First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
Rectory Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Parish Office: *814-942-0371*

or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary
Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry
Cathy McFee

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603

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One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator
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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
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Confirmation

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Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)	***Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil)***	***Weekdays: 6:45 AM***	
8:00 AM	***8:00 AM***		***12:00 Noon***
10:00 AM	***12:00 Noon***		
12:00 Noon	***5:30 PM***	***Saturday : 8:00 AM***	
5:00 PM			***12:00 Noon***

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 AM

This Sunday, March 6, First Sunday of Lent

Fr. Michael J. Canole (Abrashoff-McFadden Families)

Next Sunday, March 13, 2022, Second Sunday of Lent

Paul Cassarly (Sue Stitt)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

March 6, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Walter Beckel, Jr. (Alex & Barb Franco)
10:00 AM +Sharon Allshouse Harshberger (Debbie Ball)
5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

March 7, Monday, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

6:45 AM +Maria Neibauer (Ed & Lois Simanski)
12:00 PM +Mary Snowberger (Mary Ann Bell)

March 8, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Orvita Knott (Richard & Connie Steinbeiser)
12:00 PM +Deceased E. T. Smith Family Members (George & Dot Smith)

March 9, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Special Intentions (Anonymous)
12:00 PM +Anna Rhodes (Ken & Kathy Civils)

March 10, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Henry Mangiacarne Family (Bill Mangiacarne)
12:00 AM +Alfred Rutolo, Anniv. (Daughters & Family)

March 11, Friday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Joseph A. Moffa, Anniv. (Estate)
12:00 PM +Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)

March 12, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM +Karen Triana (Vogel Cousins)
Noon PM Annie Dombroski, Birth. (Mom & Dad)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

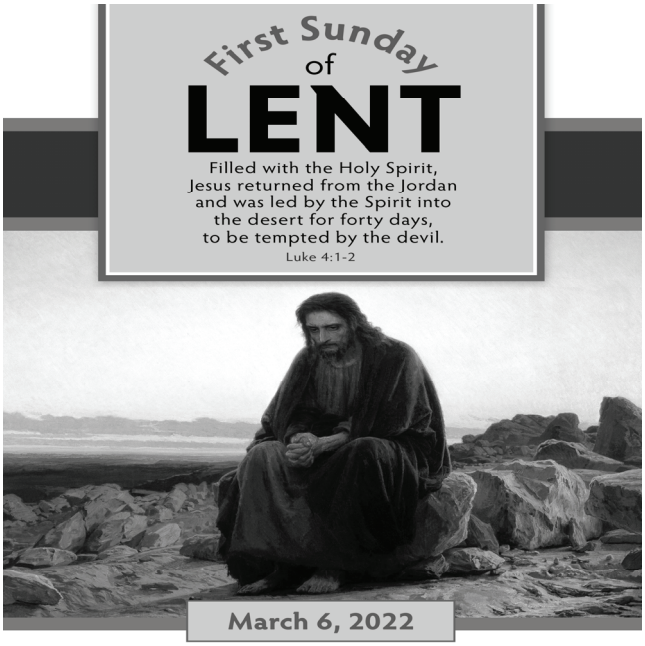
5:00 PM +James R. Riley (Tom & Beth Moore)

March 13, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Joe Wiedemer, Anniv. (Family)
10:00 AM +Libby Ann Shea Allen (William Plank)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For The People

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle for the month of month of March it is being donated in memory of Denise Keagy by Chris & Kelly Keagy and Family. Thank you.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

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

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

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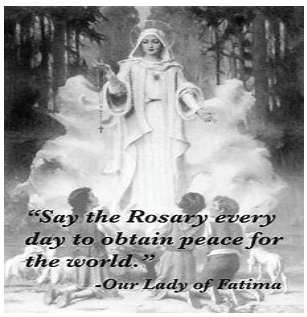
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, February 27, were $1,593.98.



GOOD ZEAL AND TEMPTATIONS

In the chapter of Luke preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan and began his adult ministry. Immediately afterward he was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tested. While this might seem almost surreal as we imagine the devil taking Jesus from place to place, it is really much more simple and common than that. For many of us, as we strive to live our lives, we deal with many temptations. Sometimes it is a matter of having the zeal and desire, but not the practical experience or knowledge to carry out a goal. Other times, we are afraid to ask for the assistance that we need to carry a project through to completion. Or we might think that we deserve more, or that our results should be happening more quickly. Our egos can be destructive.

When Jesus found himself tested by the devil, he was given several different scenarios. The devil brought up situations that he knew could specifically test Jesus, but similar situations would test any of us. Physical hunger is a real need, and many of us might yearn for success, or better paying jobs, or power, or the like. The difference is that when Jesus was tempted, he had some strong "touchstones" to hold onto, secure answers to lead him. He went to simple, basic scriptures that he could call upon in his time of need. For many, one of those basics would be Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have in mind for you—plans for peace and not disaster." For another it might be the Beatitudes or the twenty-third Psalm. Whatever it may be, have ready those touchstones, those "go to" prayers or phrases that you can hold onto during the times when you are sorely tested in your life. Let those stones be your firm foundation.

Today's Readings: Dt 26:4–10; Ps 91:1–2, 10–11, 12–13, 14–15; Rom 10:8–13; Lk 4:1–13

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CONFIRMATION PREP

The Spring Confirmation Service Project this year will be to collect individually wrapped candy to be used as Easter treats for our parish and for the St. Vincent DePaul Food For Families Soup Kitchen. We will also be sending cards to the elderly, sick, and homebound members of our parish.

The next **First Holy Communion Preparation Session** will be held in the Cathedral basement on Tuesday, March 8, from 6-8 P.M. Textbooks should be completed by that date. Banners may be dropped off at the Parish Office when finished.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence and fasting. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Abstinence means that people 14 years of age and older are not to eat meat at all on the designated days. Fasting means eating only one full meal, with two small meals, and no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th birthday are obligated to fast. Additional forms of abstinence and fasting may also be undertaken voluntarily on a personal basis.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at the Cathedral on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 P.M.

CRS CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

Religious education students will be collecting money for the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl project. All monies will go to local and international needs. The parish is asked to help with this project which began on Ash Wednesday and ends on Palm Sunday. Rice Bowl boxes are located on the tables in the back of the church.

The **Cathedral's Lenten Fish Lunches** will be served on the Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) from 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. The drive-thru only meal is $10.00 and includes battered fried fish, mac & cheese, haluski, cole slaw, and a sandwich roll.

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