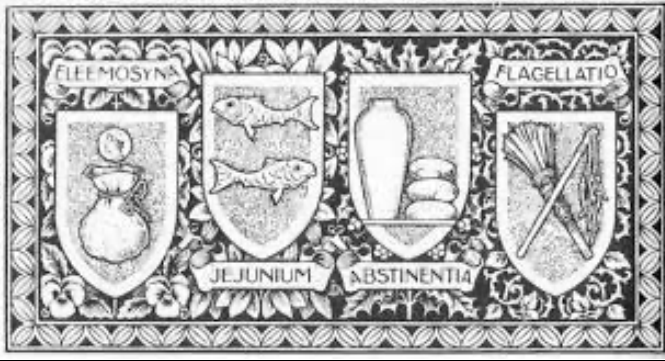


FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Today, the Church celebrates the liturgy of the First Sunday of Lent. The Gospel presents Jesus readying for his public life. He goes into the wilderness where He spends forty days in prayer and in penance. There, He is tempted by Satan.

We must also get ready for Easter. Satan is our great enemy. There are many persons that do not believe in him, and claim that he is a product of our fantasy, or he is just an abstract conception of evil, diluted in the people and the world. But no!

The Holy Scriptures mention him quite often as a spiritual and tangible being. He is a fallen angel. Jesus defines him by saying: «There is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks in character, because he is a liar and the father of lies» (Jn 8:44). St. Peter compares him with a roaring lion: «Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour» (1Pe 5:8). And Paul VI teaches: «The Devil is the number one enemy, the preeminent tempter. So, we know that this dark disturbing being exists and that he is still at work with his treacherous cunning».

How? By lying, by deceiving. Where there are lies or deceit, there is a devilish action. «The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist» (Baudelaire). And, how does he lie? He presents us with evil actions as if they were good ones; he induces us to do evil; and, in the third place, he suggests plenty of excuses to justify our sins. After swindle us, he fills us up with anxiety and sadness. Have you not felt any such experience, ever before?

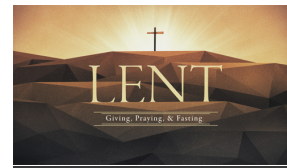
Our attitude in front of temptation? Before: to watch, to pray and to avoid the occasions. While: direct or indirect resistance. Afterwards: if you have won, thank God for that. A defeated temptation is progress in sanctity. And, if you have failed, ask for forgiveness and try to learn from experience in future. Which attitude have you shown so far?

The Virgin Mary crushed the infernal serpent's head. Let Her give you the necessary strength to overcome our daily temptations.



ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL 2024

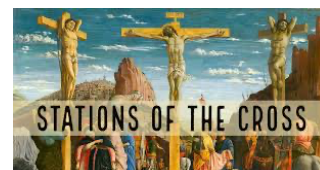
The Annual Ministry Appeal, One Family in Mission, will be conducted next weekend, February 24 & 25, 2024. **Our parish target this year is \$10,300.00.** Our parish receives 100% of what we raise over this goal. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help individuals and parishes throughout our diocese each year; the Catholic education of our children and Seminarians, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. Please respond generously when we asked to make your pledge. Funds donated to the AMA are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law and restricted funds for the ministries only. For more information, please visit the diocese website: www.srdioocese.org.



DO YOU WANT TO FAST FROM MORE THAN JUST FOOD THIS LENT?

Ideas from Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressure and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

AT 12:45PM IN ENGLISH AND 6PM IN SPANISH.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE **CLOSED** ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2024

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to Our Lady of Good Counsel's Church, Welcome! We hope you find a spiritual home here. Please formally register in the parish and be a part of our family. Come to the Parish Office Mon - Fri, 10am – 2pm to register. Registration forms are also available in the church vestibule.

~UPDATE YOUR RECORDS ~

Have you changed your address? Phone number? Email address? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know your changes so that we can update your parishioner record. Email changes to olgcinfb@gmail.com or call at 707-964-0229 ext. 1.



WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides "ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software!

To get started, you can go to olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose or a one-time donation, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.

ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH. FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM,
WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FOLLOWED BY MASS AT **12:05PM.**

MASS INTENTIONS **FEBRUARY 17 - 23, 2024**

Saturday (17)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Harold & Pearl Johnson †
	6:30pm	Antonia Rentería † Mauricio Escobedo † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (18)	8:00am	Private Intention
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (19)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Tuesday (20)	5:30pm	Private Intention
Wednesday (21)	12:05pm	Private Intention
Thursday (22)	12:05pm	Private Intention
Friday (23)	12:05pm	Private Intention

WEEKLY COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2024...\$2,025.00
MAINTENANCE FUND...\$985.00

THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL (AMA)

NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR REPAIRS OF PARISH HEATING SYSTEM

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mauricia Campuzano, Bertha Valenzuela, Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

TEMPORARY TUESDAY MASS TIME

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, MASS WILL BE AT 5:30PM



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 ext. 1 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.

