



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

First Sunday of Lent | February 18, 2018

23B FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mark 1:12-13. Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 4 PM

Dear Friends,

Now that Lent is here, hopefully you have begun nourishing your life with the Word of God that is offered to all of us during the Lenten masses. We only have five Bible study classes left (February 21/22 to March 21/22) before Easter. I will be dedicating these remaining classes to the passages in St. John's Gospel that occur in Lent, especially The Passion of the Lord on Good Friday.

As usual, we will be taking up a collection during mass every Friday in Lent to support the Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl program. Therefore our Friday praying and fasting will contribute directly to our brothers and sisters in need in Iraq, Nicaragua, and other places where CRS is ministering on our behalf. Please visit crsricebowl.org if you would like to learn more.

If you do not already contribute to our Diocesan Services Fund (DSF), this is another opportunity among the many to consider supporting. Your donation helps many ministries that are not supported by a parish. Contribution envelopes are beside the bulletin in the Narthex.

No matter how or to whom we give, it is always appreciated; it helps us to grow in the image and likeness of Christ whom we strive to follow more fully every day.

God Bless,

Fr. Niall



This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl invites you, your family and community to journey alongside the Good Samaritan, to reflect on the question: Who is my neighbor?

So many of our neighbors are on the move: migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, travelers. The Good Samaritan—a traveler himself, one on the move—shows us what it means to encounter the stranger, to accompany one in need and become a companion on the journey.

Pope Francis has invited Catholics to build bridges of understanding and hospitality with migrants and refugees through "Share the Journey" campaign.



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

• **2018 EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS** •

If you are making an Easter Flower Donation *in Memory of* or *in Honor of* a loved one, please note:

- ◆ Envelopes are due on or before Sunday, March 18, 2018
- ◆ Please PRINT the name(s) to be published - it is our goal to print your tributes as accurately as possible
- ◆ The Easter Flowers *in Memory of* or *in Honor of* will be published in the Sunday of Divine Mercy bulletin on April 8, 2018.

We appreciate everyone's generosity! If you have questions, please email Marcela Swihart at marcela@stcatherine-houston.org, or stop by the Parish Office weekdays from 10 - 4.



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• RESOURCES FOR LENT •

These are a few online resources that offer daily prayers, inspirational thoughts, 3 minute retreats, and more to help you draw closer to God this Lenten Season:

- ◆ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, uscbb.org
- ◆ CRS Rice Bowl, crsricebowl.org
- ◆ Sacred Spaces, www.sacredspace.ie
- ◆ Busted Halo, bustedhalo.org

MOTHER'S DAY OUT AT ST. CYRIL'S

Looking for a Mother's Day Out or Preschool Program? Your neighboring parish, St. Cyril of Alexandria at the corner of Beltway 8 and Westheimer is currently enrolling for the fall.

Our program is for children 18 months – 5 years old, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-2:00. For more information :

- please visit the website: stcyrilhouston.org
- call the Mother's Day Out office at 713-554-1551.

MOMS' GROUP

Join us **Wednesday, February 21st** from 6 - 8 PM at St. Catherine of Siena for our monthly social and keynote presenter: Diane Goyette.

Diane is a Child Development Specialist, a Keynote Speaker and Master Registered Level Trainer, and a certified Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC). She will be sharing techniques to teach kids self regulation and emotional management. Get your questions answered and learn new techniques for managing tantrums and meltdowns.

Childcare is available for \$5/child (must RSVP for childcare). **Email scsmomsgroup@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP for childcare.**

PARISH CALENDAR

• FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT •

Black and Indian Missions Collection

SAT	02/17	5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass †Paul Pavlik
SUN	02/18	8:30 AM Sunday Mass †Joe Pavelka NO CCE 11:15 AM Sunday Mass
MON	02/19	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM No Weekday Mass
TUE	02/20	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass 6 - 7:30 PM First Reconciliation Preparation
WED	02/21	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 6 - 8 PM Moms' Group 7 - 8:30 PM Bible Study
THU	02/22	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass 10:30 AM - 12 Noon Bible Study
FRI	02/16	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass

• SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT •

SAT	02/17	5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
SUN	02/18	8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:30 - 11 AM CCE 11:15 AM Sunday Mass

CLUB 55+ NEWS

• BUS TRIP •

On Saturday, March 10 we will see *On Golden Pond* at the Grand 1894 Opera House in Galveston. Both lighthearted and deeply moving, playwright Ernest Thompson's American theatrical masterpiece is the story of a curmudgeonly father and husband who must confront his strained relationship with his adult daughter and his own not-so-gentle march into old age. We will leave the church at 3:30 pm for dinner at Shrimp 'N Stuff Downtown, and should return by about 11:30 pm. The cost is \$45 per person not including dinner. Please mail your check to Diane Goyette, 5607 Summer Snow Drive, Houston, TX 77041 as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

Save the dates: Upcoming bus trips are scheduled for April 26, May 17, and Jun 19 – details to follow. Contact Diane at diane@goyette.info or 713-540-7884, or Henry at 281-684-7030. As always, the bus trip is open to everyone age 50 and over.

• FEBRUARY LUNCHEON •

Our February Luncheon will be on Monday, the 19th. We will be going to Red Lobster Restaurant on 290, between Pinemont and Hollister. The time is 1:15 PM. **Come on out and join us.**