

THE KEYS



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The Curate's Corner

The Gesimas

We are now entering the "Gesima" season. These are the 3 weeks leading up to the season of Lent: Septuagesima, Sexagesima, Quinquagesima. They mean simply in Latin Seventy, Sixty, and Fifty days before Easter. Lent itself is called Quadragesima which means Forty days. This is the time Jesus spent in the desert being tempted.

Lent is one of the most important seasons of the Church year, so the Church wants to get you ready for it: mentally and spiritually.

The first Sunday's Epistle and Gospel are about our spiritual life as a race, and the need to train for it like an athlete, and the parable of the hired workers who complain of injustice of those who seem not to work as hard for the same wage. God rewards those who love him in faith, not those who work the hardest.

The second Sunday is called St. Paul Sunday. The epistle is from Corinthians where St. Paul explains to those who question his authority that his authority is not his own, and that the glory he has received has not been on account of his personal skill, but the grace of God working through him. The Gospel is of the sower and the 3 kinds of ground: rocky, thorns, and good: which are the 3 kinds of souls we might encounter in the Spiritual Life; and a warning to the lukewarm.

The last Sunday is about the nature of Lent. The Epistle is about Charity and how it is the queen of virtues, it states: there remains Faith, Hope and Charity: these three, but the greatest of these is Charity. The Gospel is Jesus explaining to his Disciples what he is going to suffer, how redemption is going to work; and none of them understand him. Then a blind beggar, who cannot see Jesus and did not hear him, finds out that Jesus is coming by: he believes, and worships him and asks Jesus to heal him. He believes and asks for healing, where the Disciples seek to understand and cannot. This is a common error in the Faith. We are to believe that we might understand: *credo ut intelligam* as St. Anselm once said. Not wait to believe until we have understood, because our faith is too marvelous to understand.

Lent then is a preparation to believe, the season of the Gesimas is getting us ready for the desert with Jesus, so that we might be partakers in his resurrection.

Let us cry with that blind beggar: Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me

News and Information

The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Thursday, February 2, 12 Noon.

Vestry meeting - February 15th, 7:30 PM, mass preceding at 7 PM.

Ash Wednesday - February 22nd, 12 Noon & 6 PM.

St. Matthias - transferred to February 23rd, 12 Noon.

FEBRUARY, 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			[1]	[2] 12 noon HC PURIFICATION OF BVM	[3]	[4] 5:00 p.m. HC
[5] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS SEPTUAGESIMA	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9] 12 noon HC	[10]	[11] 5:00 p.m. HC
[12] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS SEXAGESIMA	[13]	[14]	[15] 7:00 p.m. HC 7:30 p.m. Vestry	[16] 12 noon HC	[17]	[18] 5:00 p.m. HC
[19] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS QUINQUAGESIMA	[20]	[21]	[22] 12 noon HC 6:00 p.m. HC ASH WEDNESDAY	[23] 12 noon HC	[24]	[25] 5:00 p.m. HC
[26] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS LENT I	[27]	[28]	LEGEND: HC - Holy Communion; FHE – Festal Holy Eucharist; HE - Holy Eucharist; SS – Sunday School; PG - Prayer Group; EP – Evening Prayer; MP – Morning Prayer; P&HU – Prayers and Holy Unction			

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

If you cannot fulfill your assigned duty because of an urgent reason, PLEASE SECURE A REPLACEMENT.

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26	March 5
Altar Guild	V. Williams	M. Slayton	J. Butterfield	V. Williams	M. Slayton
	B. Higginbotham	B. Higginbotham	B. Higginbotham	B. Higginbotham	B. Higginbotham
Coffee Hour	L. Olver	C. DeRosset	M. Slayton	B. Von Claparede	V. Williams
Sat. Epistoler 5 p.m.	A. Butterfield	A. Butterfield	A. Butterfield	A. Butterfield	A. Butterfield
Epistoler 8 a.m.	D. Drysdale	C. Von Claparede	D. Drysdale	G. Mauney	C. Von Claparede
Epistoler 10 a.m.	P. Williams	T. Paisley	P. Williams	G. Terrell	T. Paisley

Altar servers and ushers will be assigned as available before each service.

2023 Vestry (term end): Allen Butterfield ('25), Dan Drysdale ('23), Lisa Olver ('24),
Ted Paisley ('24), Mike Slayton ('25), Phil Williams ('23)