

# Holy Infant Catholic Church

Feb 21 & Feb 22



## **MASS TIMES**

**Tuesday & Thursday—10:00 am – Most Holy Days: 10:00am**

**1st Thursday of each month after Mass—Holy Hour & Eucharistic Adoration**

**Hospitality: 1st Sunday of Every Month following Mass**

**Saturday: Feb 21st – Lector: M. Houliston**

**4:15pm—4:45pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**4:30pm—Praying of the Rosary**

**5:00pm— 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday: Feb 22nd- Lector: S. Lam**

**11:00am – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Readings: 1<sup>st</sup> – Gn 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7 -- 2<sup>nd</sup> --Rom 5: 12-19-- Gospel -Mt 4: 1-11**

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## **Up Coming Events and Announcements 2026**

Feb 21st & Feb 22nd – 1 Sunday of Lent

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am Mass

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm to 6:45pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am Mass

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm Stations of the Cross

Feb 28th & Mar 1st – The 2nd Sunday of Lent

Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – Hospitality in the Parish Hall following Mass

Mar 3rd –10:00am Mass

Mar 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm to 6:45pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Mar 5<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am Mass

Mar 6th –6:00pm Stations of the Cross

### **Parishioners Corner:**

- Starting every Wednesday from February 25<sup>th</sup> to March 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 6:45pm we will be praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song. This year the Chaplet will be bi-lingual so please come join us and lend your vocal in prayerful song or just come to enjoy the event. We hope to see you there!
- On Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm join us at the Elkton Community Center located at 20593 Blue and Gold Drive in Elkton, VA as we join with the St. Paul United Methodist Church in a Community Lenten Dinner. See last page for full Lenten season schedule.
- The Valley Cursillo invites you to visit their website at [www.valleycursillo.com](http://www.valleycursillo.com) for important upcoming events. Contact Karen and Roy Norville at 540-246-2371 for more information.

**Please Pray for...** All God's children who are ill, homebound, hospitalized and need our special thoughts and prayers. Pray for our brothers and sisters, James West, Grace Condolff, Wanda Lohman, Patty Day.

## WEEKLY THOUGHTS FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026.

Dear friends, welcome to the celebration of the First Sunday of Lent for the year 2026. We started our Lenten journey last Wednesday with the sign of the imposition of ashes at our forehead; a symbol calling us to embrace repentance, prayer, and alms giving as well as penance. The Readings of the day reminded us to embrace the internal disposition opposed to hypocrisy, externalism aimed to attract attention of the people. Let us listen attentively to the Scriptures as we seek God's love and mercy.

The First Reading Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7 is about the fall of the test God had put before our grandparents Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve chose to listen to the serpent instead of God. They disobeyed to do God's will, failed the test and were thrown out of the garden of Eden.

In Psalm 51, the psalmist prays to God; "Be merciful to me O Lord, wash me from my guilt, cast me not from your presence, give me back the joy of your salvation." Let this prayer guide me to seek God's forgiveness and mercy.

In the Second Reading Rom 5: 12-19 Paul tells us how sin entered the world through the disobedience of Adam. The obedience of Jesus brings us redemption and freedom.

The Gospel Mt: 4: 1-11 is about the three temptations of Jesus in the desert by the devil. Jesus after his Baptism in the Jordan River resorted into the desert for 40 days and nights in prayer and fasting. At the end of the 40 days and nights Jesus felt hungry and the devil noticed and set up a trap. "If you are the son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." Jesus replied, "One does not live on bread alone but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God."

In the other two temptations, the devil used the same pattern; "If you are the son of God." This seems to tell Jesus to doubt about his relationship with God his Father as His Son. Jesus was tempted and passed the test just because he chose to focus on doing the will of his Father. In his life, Jesus chose obedience to do the will of his Father. He did not give in to hunger nor to cheap popularity, when the devil tempted him to fall from the parapet. He took on the way of the cross on which He earned us redemption. This is the way Jesus invites us to walk to salvation. "If anyone wants to be my disciple, he must deny himself, take up his cross and come after me." (Luke 9:23)

Let us pray for God's forgiveness. mercy and reconciliation in case of failure to the test God sets before us. The second chance is always there. So, let's take courage to go for it. Let fasting discipline us as we make good choices leading us to holiness and internal spiritual renewal. Let us learn the discipline to control material things other than being controlled and mastered by them. Let us live the spirit of Lent as we read and meditate on the Scriptures as well as being generous to our needy brothers and sisters.

Have a great week!

## “2026 Lenten Series Schedule”

<u>Church &amp; Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
United Methodist Church, 205 Warren Street, Elkton VA	02/22/2026	5:00PM
Bethel United Church of Christ, 2451 Bethel Church Road, Elkton	03/01/2026	5:00PM
St Paul United Methodist Church & Holy Infant Catholic Church Elkton Community Center, 20593 Blue & Gold Dr. Elkton VA	03/08/2026	5:00PM
Beldor Mennonite Church, 2512 Beldor Road, Elkton, VA	03/15/2026	5:00PM
Mr. Paran Baptist, 1229 Mt. Paran Church Road, Elkton, VA	03/22/2026	5:00PM

### Parish Directory

Pastor:	Rev. Fr. Michael Mugomba	540-298-1341
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### Weekly Contributions for Feb 14 to Feb 20th

	<u>Targeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
This Week:	\$ 2,362.33	\$ 2,463.00	\$ 100.67
Jul 1 to Date:	\$77,956.89	\$75, 245.64	\$ -2,711.25

### Weekly Ministry Collections

Parish Imp. \$25	Justice & Peace \$10
Poor Box \$103	Votive \$13
Rosary \$10	Post Card \$1
Ash Wednesday \$10	

### Special Collections:

