers to help out are located in the Narthex. Donations as little as \$20.00 for a pork loin. Then, on the other hand sign up to donated a \$25.00 gift card from a restaurant to a visa card. This can be used for casino night prizes.

Questions, ask anyone standing behind the tables for answers or call the church office.



We are in need of empty 28 to 30 oz cans of tomatoes or enchilada sauce with a red or yellow wrapper. Please keep wrapper on can & drop off at church office.



FEBRUARY EVENTS

Fri. 23rd: Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 5:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross approx. 5:15pm following up with "Soup Supper" in Parish Hall.

Wed. 28th: Fr. Mike attending the Deanery Mtg. in Jefferson. No Mass today.

Boots to Bandannas Spring Fundraiser Meeting @ 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Come to the meeting and see how you can help.

MARCH EVENTS

Fri. 2nd: Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 5:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross approx. 5:15pm following up with "Soup Supper" in Parish Hall.

Sat. 3rd: Mandatory retreat for Pastoral & Finance Council. Time: 1:00pm ending at the 5:00pm Mass.

Sun. 4th: K of C Breakfast after 9:30am Mass

Wed. 7th: Pastoral Council Mtg. 5:30pm

Fri. 9th: Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 5:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross approx. 5:15pm following up with "Soup Supper" in Parish Hall.

Sun. 11th: Family Faith Formation after 9:30am Mass Daylight Savings Time Begins

Wed. 14th: Diocesan Wide Campaign for Seminarians Kick-Off 6:30—8:00pm in parish hall and church.

Fri. 16th: KC's Fish Fry

Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 5:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross approx. 5:15pm

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Sun. 25th: PALM SUNDAY