

# First Sunday of Lent

## February 18, 2018

On this **First Sunday in Lent** there is an urgency to Mark's depiction of Jesus' experience in the desert (Mark 1.12-15). The Holy Spirit drives Jesus into the desert. What happened there? Jesus grappled with being "tempted by Satan," and in this he embraced fully the human reality of struggling to be faithful. He leaves the desert ready to begin his ministry of proclaiming "the gospel of God." Jesus had faced his own "this is the time" and said yes. Lent is our desert time to come to saying a fuller yes to God.



Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA). Those already baptized used it as a time to prepare for the **renewal of Baptismal promises**. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we

set free from? What is sin?

### Calendar of Events

#### February 19<sup>th</sup> – February 25<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	OLL/OLG Stations of the Cross*
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	RCIA Program
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00–6:30 pm	Adoration & Confession*
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 pm	OLL Stations of the Cross*
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	After 7:00 pm Mass	Bible Study
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	After 9:00 am Mass	Bible Study (repeat)
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	1:30 pm	Class Mass for OLL School*
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	After 9:00 am Mass	Friendship Sunday*

#### February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>

Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 pm	Class Mass for OLL School
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	OLL/OLG Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	RCIA Program
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	5:00–6:30 pm	Adoration & Confession
	1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm	OLL Stations of the Cross
	1 <sup>st</sup>	After 7:00 pm Mass	Bible Study
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	After 9:00 am Mass	Bible Study (repeat)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:30 pm	Class Mass for OLL School

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## Ministries for February 24<sup>th</sup> – February 25<sup>th</sup>

<b>Saturday</b> OLL 4:30 pm	<b>Reader:</b> Clint Young <b>Commentator:</b> Jackie Beaupre	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Myrtle Carroll, Keith Martin, Tony Duff, Faye Culleton <b>Religious Store:</b> Irene Perrault	Morgan Berezuk Samantha Berezuk
<b>Sunday</b> OLL 9:00 am	<b>Reader:</b> Bob Michaud <b>Commentator:</b> Muggsie Boland	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Emile & Diane Robert, Kevin & Natalie Marchment <b>Religious Store:</b> Judy Tierney	Chandler Bennett Jesse & Camryn Kelly
<b>Sunday</b> OLMC 11:00 am	<b>Reader:</b> Diane McGee	<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Mona Lacroix	

## Mass Intentions for February 19<sup>th</sup> – February 25<sup>th</sup>

Monday	7:00 pm OLMC 7:00 pm OLL	Ron Lacroix – Richard & Roland Lacroix Don Schultz – Patricia Morris
Tuesday	6:30 pm OLG/OLL 7:00 pm OLG 7:00 pm OLL	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> Margaret Faulhafer – Debbie & Joe Dupuis Anne Afelskie – Philip Montgomery
Wednesday	9:00 am OLL 10:30 am <b>Miramichi</b>	Joe Cunningham – Leo & Helen Ready Alec Gribbon – Eileen Gribbon & Family
Thursday	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm 6:30 pm OLL 7:00 pm OLL	<b>Adoration &amp; Confession</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> Martin Vereyken – Rick & Lydia Lewis
Friday	9:00 am OLL 1:30 pm OLL School Class Mass	Carl Cuddy – John & Anna Moreau Frank Bimm – Sharon Gribbon
Saturday	9:00 am OLL 4:30 pm OLL	Cody Lavoie – Lynne York Stephen Bujaki - Maria
Sunday	9:00 am OLL 11:00 am OLMC	Intentions of Parishioners Leonard Gervais – Larry & Connie Lacroix

## Sanctuary Lamp for February

Our Lady of Lourdes	George & Lucille Sullivan – Colleen Sullivan, Andrew, Liam & Scott Dunlop
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Deceased Loved Ones – Ralph & Mona Lacroix
Our Lady of Grace	Ron Ethier – Gail & Family

## DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

Pope Francis is asking all men and women of goodwill to join him in a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace on February 23rd, the Friday of the First Week of Lent. He asked that the day be offered specifically for the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan and invited both non-Catholics and non-Christians to join “in the ways they deem most appropriate.” Pope Francis said: “Everyone, in their own conscience, before God, should ask ‘what can I do for peace?’” “Surely, we can pray”, he said, “but not only: each one of us can say ‘no’ to violence in their own way.