



A Word to the Wise: "Getting Lent 'Just Right'..."

LENT is upon us. This is in Christian traditions a time of fasting and discipline, commemorating the 40 days in the wilderness when Christ prepared for his ministry and was tempted by the Devil. We know the early Church used this kind of time for preparing new members for Holy Baptism, and we still do that.

But for many today it sometimes seems to be a few short days or weeks between Mardi Gras and the first Friday of spring break, when the kids go off the reservation, and good bye, Lent. I hope that is not your experience.

Some say that Lent (the name actually comes from the Anglo-Saxon term "lencten," meaning lengthen—the time the days are getting longer as spring comes) grew up from the need in medieval days to make the best of a bad situation, so it amounts to a sort of self-rationing of the food supplies that were getting pretty sparse by the end of a long cold winter. We can relate to that a lot better this year!

So people would "give up" what wasn't available anyway, and share their food in a time of necessity when everyone's needs outweighed the hungers of each individual. We might all learn a bit from that.

If we put all that together, we might get something different from our usual "giving up chocolate" Lent (not that that is a bad idea, if it is something that works for you). Could we find in our own lives a difficult but necessary situation and make the best of it? To bear more generously with a difficult co-worker or loved one, giving up our annoyance or complaint, may be a lot closer to a Holy Lent than skipping dessert. You get the idea. And it may work miracles. And you know it will poke Old Nick in the eye. And that, I suppose, is what made the 40 days in the wilderness all worth it the first time around.

In Christ,
Frank Fuller+

This Week's Events...

Youth Bible Study Sunday, February 21, 3:00 PM at Sertino's. Topic: Eutychus' Fatal Nap

Sunday School Coffee, Wednesday, February 24, 10:00 AM, Paige Andrews' home, 6030 Gladys.

Lenten Supper—Wednesday Feb. 24, 6:00 PM

Lift Up Your Hearts!

The Rev. Robert Price, rector of St. Dunstan's Church, Houston is our guest speaker. Come share the food, fellowship and inspiration.

ECW Gathering, Thursday, February 25, 5:30 PM at the home of Liz Howell, 2524 Long Ave.

Next Week's Events...

Nolan Thornal, Tenor and Amanda Saucedo, Soprano will present our next event in St. Mark's Artist Series, Sunday, February 28, 4:00 PM in the Church. The concert features both sacred and secular music and will be accompanied by Dwight Peirce, Piano and Jerome Wells, Organ. Join us for an hour of great music with a reception to follow in the Cloister.

Christian Education Committee meets Monday, March 1 at 11:30 AM in the Abbey.

Lenten Supper—Wednesday, March 3: The Reverend John Newton, IV is our guest speaker. Come share the food, fellowship and inspiration.

Upcoming Events...

Baby shower for Jenny and Jason Ballard, Sunday, March 7 following the 10:15 AM service, in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited. Jenny and Jason are registered at Babies R Us.

Youth 30 Hour Famine, March 12-13. More information in the coming weeks.

Bishop James Tengatenga, Bishop of Southern Malawi and President of the Anglican Consultative Council will be our guest preacher, Sunday, March 14 at the 10:15 AM service.

Deadline for submitting information for The Weekly Word is Friday, 3:00 PM



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Mark the date

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Organ
 8:30 am Breakfast
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 3:00 pm Youth Bible Study
 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, February 22

9:00 am Morning Prayer & Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 23

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, February 24

10:00 am Sunday School Coffee
 5:15 pm Handbells
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
 6:00 pm Lent Supper & Programs
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 25

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayers
 10:00 am Book Study
 12:00 pm Stewardship Committee
 4:15 pm Youth Choir (All Saints School)

Friday, February 26

7:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:00 am Friday Morning Ministry
 9:00 am Food Pantry

Saturday, February 27

6:30 pm Vespers

Pray for us

Hospital	Glynn Harris		
Long Term Recovery			
Janey Broussard	Robert Blackwell	Ida Bougard	Grayson Chadney
Bryan Chenault	Joanie Clark	Selman Clark	Linda Cook
Billie Debes	Janice Dupuy	Jody Fulbright	Susan Gordy
Ginger Hebert	Rose Ann Jordan	Canda Kessler	Michael Looney
Mike Overall	Gene Pelech	Wendell Radford	Nancy Vincent
George Wentz	Evelyn Wheelus	Milt Williams	
Died	Janet LeBlanc		
Military	Joe Alexander	Danny Anders	David Clark
Justin Clark	Stephen Davis	Kara Gardner	Amos Guidry
Brad Holton	Jimmy Howell	James Fredericks	Erwin Jasmin
Jeremy Kojak	John Matlock	Michael Kobilajak	Joseph Lynch
Joshua Lynch	Collin McBride	Tony Mitchell	Kyle Morgan
Eric Nordstrom	Tony Ogden	David E. Perez	Cole Perricone
Stephen Ricker	Gavin Ritchie	Donnie Romero	Jesse Russell
Grady Salisbury	Adam Schlegal	Brian Shajari	Morgan Smyth
Gary Tipton	Stuart Williams		
Lessons: OT: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13; Gospel: Luke 4:1-13			
This Week's Birthdays...			
02/21 – Greta Gideon, Sarah Taylor			
02/22 – Justin Clark, Gerald Farha, Heather Rushing			
02/23 – Carol Boyer			
02/24 – Ashley Lowell, Gary Williams			
02/25 – Betty Schluter, Josephine Williamson			
02/26 – Eugenie Anderson, Howard Bundy, Chloe Daws, Billie Harland, Bill Piepenhagen			
02/27 – James Aucoin, Sug Blackwell, Crissy Clarke, Buffy Gajeske, Rachel Grove, Patrick Tiller, Pat Walker			

		Duty	8:00 AM	10:15 AM	6:00 PM
Lay Ministry	Schedule	Vestry Member of the Day	Dan Mabry	Dan Mabry	
		Eucharistic Ministers	Ken Poston	Laurel Shrontz, Clark Moore	Robert Finch
		Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Ken and Brenda Poston	Chris Stedman, Celeste Johnson, Jim Hayes, Connie Smith	
		Acolyte Director		Charles Teel	
		Acolytes		Travis Cobb, Curtis Leister, David Leister, Grace Leister, Grip Gilbert, Thomas Cobb, Ava Philmon	
		Ushers	Ken and Brenda Poston	Arden and Rita Read, Michael Underhill, Sally Bundy	
		Greeters	Jason Ballard	Sam Adams, Jason Ballard	
		Oblationers		Connie Smith, Celeste Johnson	
		Chapel Prayer Team		Billie and Cindy Harland, Marion Durn	
		Altar Guild	Betty Biddle	Gail Davis, Kathe Hendricks, Frances Rouse, Linda Spencer	Beryl Johnson