

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

CATHOLIC PARISH

SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM | SUNDAY: 8 AM & 10:30 AM | CONFESSION: SATURDAY AT 4:15 PM

WEEKDAYS: 9 AM MASS (T-F) | 8:30 AM CONFESSION (TUES/THURS) | ROSARY BEFORE EACH MASS



THE TRAP OF THE FORBIDDEN AND THE PATH TO VICTORY BY FR. JOHN KIBOMBO

Another season of grace is upon us, and there is a beautiful rhythm to how the Church guides our spiritual lives. If we look closely, our liturgical year centers on two great peaks: Christmas and Easter. However, we don't simply arrive at these heights; we must trek through the "training grounds" of Advent and Lent. These are the seasons where we sharpen our souls so that, during the Ordinary Time that follows, we can live out the salvation we have received.

Today, let's be honest about the nature of sin. Think back to your childhood. When a parent warned, "Don't touch that, it's hot," what was the first thing you wanted to do? As Mark Twain once quipped, Adam might not have even wanted the apple for its taste, he wanted it simply because it was forbidden. He suggested that if the serpent had been the forbidden one, Adam would have eaten the serpent instead! This is the core of our struggle: a restless desire to test the boundaries.

As we begin these forty days, the readings from Genesis and the Gospel remind us that the anatomy of temptation never changes. It follows a predictable, deceptive pattern:

- **The Lure:** Sin always presents itself as something beautiful, "pleasing to the eye," and beneficial.
- **The Lie:** It promises fulfillment, whispering that we will finally be satisfied once we give in.
- **The Void:** Once we succumb, the "serpent" vanishes, leaving us feeling emptier and more exposed than we were before.

The secret to navigating this desert is found in Jesus. When faced with the enemy, He didn't argue or weigh the pros and cons; He simply declared, "**Be off, Satan!**" This Lent, let us stop dialoguing with our temptations. Do not entertain the "forbidden" out of curiosity. Instead, keep your eyes fixed on Christ, our strength and our shield, as we journey toward the light of the Resurrection.

Personal reflection:

- Am I treating my Lenten sacrifice (fasting, prayer, almsgiving) as chores, or as necessary training to live a more joyful, Christian life during Ordinary Time?
- In what areas of my life am I "touching the stove" just to see if it really burns? Is there a specific "forbidden" habit I am entertaining simply because I think I can handle the heat?
- Where in my life am I currently "negotiating" with temptation instead of saying "Be off, Satan"? How can I use the Word of God this week to shut down that internal dialogue?



Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper
5:30pm every Friday in Lent followed by supper in the
Parish Hall

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MUSIC CORNER

Welcome to Lent! As we enter this season of penitence and self reflection, our liturgy is becoming simpler as well, by focusing on chant in the ordinary and also in our hymnody. The Church's view on chant begins with the conviction that Gregorian chant is uniquely suited to the Roman Rite. This echoes the teaching of the Second Vatican Council that chant should be given "pride of place" because it grew organically from the liturgy itself and expresses its texts with clarity, reverence, and beauty. Chant is not valued merely for historical reasons, but because its musical form naturally supports prayer and the sacred action of the Mass. As we travel through this Lenten journey together, I pray that the simplicity and reverence of our liturgy may give room for God to speak to us in new ways and draw us closer to Him.



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**Fun fact! 72% of new U.S. priests surveyed reported having served as altar servers during their youth before entering seminary.*



New Tithing envelopes for April are on their way. If you have requested them and don't receive them by the middle of March, contact Rachael in the Parish Office.



Thank you!

WIDOWS GROUP



Our next gathering will be at Tomato Street on March 2nd. We will meet at OLF at 4:30pm to carpool together. Contact Mary Jane Henderson at 208-313-1003 or by email at futureduck@aol.com for more information and to be included in our reservation.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, FEB 23

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEB 24

(8:30 am Confession)

9am, Fr. Vincent

WEDNESDAY, FEB 25

9am, Fr. Hartin

THURSDAY, FEB 26

(8:30 am Confession)

8:50 am, Fr. John

FRIDAY, FEB 27

9am, Fr. John

SATURDAY, FEB 28

(4:15 PM Confession)

5 PM, Fr. John

SUNDAY, MAR 1

8 am, Fr. John

10:30 am, Fr. John (Incense)



Join us Downstairs in the parish hall after both morning Masses for Coffee, donuts, and community!

Come and adore!

Adoration every Thursday after the 9:00am Mass-7pm

To sign up for a fixed hour, or to offer yourself as a substitute adorer, please call 509-701-9687

If you are looking for baptism, marriage, Holy Eucharist for the homebound, or funeral services, please contact the parish office.

PARISH STAFF

Priest Administrator: Fr. Vincent Gilmore; **Senior Priest:** Fr. Patrick Hartin;

Parochial Vicar/Director of Faith Formation: Fr. John Kibombo; **Deacon:** Patrick Cheung;

Assistant Parish Administrator: Rachael Lentes; **Receptionist:** Mindy Muglia;

Music Director: Joel Cummings; **Bookkeeper:** Carolyn Berry;

Facilities Manager: Brandon Berry; **Knights of Columbus:** John Faerber (509) 990-3161

All Saints School Principal: Jen Lewis

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Feb 9 - Feb 15:

Tithe: \$4236

Poor: \$301

Guatemala Fund: \$560



Join us Wednesday evenings for Fatima Shepherds' Table Night! Come and grow in faith and community. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Starting at 6:30, adults are invited to take part in a book study, while children (ages 6 and up) will take part in sacramental preparation. **Food Theme: Taco Night**

FROM "THE FLOCK"

Shepherd's Table has been such a blessing to our family. Each week we gather for a meal, and while the food is always great, it's been fun sharing dishes our family enjoys with others and getting to try theirs in return. But, the best part is the time we all share. Our kids call it "faith night" and are always asking "Is it Wednesday yet?" They love learning about God and trying new foods. We are getting to know others better and asking more questions that help us grow in our faith. Little by little, it's making our parish feel even more like a family.

If you would like to grow in faith and friendship, you should come check it out for yourself!

The Cooney Family - Jason, Melissa, Carter, and Adeline



Easter Egg Hunt - Volunteers Needed!

Our parish Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it a joyful celebration for our children!

We are looking for:

- Individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs
- Fun egg fillers (stickers, small toys, etc.)
- A few brave and "heroic hidiers" to help hide eggs before the hunt begins

Donations can be dropped off at the parish office by Wed March 25th. If you're willing to help hide eggs or assist that day, please contact Rachael in the office to sign up. 509-747-7213 ext. 0

Thank you for helping us create a fun and faith-filled Easter celebration for our parish families!

OCIA meets Sundays at 9 am in the parish office.

For information please contact Deborah Schultz at 509-599-1189



PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair: Tim Devlin **Secretary:** Melissa Cooney **Members:** Jennie Bradley, Jon Hammond, Agatha Osiro, and Scott Soren

FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair: Ed Parry **Secretary:** Michael Felice **Members:** Dale Butterfield and James Sever

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Feb 24
Lee Volesky+
Req. by Anon

Wednesday, Feb 25
Bill Wallace+
Req. by Family

Thursday, Feb 26
Dianne Sumpter +
Req. by Faebbers

Friday, Feb 27
Gary Kolar +
Req. by Faebbers

DAILY READINGS

2026 FEBRUARY 23 MONDAY

Reading 1, Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Gospel, Matthew 25:31-46

2026 FEBRUARY 24 TUESDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalms 34:4-7, 16-19
Gospel, Matthew 6:7-15

2026 FEBRUARY 25 WEDNESDAY

Reading 1, Jonah 3:1-10
Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Gospel, Luke 11:29-32

2026 FEBRUARY 26 THURSDAY

Reading 1, Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 7-8
Gospel, Matthew 7:7-12

2026 FEBRUARY 27 FRIDAY

Reading 1, Ezekiel 18:21-28
Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Gospel, Matthew 5:20-26

2026 FEBRUARY 28 SATURDAY

Reading 1, Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Gospel, Matthew 5:43-48

2026 MARCH 1 SUNDAY

Reading 1, Genesis 12:1-4
Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9
Reading 2, Timothy 1:8-10



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Wednesday, March 25 • 9 am - 3 pm



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