

# Church of the Assumption

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***First Sunday of Lent***

***February 21, 2021***



***May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 12 noon  
Friday, 6:00 p.m.

*Registration suggested  
for weekend Masses.*

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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection – First Sunday of Lent

Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us in their Gospel accounts that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. Mark states it most emphatically: "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness" (Mark 1:12). Why was Jesus compelled to seek solitude for such a lengthy period? Was it simply a test to prepare him for his ministry? Or did Satan want to lure him into a trap? The word tempt in English usually means to entice to sin or wrong-doing. The scriptural word here also means test in the sense of proving and purifying someone to see if they are ready for the task at hand. We test pilots to see that they are fit to fly. Likewise, God tests his servants to see if they are fit to be used by him.

God tested Abraham to prove his faith. The Israelites were sorely tested in Egypt before God delivered them from their enemies. Jesus was no exception to this testing. Satan, in turn, did his best to entice Jesus to choose his own will over the will of his Father in heaven. Despite his weakened condition, due to fatigue and lack of food for 40 days, Jesus steadfastly rejected Satan's temptations. Where did Jesus find his strength to survive the desert's harsh conditions and the tempter's seduction? He fed on his Father's word and found strength in doing his will. Satan will surely tempt us and will try his best to get us to choose our will over God's will. If he can't make us renounce our faith or sin mortally, he will then try to get us to make choices that will lead us, little by little, away from what God wants for us. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, your word is life, joy, wisdom, and strength for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things.

### Readings for Sunday,

February 28, 2021

Genesis 2:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

## ✝ The Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle

On February 22 we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, which celebrates Christ's choosing of Simon Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church, thus creating the first Pontiff of our Church (Pontiff comes from a Latin word, meaning "bridge builder").

On this feast day, the universal Church acknowledges that St. Peter was the first pope and that his mission continues through the Holy Father today. Simply stated, that mission is to care for the people of God; to carry on the customs, rituals, teachings and truths of Jesus, and to uphold the unity of His Church. Moreover, the Church proclaims that the authority given to St. Peter by our Lord has been handed down to Peter's successors for the past 2,000 years.

This day is not just about apostolic succession in respect to the pope and the bishops. Among the laity, it symbolizes an unspoken confidence that the Church of Jesus does not change from age to age; that the truths of the Gospel still form the basis of our faith; that these eternal truths are reflected in every Catholic parish and in every Mass. It is a confidence that the leader of our Church adheres to and will never deny the precepts and principles of the Church of Jesus.

Source: [simplycatholic.com](http://simplycatholic.com)





# The Three Pillars Of Lent

**Prayer** is action that leads us to turn to God. To gaze upon and contemplate, to listen and talk to him, to read his words and meditate on them, to be one with him sacramentally, celebrating joyfully the mysteries of redemption. Prayer is what gives meaning to Lenten practices which draws us closer to God.

**Fasting** is restriction of consumption for the glory of God. It is moderation in eating, having one regular meal and two small ones on the day it is practiced. During Lent, we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence is practiced all Fridays of Lent (no red meat; fish and shellfish only).

**Almsgiving** is actions that lead us to see others, love them, listen to them and give them our time, help, advice, money, shelter, company, and affection. It is not limited to giving material goods; it is the gift of self and is based on charity – to love God and others as one’s self. To give alms is to be united to Christ in his poverty.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 20	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Harber Family Soul of Regina Kelley	Jean Harber Sharon Kelley
Sunday, February 21	8:30 a.m.	Assumption Parish Family	
Monday, February 22	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 23	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 24	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Brian Dorsey The Barrick & Travis Families	Tammy Dorsey-Dale Howard & Karen Barrick
Thursday, February 25	12 noon	Deceased Members of the Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families	Dean Alt
Friday, February 26	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Members of the Melody Family	Sharon Melody
Saturday, February 27	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Tim & Ginny Newlin	The Nield Family
Sunday, February 28	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Wanda Bruno	Joanne & Mike Stickley

## Collections & Attendance: through February 17, 2021

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,965
Loose Donations .....	\$1,338
Repairs & Maintenance .....	180
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,483</b>

Ash Wednesday Collection for the  
Church in Central & Eastern Europe..... \$393

### Attendance

Saturday Attendance .....	14
Sunday Attendance .....	19
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>33</b>

Ash Wednesday Attendance .....

74
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### **Diocesan Collection: Black and Indian Missions**

*A Diocesan collection is taking place this weekend for Black and Indian Missions. If you do not use offertory envelopes but would like to contribute, there is a separate basket on the table next to the bulletins. Thank you!*

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 27 ...	Karen Yowler (L) Linda Marsh (C) Dena Turner (U) Mary Shannon (U)
Sunday, February 28 .....	Alan Taylor (L) Anita Tetreault (C) Mike & Sonja Stanislawczyk (U)
Saturday, March 6.....	Kerri Wittman (L) Linda Marsh (C) Bob & Karen Yowler (U)
Sunday, March 7 .....	Geoff Newlin (L) Julie Alt (C) Denny Dolechek (U) Tina Stephen (U)

*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date,  
please arrange for a replacement.*

## Meeting of Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound

A meeting and training session for all current Eucharistic ministers to the homebound, as well as those who would like to become one, on Thursday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall. All safety precautions will be followed (social distancing, mask wearing, and hand sanitizing).

The Eucharist is the source and the summit of every Catholic's life of faith. It is important that Catholics not be deprived of the opportunity to receive this Blessed Sacrament due to illness, age, or infirmity. Please call the parish office to sign up for this ministry session, and thank you for your service to our parish.

## Warm the Children Donations

Did you know? The Knights of Columbus accepts donations of new winter clothing year round for Warm the Children and stores the items until the next campaign.



Now is a great time to purchase these items as jackets and accessories are being marked down to very low prices. It's also a great way to kick off your Lenten almsgiving!

Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office anytime. Thank you for caring about our local youth in need!

