

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR February 17-25, 2018

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday,	Feb. 17	5:00 pm	For + <b>Brent Labelle</b> by the K.C's
Sunday,	Feb. 18	9:30 am	For + <b>Jaime &amp; + Maria Araujo</b> by Mike and Estrel Pereira
		11:30 am	For <b>All St. John Bosco Parishioners</b>
Tuesday	Feb. 20	9:00 am	For + <b>Tom Molenaar</b> by Edmonton Catholic Schools
Wednesday	Feb. 21	9:00 am	For + <b>Felix Deang</b> by his daughter Dolor
Thursday,	Feb. 22	9:00 am	<b>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</b> For + <b>Anita Pelech</b> by her family
Friday,	Feb. 23	6:30 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross, Mass, Adoration, Confession. Community Mass Intentions + Rustico Liwanag, + Karol Ilnicki</b>

### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday,	Feb. 24	5:00 pm	For <b>Max and Agatha Simoes</b> ( <b>65 Wedding Anniversary</b> ) by their family
Sunday,	Feb. 25	9:30 am	For + <b>Joffre &amp; + Clara Gervais</b> by Carmen and Fern Morin
		11:30 am	For + <b>Jean Winder</b> by the CWL

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK :

### FEBRUARY 20, 2018 DAY OF CONFESSION

9:30 am—4pm and again 6 pm—8pm.

Tuesday,	Feb. 20 @	7:00 pm	RCIA
Wednesday,	Feb. 21 @	7:00 pm	CWL Meeting
Thursday,	Feb. 22 @	7:0 pm	Baptism Prep with parents and god parents



**Saturday/Sunday February 24/25 COMMITMENT CEREMONY**  
Our Confirmation Candidates will be attending the mass of their choice for this ceremony, committing themselves to the preparation program for their Confirmation.

We ask that you keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers.

**Our condolences and the assurance of our prayers are extended to Helen Lubrin and family** after the death of her father **Arsenio Balanga**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

**Experienced, live in caretaker required for elderly lady.** Some responsibilities would be laundry, house-cleaning, shopping, dog walking, taking to church on Sunday, etc. Please email resume to: [susangauthier@telus.net](mailto:susangauthier@telus.net)

## Grace with lines inspired by this weeks readings.



**Leader:** Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You were in the wilderness forty days. (*Mark 1:13*)

**All:** Lord Jesus may our Lenten fasting bring us closer to you.

**Together:** “Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen”

**After the meal:** “We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all your gifts, who live and reign now and forever. Amen”

## Family devotions for 1st Sunday in Lent.

### Hearing the Word:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

### Reflecting on the Word:

“Believe in the gospel.” In the middle of temptation and wild beasts, Jesus was still in the presence of angels. Perhaps this is where belief in the Gospel is at its fullest; right in the middle of both the good and the bad. Our belief calls us to truly change and grow, no matter what surrounds us. St. Paul reminds us that a faith without works is essentially dead. Lent is a special time to examine how we live out our faith among the good and the bad and to do something about it.

Have you ever experienced something good in the midst of a bad experience? This is the start of Lent. What do you do differently during Lent?

### Living the Word:

#### Ask the family:

- 1) How are we going to show our belief in the Gospel during this Lenten season?
  - 2) Are there things that we can do in our home to show that this is a time of renewal?
  - 3) While each person may have something specific in mind, see if there is anything you can do as a family as well.
- Perhaps, its a simple prayer in the morning or giving up television, computers, or ipads. Maybe a few days a week of spending time volunteering or just being together as a family.

**WHY GO TO MASS ON SUNDAY:  
By Pope Francis ( Conclusion)**

Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by tiredness of the every day, with its preoccupations and the fear of tomorrow. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us strength to live today with trust and courage and to go on with hope. This is why we Christians go to encounter the Lord on Sunday in the Eucharistic celebration.

**Eucharistic Communion with Jesus, Risen and Living for ever**, anticipates the Sunday without sunset, when there will no longer be fatigue, or pain, or mourning, or tears, but only the joy of living fully and forever with the Lord. Sunday Mass also speaks of this blessed rest, teaching us, in the flow of the week, to entrust ourselves to the hands of the Father who is in Heaven.

**What can we answer one who says there is no need to go to Mass**, not even on Sunday, because what is important is to live well, to love one's neighbor? It's true that the quality of a Christian life is measured by the capacity to love, as Jesus said: "By this all men will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another" (John 13:35); but how can we practice the Gospel without drawing the necessary energy to do so, Sunday after Sunday, from the inexhaustible source of the Eucharist? We don't go to Mass to give God something, but to receive from Him what we truly need. The prayer of the Church reminds us of this, which addresses God thus; "*You do not need our praise, but by a gift of your love you call us to render thanks to you; our hymns of blessing do not enhance your grandeur, but obtain for us the grace that saves us*" (Roman Missal, Ordinary Preface IV).

**In conclusion, "why go to Mass on Sunday?"** It's not enough to answer that it's a precept of the Church; this helps to keep its value, but it's not enough on its own.

We Christians need to take part in Sunday Mass because only with Jesus' grace, with His living presence in us and among us, can we put into practice His commandment, and thus be His credible witnesses.

**QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:** *There is nothing so great as the Eucharist.  
If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.*

~ Saint Jean Vianney



# 1st Sunday in Lent Feb. 17/18, 2018

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\$ 4,062.00  
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Children's collection \$ 55.00  
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**Parish Priest: Rev. Raja SDB**  
**Deacon Jose Huezo**  
Mia Turlock      Pastoral Assistant  
Theresa Wile      Pastoral Assistant

**PRAYER CORNER:**  
Sandy Gow, Priscilla Lajeunesse,  
Josie Mitchell, Rose Auburn

## REFLECTIONS ON THE START OF LENT

**Lent is up and running.** Hopefully, after four days of orientation, we too are off to a good start. The four days since Ash Wednesday grounded us in Lent's three basic disciplines: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Today's First Sunday focuses us on three convictions:

- 1) That God is in covenant with us to help us and all living creatures to flourish;
- 2) That our goal as human creatures baptized into Christ is a "clear conscience";
- 3) That we are living in a "time of fulfillment" when God's reign is as close as our hand.

**This year's Lent challenges us to strengthen our trust in the gospel message** while we get those three perspectives deeply enough into our mindset that they show up in the way we live and move and have our being. We'll face discouragement soon enough and often enough, but if we stick with it, Lent will transfigure us.

**The Scriptures often portray Jesus disciples as 'running.'** Mary Magdalene ran to tell the disciples that the tomb was empty. Peter and John ran to take a look for themselves. The Emmaus disciples rushed back to Jerusalem to tell everyone they had supper with Jesus. Paul asserted that he had 'run a good race.' We too are often running about, too often without focus.

**But Jesus walked.** Being human as well as divine, he knew that it takes time for things to sink in. For us to really adjust our mindset and figure out just how we have to allow God to reign and transfigure us, we need to walk with Jesus. Perhaps that's why we have 40 days. More about transfiguration next Sunday. **Meanwhile, keep walking!**