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Feb. 14, 2016

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## Pastor's Corner:

# 1st Sunday of Lent

Dear brothers and sisters,

Peace!

Our Gospel for this First Sunday of Lent narrates to us the temptations of Jesus. And we find Jesus victorious and triumphant over those temptations. The temptations of Christ are a test of his Messianic vocation. They present to Jesus a different way of becoming a Messiah, a path that is less harmful to him.

In the midst of all these practical, fast, and efficient offers Jesus knew where he stood. He knew that he was sent by the Father on a mission. His response was a resounding confession of faith. He used God's words to rebut the devil's missuse of scriptures.

Lent is a time to renew our baptismal confession of faith. It is a time to prepare us for the celebration of Easter.

God bless you and your family.

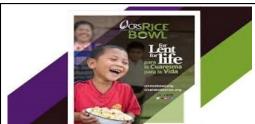
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In Jesus, our fullness of Life, Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS



## A Stewardship Moment http://catholicstewardship.com/

The second reading from Saint Paul to the Romans is a favorite of those involved in the ministry of evangelization. There are no "secret" disciples of the Lord. Those who exercise good stewardship of their faith realize that publicly identifying themselves as followers of Christ has a cleansing effect on their lives. Openly confessing Christ makes them more conscious of how they live their daily lives. Are we content to privatize our faith or are we good stewards of a faith that we share, make public, and regularly identify as a life in Christ?



Hungering for Opportunity...

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world? Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more information.

#### Parish Mission Statement:

Centered on the Word of God and the Eucharist we gather as a Parish and School community. Together as disciples of Jesus Christ as we seek fullness of life. Blessed with diversity of cultures and gifted with the spirit of Aloha, we pledge to become stewards of our time, talent and treasure by sharing our heritage, our faith, and commit ourselves to the full development of all people. With Saint Joseph as our patron we offer our gift of self for the greater glory of God.

# Scripture Readings



### Sunday, Feb. 14

Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

#### Monday, Feb. 15

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday, Feb. 16

Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:1-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

#### Wednesday, Feb. 17

Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday, Feb. 18

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

#### Friday, Feb. 19

Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

#### Saturday, Feb. 20

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

#### Sunday, Feb. 21

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

## The Season of Lent

Article 1

We began the Lenten Season on Ash Wednesday February 10th. While many look forward to this time for opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal, quite often many of us see it as a liturgical season to dread. We focus on "What am I going to give up?" "How long can I live without whatever it is I am going to give up?" "How many more days before I don't have to give up whatever it is that I am giving up?" Who wouldn't dread a liturgical season with such a narrow focus?

Over these next few weeks, we are all encouraged to begin reflecting anew on the real purpose of Lent, the power such a season can be for us, and the real potential for a deeper commitment to our Catholic faith, and most important, a deeper communion of love with God. Such a deeper understanding could give us a new attitude for Lent.

Baptism is one of Lent's foundational focus. At the Easter Vigil, the catechumens (referred to as "the elect") will be fully initiated as Catholics through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

It is no coincidence that on Easter Sunday, all the baptized will renew our baptismal promises. Note that I said we are going to "renew" our baptismal promises and not merely "repeat" them. "Repeating" simply recalls something that happened in the past. "Renew" is entirely different. "Renewing" our baptismal promises recognizes something still foundational in our life.

Renewing our baptismal promises opens our hearts to God's grace. Grace reveals God's great love for us and God's purpose for our life. This great divine love energizes our own love and leads us to a deeper commitment to live these promises more faithfully. Easter is one time in the liturgical year for us to remember that we are baptized once *for a lifetime* and not merely once *in a lifetime*. Lent is the time set aside to prepare us to make that renewal faithfully.

Our world, our country and our Church all need us to rediscover the beauty and power of baptism and our call to be co-redeemers with the Lord Jesus Christ. Our baptism calls us to a life of holiness that reveals Jesus' great and merciful love to all humanity and all creation. Our faith also commits us to restoring the human community and all creation to a life of justice, peace, and solidarity.

In the next article, we will continue this opportunity to renew our understanding of Lent so that we can more fully renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

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#### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

for February

Merciful Lord,

As we embark on our journey of renewal toward the great paschal feast of Easter, teach us to be good stewards of your mercy and forgiveness,

so that we may extend these gifts to others.

Give us the strength to bear witness to you at all times,

even in times of stress and adversity.

And fill our hearts with love

that we may be faithful to the Gospel Jesus proclaimed and ready to celebrate his resurrection.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, Feb. 15 "Presidents' Day" Holiday—Rectory office closed

7:00 am •Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass

5:30 pm •Youth & Young Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

6:00 pm •RCIA Class/Library

7:00 pm •Wake Service (+Margaret Lee)/Dodo Chapel

TUESDAY, Feb. 16

9:00 am •Viewing (+Margaret Lee)/Church

10:00 am •Funeral Mass (+Margaret Lee)/Church

11:30 am •Food Pantry/SJ Social Ministry Center

5:00 pm •Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room

6:30 pm •Small Christian Community (Carol Denis)/Library

7:00 pm •Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Church

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 17

6:00 pm •Stewardship Committee/Mtg. Room

6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

THURSDAY, Feb. 18

6:30 pm •St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

FRIDAY, Feb. 19

3:00 pm •Stations of the Cross/Church

4:30 pm • Teen Council Meeting/Conf. Room

7:00 pm •Stations of the Cross/Church

SATURDAY, Feb. 20

8:15 am •Church Cleaners (#7-M. Aizawa)/Church

10:00 am •Bible Sharing (Mary Ann Leite)/Library

5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry/Library

7:45 pm •San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

SUNDAY, Feb. 21

10:15 am •R E Classes/SJHS

Learning, Living, and Leading—Father Samuel Loterte, St. Joseph PPAC and Stewardship Committee planned several leadership sessions for staff, ministry coordinators and volunteers this year. Our first session was held on October 17, 2015 lead by Dr. Llwellyn Young, Principal of St. Joseph Elementary and High School on "Heroic Leadership." Mary Correa lead the second session with key leaders to collaborate with participants on four outcomes: 1) To know and understand the four stewardship pillars of St. Joseph's Parish; 2) To connect the concepts from the four pillars to ourselves as a Christian Steward; 3) To discern our role and responsibility as a Christian Steward in helping others.

Father Sam Loterte, SSS and Father Apolinario Ty, SSS will lead the third leadership session in May,

"Transformational Leadership - Values Formation".

Submitted by C. Miyashiro

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT		Year to Date	Year to Date
January 19, 2016		Totals	Budget
Offertory Collections:	\$7,751.00	\$304,721.04	\$307,154.37
Other Collections:	\$5,750.27	\$145,501.25	\$158,019.36
Total Deposit:	\$13,501.27	\$450,222.29	\$465,173.73
Parish Hall Collection	\$110.00	Restricted Savings:	\$387,993.40
		Designated Savings:	\$480,439.66
		Total Savings:	\$868,433.06

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekdays:

Mon.-Fri. 6:00 am & 12:15 pm Saturday: 7:00 am Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

#### Sunday:

St. Joseph Church 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:45 am & 6:00pm

#### **CONFESSION**

Saturday:

10:00 am-11:00 am St. Joseph Church or by appointment

\*Please note: confession schedule does not apply during some liturgical seasons.

#### **PRAYER TIMES**

#### Adoration:

M-F 4-5:00 pm Sat 3-3:30 pm Sun 4-4:30 pm

# Evening Prayer & Benediction

M-F 5:00 pm Sat 3:30 pm Sun 4:30 pm

# Youth & Young Adult Mass

March 6

11:45 am



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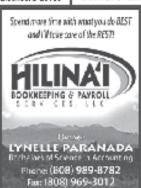




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