

## From the Priest

A young man who was struggling over lustful thoughts and desires came to his grandfather and asked, "Grandpa, at what age do you think all these temptations go away?" The man who was eighty confidently replied, "Eighty, son, at age eighty." "Eighty?" the young man gasped in disbelief.

Suddenly, a young attractive lady crossed the street and the old man's eyes were glued to the crossing beauty. Still gazing at the lady, he called back his grandson and said, "Son, did I say eighty? Well, make that eighty five."

The old saying is very true indeed. "Opportunity knocks once, but temptation beats on the door every day." Indeed, we live our lives constantly surrounded by temptations. We learned in our catechism that we have three enemies – the world, the devil and the flesh (our ego). As long as they are there, temptations will be around.

In his Lenten Message for this year, Pope Francis said, "How many of God's children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entranced by loneliness!

How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains!

These are the temptations we face today which again, in the words of Pope Francis, "appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end only make fools of us." Why? Because they are simply not true, but presented to us as such by the devil, who is "a liar and the father of lies."

That is why Lent invites us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Prayer connects us with Jesus, by whose strength alone can we overcome temptations as he did. Fasting enables us to exercise self-control, which is very necessary to stay committed to Christ. Almsgiving connects us to others and moves us from self-centeredness where sin begins.

As we enter this season of Lent, may we follow Pope Francis' invitation "to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer."

Your brother and friend,  
Fr. Roland

## This Week in Our Parish

- Sunday, Feb. 18- 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT  
Mass at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)  
1:00 p.m. (Spanish), -5:00 p.m. (English)  
SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS  
COFFEE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON SALE BY THE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS @ THE COMMUNITY CENTER  
--1:15 p.m. African Community-Parish Hall  
--3:00 p.m. Daughters of the Holy Spirit-Meeting Room  
--1:00 p.m. Couples for Christ-Welsch Center  
Monday, Feb. 19-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.  
President's Day- **CCE CLASSES**  
--5:00 p.m. Mondays with Mother Mary-Parish Hall  
--8:00 p.m. Scriptural Rosary-Chapel  
--Tuesday, Feb. 20 -Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 6:30 p.m.  
**CCE CLASSES**  
--7:00 p.m. Marriage Preparation Orientation-John Paul II  
--7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation-Bishop Odin  
--7:00 p.m. Choir Practice-Church  
--7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts-St. Maria Goretti Room  
--7:45 p.m. St. Joseph Novena-Chapel  
--Wednesday, Feb. 21- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm  
--6:30 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations-Church  
--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room  
--7:00 p.m. That Man is You-Parish Hall  
--7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-Community Center  
--7:30 p.m. Neo Cats-Meeting-Alleluia-Noah's Ark & "A"  
--8:00 p.m. Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Church  
--Thursday, Feb. 22- Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.  
--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room  
--7:00 p.m. FTCM-Community Center  
--7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer-Bishop Odin  
--7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus-Parish Hall  
--7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary-Room "B"  
--8:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer-Chapel  
11:00 p.m. Precious Blood-Chapel  
--Friday, Feb. 23- Mass at 6:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (English)-Church  
7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass (English & Spanish)-Church  
--5:00 p.m. Fish Fry-KC's-Community Center  
--6:00 p.m. Youth for Christ-Welsch Center  
--7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Room "F"  
--7:30 p.m. Divine Mercy-Chapel  
--7:30 p.m. Lord's Flock-Alleluia Room  
--8:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Chapel  
--8:00 p.m. Totus Tuus Prayer Group-Parish Hall  
--Saturday- Feb. 24- Mass at 8:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.  
--8:00 a.m. Parish Lenten Retreat: Mass at Church is  
continued at the Community Center until 12 noon.  
--10:00 a.m. Catholic Daughters-Conference Room  
--12:00 p.m. PASCOH-Alleluia  
--4:00 p.m. Confessions-Church  
--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Parish Hall  
--8:00 p.m. Precious Blood- Chapel  
--Sunday, Feb. 25- 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT  
Mass at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)  
1:00 p.m. (Spanish), -5:00 p.m. (English)  
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP BY THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY  
@ THE COMMUNITY CENTER  
--2:00 p.m. Bible Study-Meeting Room  
--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit-Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

SEASON OF LENT / CUARESMA 2018  
EVERY FRIDAY/TODOS LOS VIERNES



**Stations of the Cross:**

Immediately following the 10 am Mass  
6:30 pm (English)

MASS/ MISA; 7:00 P.M. (Bilingual-Bilingue)

**Estaciones de la Cruz**

Después de la Misa de las 7 p.m. (Español)

**Lenten Guidelines**

**Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year.**

**Fasting is obligatory for people from 18-60 years. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year.**

**If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the ‘paschal fast’ to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.**

**Sunday, Feb. 18- 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Gn 9: 8-15; 1 Pt 3: 18-22; Mk 1: 12-15*

--7:00 a.m. Melgar (Mel) Gayao (Healing)

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

--11:00 a.m. + Thelma Richardson

--1:00 p.m. + Maria T. Martinez

--5:00 p.m. Michael Perez (Healing)

**Monday, Feb. 19- 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF LENT Wkdy**

*Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18; Mt 25: 31-46*

--6:15 a.m. + Thomas & Anna

--7:00 p.m. + Juana & Leon Rodil

**Tuesday, Feb. 20- 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF LENT Wkdy**

*Is 55: 10-11; Mt 6: 7-15*

--6:15 a.m. + Alberto Ramirez Díaz

--6:30 p.m. + Ricardo Angeles

**Wednesday, Feb. 21 -1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF LENT Wkdy**

*(Fast and Abstinence)*

*Jon 3: 1-10; Lk 11: 29-32*

--6:15 a.m. + All Souls

--7:00 p.m. Vocations

**Thursday, Feb. 22- 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF LENT Wkdy**

*1 Pt 5: 1-4; Mt 16: 13-19*

--6:15 a.m. Unborn Babies

--7:00 p.m. Good Family (Special Intention)

**Friday, Feb. 23 - 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF LENT Wkdy (Abstinence)**

*Ez 18: 21-28; Mt 5: 20-26*

--6:15 a.m. + Emilio Llaver Avalos

--10:00 a.m. + Bienvenido Medel

--7:00 p.m. + Fidel M. Honculada

**Saturday, Feb. 24- 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF LENT Wkdy**

*Dt 26: 16-19; Mt 5: 43-48*

--8:00 a.m. Aurelio & Lorena (Wedding Anniversary)

--5:00 p.m. + Reynaldo Dizon (Death Anniversary)

**Sunday, Feb. 25- SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8: 31b-34; Mk 9: 2-10*

--7:00 a.m. + Eufemio & Maria Cajita

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

--11:00 a.m. Family of Ughanze (Thanksgiving)

--1:00 p.m. Roselin A. Hernandez (Thanksgiving 15)

--5:00 p.m. + Thelma Richardson

Sanctuary Candles burning in Memory of

**El Hadji Oumar**

**(Special Intention)**

**From: Gueye and Family**



Barbara Collier, Cary Kearns, Francisco Saiza, Alfred Mikula, Mike Rios, Joel Castro, Antonio Macrohon, Becky Navarro, Mary Lou Walker, Ianne P. Quila, Anthony & Maria Tran, Sally Wittmer, Sue Zientek, Jesus de Mora, Mike Trimborn, Trisha Lovetro Koch, Mel Gayao, Severo Zapata, Ma. Dolores D. Zapata, Madelaine Zenaida, Richard & Iris Treviño, Lucita Ramirez ..  
.and ALL sick members of our parish community.

**Homebound: Visited by our Ministers of the Sick ...**

Lydia Agustin, Sam Barletta, Dolly Cyganski, Elizabeth Misri, Carolyn Starrette, Francisca Salaria, Rosa Waguespack, Don Wenglar, Stephen Mustafa Kroma, Joan Holder, Florence Otorra, Shuri Ngomba, Lawrence Carter...

**Central Europe**

**Marian Pilgrimage**

Switzerland – France – Germany – Netherlands - Belgium

June 11 to 23, 2018

\$3,790.00 per person from Houston

**SEATS ARE LIMITED**

Spiritual Director:

**Msgr. Rolando Diokno**

Tour Coordinator:

**Linnie Drilon 281-686-8915**

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**Houston TX 77072**

**FARE INCLUSIVE OF THE FOLLOWING**

- Round Trip Air Fare via British Airways from Houston
- First Class Hotels \*Double Occupancy \*Breakfast and Dinner (where indicated in the itinerary)
- First Class Motor Coach \*Catholic Guides \*Masses
- Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges (subject to change)

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Financial Results for Church Operations  
Six Months: July – December, 2017**

Receipts .....	\$ 473,006
Expenses .....	\$ 518,069
3 Month Deficit.....	\$ 45,063

**PARISH WEEKLY NEEDS \$17,500**

Collection 02/11/2018

Regular Collection.....\$13,794.96

Novena .....\$213.74

Poor Box .....\$181.00

**Capital Campaign IV "Our Lady – Our Commitment"  
Collection 02/04/2018**

Capital Campaign:.....\$5,941.07

EWTN will be airing programs hosted by Fr. Cedric Pisegna, C.P. each Sunday of Lent from 4:30-5:00 p.m. CT. The series is named Lent – A Season of Grace.

- 2/18/18 "Resolution or Revolution?"
- 2/25/18 "Come to the Mountaintop"
- 3/4/18 "Persevere in Prayer"
- 3/11/18 "You are Loved"
- 3/18/18 "Explosive Growth"
- 3/25/18 "Holy Week"

**Service Project with Young Adults**

Come be the "hands and feet of Christ" with hundreds of young adults ages 18-39 at the Archdiocesan Young Adult Day of service, prayer and fellowship on **Saturday, March 17**. Teams will help serve those in need like Harvey victims, the sick, the poor, the hungry, homeless, prisoners and immigrants. The Day begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Sheltz, followed by breakfast then head out to serve in teams all over the city. Online registration required [www.archgh.org/yacm](http://www.archgh.org/yacm) or call 713-741-8778. Participants can choose from a list of available service projects. \$10 includes t-shirt/breakfast.

**Notre Dame Prepares for 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary:  
We need your help!**

Take lots of pictures of your group meetings, activities, celebrations, etc. for the Parish Pictorial Directory Special Edition. Send pictures to [admin@ndgh.org](mailto:admin@ndgh.org), [accounting@ndgh.org](mailto:accounting@ndgh.org) or bring them to the parish office

## Del Pastor

Un joven que estaba luchando por pensamientos y deseos lujuriosos se acercó a su abuelo y le preguntó: "Abuelo, ¿a qué edad crees que desaparecen todas estas tentaciones?" El hombre que tenía ochenta años respondió con confianza: "Ochenta, hijo, a los ochenta años . " "¿Ochenta? " el joven jadeó con incredulidad.

De repente, una atractiva dama cruzó la calle y los ojos del anciano estaban pegados a la belleza de la dama. Todavía mirando a la dama, llamó a su nieto y le dijo: "Hijo, ¿he dicho ochenta? Bueno, haz eso ochenta y cinco ".

El viejo dicho es muy cierto en verdad. "La oportunidad golpea una vez, pero la tentación late en la puerta todos los días". De hecho, vivimos nuestras vidas constantemente rodeados de tentaciones. En nuestro catecismo aprendimos que tenemos tres enemigos: el mundo, el diablo y la carne (nuestro ego). Mientras estén allí, las tentaciones estarán en nuestro alrededor.

En su Mensaje de Cuaresma para este año, el Papa Francisco dijo: "¡Cuántos de los hijos de Dios están hipnotizados por placeres momentáneos, confundiéndolos con verdadera felicidad! ¡Cuántos hombres y mujeres viven con el sueño de la riqueza, que solo los hace esclavos del beneficio y de los pequeños intereses! ¡Cuántos van por la vida creyendo que son suficientes para sí mismos, y terminan envueltos en la soledad!

¡Cuántos jóvenes son absorbidos por las drogas, por relaciones temporales que no conducen a nada serio, por ganancias fáciles pero que son deshonestas!

Estas son las tentaciones a las que nos enfrentamos hoy que, nuevamente, en palabras del Papa Francisco, "apelan a nuestra vanidad, nuestra confianza en las apariencias, pero al final solo nos hacen quedar en ridículo". ¿Por qué? Porque simplemente no son verdad, pero se nos presentan como tales por el diablo, que es "un mentiroso y el padre de las mentiras".

Es por eso que la Cuaresma nos invita a la oración, el ayuno y la caridad. La oración nos conecta con Jesús, que solo con su fuerza podemos vencer las tentaciones. El ayuno nos permite ejercer el autocontrol, lo cual es necesario para permanecer comprometidos con Cristo. La caridad nos conecta con otros y nos mueve desde el egocentrismo donde comienza el pecado.

Al entrar en esta temporada de Cuaresma, podemos seguir la invitación del Papa Francisco "a emprender el viaje Cuaresmal con entusiasmo, sostenido por la caridad, el ayuno y la oración".

Tu hermano y amigo, Padre Roland

## EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Domingo, 18 de Febrero-

### PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español -Iglesia

--6:30 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

Lunes, 19 de Febrero 2018-

### Día de los Presidentes

--9:00 a.m. AMSIF-Parish Hall- Varios Salones

--7:00 p.m. RICA-Centro Comunitario

Martes, 20 de Febrero -

--7:00 p.m. Catecismo de la Iglesia-Salón de Conferencias

Miércoles, 21 de Febrero -

--7:30 p.m. Rosario en Español-Capilla

--7:00 p.m. Coro en Español-Salón "F"

--7:00 p.m. Guadalupanos-Salón "E"

--7:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "G"

--8:00 p.m. Apostolado de la Cruz-Salones Odín y Conferencias

Jueves, 22 de Febrero -

--7:00 p.m. ELI Grupo de Oración-Salones "F" y "G"

--7:00 p.m. Oración y Vida-Meeting Room

Viernes, 23 de Febrero -

--4:00 p.m. Oscar Maldonado+ (Aniv. de Muerte)-Capilla

--6:00 p.m. Legión de María Jóvenes- Salón "E"

--7:00 p.m. Grupo ELI-Salones B C E G

--7:00 p.m. Preparación de Matrimonio-Salón de Conferencias

--7:00 p.m. Solo para Parejas-Meeting Room

--8:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "A"

--8:00 p.m. Estaciones de la Cruz-Iglesia

Sábado, 24 de Febrero -

--9:00 Hijos e Hijas de Maria-Salón Aleluya

-12:00 Stephany Esteban-Quinceañera-Iglesia

--4:00 p.m. Confesiones-Iglesia

--7:00 p.m. ELI- Salón "C"

--8:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret- Meeting Room

Domingo, 25 de Febrero -

### SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español -Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

## Guías Cuaresmales

Los Viernes en Cuaresma son días obligatorios de abstinencia completa (de la carne) para todos los que han cumplido 14 años.

El ayuno es obligatorio para personas de 18-60 años.

El ayuno le permite a una persona comer una comida completa. Se pueden tomar dos comidas pequeñas, que no equivalen a una comida completa.

La abstinencia (de la carne) es obligatoria para todos los que hayan cumplido 14 años

Si es posible, el ayuno del Viernes Santo continúa hasta la Vigilia Pascual (en la noche del Sábado Santo) como el "ayuno pascual" para honrar el sufrimiento y la muerte del Señor Jesús, y para prepararnos para compartir más plenamente y celebrar más fácilmente su Resurrección.