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Worship Times

***Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p***

***Sunday Mass, 9:00a
Holy Days 7:00p
Communion Service Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment***

Welcome, New Parishioners

***We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible.
Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.***

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

***1st Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021***

Morning, Church!

Desert. Deserted. Wilderness. Wildness. Untamed.
Parched. Barren. This is no playful sandbox.

Not many Christians are anxious to enter into this
Lenten Season of spiritual desert aridity, mostly
since the past year seems like an elongated Lent.

Saturday, we SSJs reflected on Jesus' desert time.
Here is some of our reflections and faithsharing.

Jesus didn't go into the desert alone.
The Spirit lead him into the desert and
Jesus allowed himself to be lead.

How attentive are you to the lead of the Spirit?
How is the Spirit leading you this Lent?

What unnerves you as you enter a spiritual desert?
The Biblical setting of the desert is a parallel to the
COVID desert's sameness and isolation.

The Spirit is leading you into the desert. If you enter
into these 40 days wholeheartedly, you will feel
the same aloneness Jesus did. You may
experience the same dryness of the heart,

You'll must be hyper-vigilant in the spiritual
desert, attentive to the Spirit's promptings.

Mostly, *guard your heart* against temptations that
stealthily infiltrate into your thoughts, feelings,
and actions. They are subtle, unlike Jesus'
confrontation with evil's lure to
power, praise or possession.

Temptations test your heart and cause you to:

- ~ doubt the Spirit's lead
- ~ doubt Jesus is with you
- ~ doubt that anything new can happening
in your heart in this wilderness
- ~ doubt that Lent is your time
to surrender all that you are
as Jesus did
- ~ doubt that there is deeper reason
why the Spirit lead you here and will
stay with you - no matter what.

Your 2021 Lenten journey
is a once-in-a-lifetime grace.
Don' get ahead of, or miss the grace.

KEEP YOUR WORD. KEEP THE WORD.
God's blessings,

Janis



Beloved Is Where We Begin

~ Jan Richardson

If you would enter
into the wilderness,
do not begin
without a blessing.

Do not leave
without hearing
who you are:
Beloved,
named by the One
who has traveled this
path
before you.

Do not go
without letting it echo
in your ears,
and if you find
it is hard
to let it into your heart,
do not despair.
That is what
this journey is for.

I cannot promise
this blessing will free
you
from danger,
from fear,
from hunger
or thirst,
from the scorching
of sun
or the fall.
of the night.

But I can tell you
that on this path
there will be help.

I can tell you
that on this way
there will be rest.

I can tell you
that you will know
the strange graces
that come to our aid
only on a road
such as this,
that fly to meet us
bearing comfort
and strength,
that come alongside us
for no other cause
than to lean themselves
toward our ear
and with their
curious insistence
whisper our name:

*Beloved.
Beloved.
Beloved.*

Sunday Scriptures	
Genesis 9:8-15	1 Peter 3:18-22
Psalms 25:4-9	Mark 1:12-15

Tri-C Christian Ministries

Any of the following items:
Any kind of bean, dried or canned
Pasta & sauce or sm. laundry detergent

☞ Reflecting on the Word _____

As you begin your Lenten journey, what are the graces you need to sustain you in your desert times, your lonely times, and your powerless times?

FEBRUARY	
21	1st Sun Lent
23	Communion Service, 12:15p
24	PARISH ZOOM
26	SSJA CGG, 11a



PARISH ZOOM
Wednesday, Feb 24
11:00a & 7:00p
Details will be emailed



☞ Prayer Request

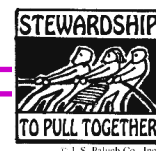
*All who are sick or suffering in any way;
all who contend with COVID;
for all in the medical community;
teachers and homeschooling parents;
our sisters and brothers in Japan & Texas;
for healing in our hearts,
our nation, and our world.
For the safety of those on the front lines
in every aspect of our community,
as well as those behind the scenes, too.*

☞ FEBRUARY

21	Celeste Liss (Birthday) r/b S. Janis
28	+Adam Border r/b Judy & Frank Simon +Ray Morales r/b Julia Mantero
☞ MARCH	
07	+Carol McQuade (15 th A) Marty Gentilini, SSJ (Birthday)
14	+Deceased members of Burke & Lux families r/b Tom Lux +Helen Purcell r/b Lana & Bob Horneck

Birthdays & Anniversaries

22 Julie Colglazier
Wendy McClamrock
22 Shelli Roth
23 Gabby LaCashio
24 Andrew Ange
Aaron Kelly
Marcus Orta
25 Ray Hernandez
27 June & Billy Soots



*Thank you for your ongoing support
for St. S and Tri-C ministries...*

Please consider beginning regular donations
to church, *especially if your household
hasn't contributed in the last 10 months.*
Please include a note on the breakout
of your check amount.

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your church donations to:

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Thank you so much!!