

St. Francis' Episcopal Church
The First Sunday in Lent
Insert for 8:00 & 10:15 A.M Holy Eucharist
March 1, 2020
Lectionary Year A Daily Office Year 2

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Announcements

1. The celebrant will make announcements prior to beginning worship.
2. Our worship bulletins have changed for Sundays in Lent 1-5: Holy Eucharist, Readings, Hymns and Service Music are all contained in the Worship Guide for the Sundays in Lent. **Please return it to the basket in on the table in the rear of the church.**
3. Each Sunday an insert will be used in place of the customary bulletin. It will contain references to hymns, worship, Prayer Rota, calendar, announcements, Bible Study Questions, etc. **Please take this insert home for reference, etc.**
4. Lent is a time to worship in a more simply manner. The crosses are covered in purple. There are purple candles at the pulpit/lectern, communion vessels will be ceramic, wooden candle holders and wooden stand for the Altar Missal will be used. The Psalm will not be chanted. We will not use Torch Bearers on these five Sundays.
5. Bulletins for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter will return to the customary format.
6. Other announcements: Pancake Supper

Prayer Rota

Members of the congregation for whom we are asked to pray this week.

Homebound: Darla Becker, Noel Choweller and Jack Doerr.

Weekly Prayer Rota: Elaine Booker, Michael, Anne, & Tim Booker

Prayer List

Parishioners: Roger Reese, Annie Rayman, Sylvia Ahmad, Cheryl Foster, Bill Thompson & Paul Becker

Parish and Diocesan related requests: St Francis' Discernment Committee and Friends of St. Francis' Childcare Center, especially students: Bella, Ethan, Hadlie, Hudson, Priceless, Easton, Eli, Emerson, Oaklie and teachers Kathy, Shanti, Linda, & Bethany. For those working abroad: especially Ryan & Lauren Smith. For Deaconess Anne House interns, for the children in the juvenile justice system and their families and the ministry of Episcopal City Mission's chaplains, staff and volunteers who bring them hope and healing. For those discerning a call to ordained ministry. For patients, families and communities affected by substance use disorders. For those suffering from untreated and undertreated pain and chronic diseases.

Diocese: For the ministry of the Deacons of this Diocese and Archdeacon Rebecca.

Companion Diocese: Mari'bah Parish and Justin, their priest

For those who have asked for prayers: Deacon Dayna Jewson, Will Johnson, Tammy, Virginia Stemme, Steven Weaver, Delora Kindel, Bob Kulmann, Maureen Brine, Jim and for those deployed to Iran, especially Kyle Buchanan.

For those who have died, especially the youth in the greater St. Louis area whose lives were lost in gun violence.

Bible Study Questions

1. How have you experienced God's activity in your life this week?
2. Matthew uses personal terms for the devil: Tempter, Satan. What is the value of personalizing the force of evil? What are some dangers? How do today's First Lesson and Gospel describe the nature and method of this opposition to God's will?
3. How does obedience (to God's will) play out in your life? How central is it to your understanding of the faith? How does it compare to grace in your faith-life?
4. "If our salvation comes as a free gift, then our life must be one grand 'Thank You'!" What do you think of that statement? How do we say thank you to God?
5. In New Testament times, large numbers of people were possessed by deep fears about death and what lay ahead for them beyond the grave. Thus, they responded warmly to Paul's message. Are those same fears still as powerful? What do people you know mostly seek from their Christian faith: assurance of eternal life with God, personal healing and cleansing from guilt, divine power to release their potential for life here and now – or something different from any of these?
6. What is (are) the major temptation (s) facing Christians in our society? Facing the church as it addresses the world?

This Week at St. Francis' Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M	Evening Prayer with Intercessions 5:00 P.M.	Morning Prayer 8:30 A.M.	Morning Prayer 8:30 A.M. Centering Prayer 6:15 P.M. Holy Eucharist 7:00 P.M.	Stations of the Cross 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 1 The First Sunday in Lent	9:00 am 11:45 am 6:00 pm	Choir Practice Vicar's Forum <i>Al-Anon- Community Room</i>
Monday, March 2	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer with Intercessions
Tuesday March 3	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer <i>Overeaters' Anonymous – Com. Room</i>
Wednesday March 4	1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Crafternoon – Comm. Room Tutoring – Community Room
Thursday March 5	8:30 am 1:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer Staff Meeting – Children's Room Centering Prayer Holy Eucharist with Healing
Friday March 6	10:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Bible Study – Comm. Room Men's 12 Step OA – Children's Room Stations of the Cross
Saturday March 7	7:00 am	<i>AA – Community Room</i>
Sunday, March 8 The Second Sunday in Lent	9:00 am 11:45 am 6:00 pm	Choir Practice Adult Forum – Lent & the Exodus Vernon Alexander <i>Al-Anon- Community Room</i>

Readings for next Sunday, March 8, 2020

The First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

The Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

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Bishop's Warden—Jackie Selle

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Sylvia Ahmad, Mary Ann Kinder, Mike Rohan, Barb Sacco

Doris Schaefer, Bob Smith, Herb Smith, Bill Thompson

Caitlin Selle—Clerk

Other Officers:

Treasurer—Tracey Oswald

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Michael Booker

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