



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT March 10, 2019

The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.
— Romans 10:8

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life’s journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three “pillars” of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death’s darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life’s journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Feb 10th	
Budget	\$2300
Actual	\$2371
Over	\$71

Church Staff

Pastor: Fr. Anthony Onyekwe

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Mass Intentions:

March 9th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

March 10th: For An Increase in Vocations by Ron Szewczyk

March 16th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

March 17th: Patty Krueger + by Mr & Mrs Chuck Amrhein



March 17, 2019

Lectors — Jean Stevens

Gift Bearers — Mr & Mrs Richard Poplawski

Eucharistic Ministers — Don Carlson, Christine Carlson, Kathleen Kirkpatrick

Servers — Matthew Carlson, Naim Perez

Sacristans — Don & Christine Carlson

Altar Linens — Sheri Parkinson, Susan Booth

Ushers—Men of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR C

First Reading — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams,

Relatives

Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello



On March 5, 2019, Pope Francis has appointed H E Msgr David P Talley as Bishop of the Diocese of Memphis

PAST AND FUTURE

There is no saint without a past—and no sinner without a future.

—Anonymous

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election;
Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending;
Daylight Saving Time begins;
Girl Scouting Sunday

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Friday: Abstinence

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: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36



Mass Schedule

Monday: 11:30 am

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 11:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am



STATIONS
of the CROSS

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Stations of the Cross are each Friday during Lent at 5:00 pm



St Regina is having a fish fry on March 15th, starting at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$8.00.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Our Goal is **\$8,000** and 100% Participation of our 66 registered Families

15.15 % Participation
\$1875 Pledged