

PRAYER CORNER

Lord, We ask that you heal our sick, bring comfort to the families who have lost love ones. May your will be done. Amen

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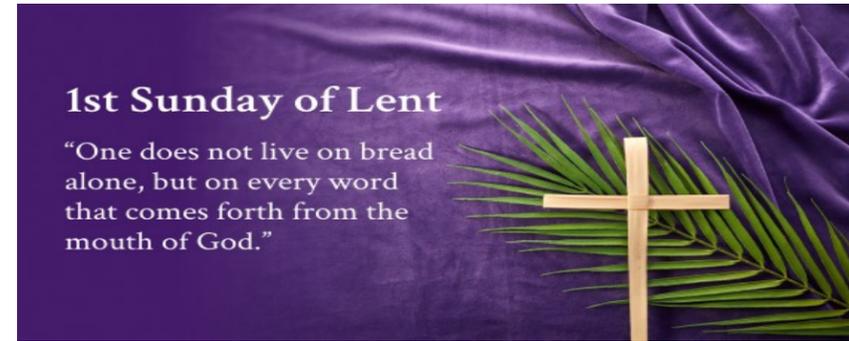
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1st Sunday of Lent

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

The 1st Sunday of Lent Year A brings us into the story of Jesus in the desert. He fasts for forty days and is tempted by the devil. But Jesus stays faithful. He trusts God and chooses what is right. This reading reminds us that Lent is a time to turn away from sin and follow Jesus more closely.

We all face moments of weakness and times when we fall into temptation. But this Sunday shows us that no matter how far we stray, we can always return to God. Jesus' victory over temptation gives us hope that we can overcome our own struggles. It also reminds us of God's endless mercy.

The first reading shows how Adam and Eve were tempted and gave in. They ate the fruit God told them not to eat. Their choice brought sin into the world. But the Gospel shows something new. Jesus is also tempted, but He says no. He shows us a better way.

Saint Paul helps us connect these two stories. He says that one man brought sin, but another man, Jesus, brings life. Through Him, we can be made right with God again. This message of hope is at the center of the 1st Sunday of Lent Year A.

Lent is a season for change. It is a time to say no to things that pull us away from God. It is also a time to trust, to pray, and to begin again. As we walk through Lent, we follow Jesus, who shows us the way.

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Parish Office Hours
Wednesday & Thursday
11:00 am—5:00 pm
Friday
10:00 am—1:00 pm

February 22, 2026

Regular Mass Times
Sunday: 10:00 am
Vigil Mass Sat: 5:00 pm
Mon thru Fri—7:00 am
Saturday: 8:00 am

Adoration Times
Wednesday: 5:00pm-7:00pm
Thursday: 7:30am-3:00pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Friday: 7:30am-noon
Saturday: 4:00pm-4:50pm

Rosary
Sunday 9:00 am
(1st Sunday Live-streamed)
Monday-Friday 6:20 a. m.
Saturday—7:15 a.m.

Confession
Mon-Fri: 6:00am—6:50 am
7:30am-7:55am
Saturday 4pm-4:50pm
By appointment during office hours

Mass for Deceased
Feb 25, 7:00 a.m.
Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 27

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In Memoriam

Fr. Jerome LeDoux
Feb 26, 1930-Jan 7, 2019

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Daily Readings for the Week

Feb. 22—Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5-12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Feb. 23—Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Feb. 24—Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Feb. 25—Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11: 29-32

Feb. 26—Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Feb. 27—Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Feb. 28—Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

February Live Stream Schedule

2/22—Howard Rattliff

February Lector Schedule

2/21—Stephanie Rodriguez

2/22—LaWonda Peoples Brenda Weiss

February Special Collection

2/22—Black and Indian Missions.

Mass Intentions
 FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Feb. 22

Special Intentions for
 Joe Lopez

Monday Feb. 23

For OMM Parishioners

Tuesday Feb. 24

For OMM Parishioners

Wednesday Feb. 25

For OMM Parishioners

Thursday Feb. 26

For OMM Parishioners

Friday Feb. 27

For OMM Parishioners

Saturday Feb. 28

8am Mass—For OMM

Parishioners

5pm Mass—Repose soul of

Daniel Horton, Jr.

Parish Support for week of: 2/15/2026	
Regular Collection	\$2,593.00
Weekday Mass	\$100.00
Mass Intentions	\$40.00
Parish Maintenance	\$60.00
St. Anne's Candles	\$56.95
St. Anne's Relig Merch	\$31.00
St. Anne's Donation	\$40.00
Catholic Charities	\$250.45
Church Office Supplies	\$100.00
	\$
Total Collection	\$3,271.40
Total Weekend Attendance	157

As Father Peter settles in at OMM, he wishes to receive feedback from the parish that will help to provide better support for you. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. There are 23 questions, and it will take only a few minutes.

To complete the survey:

1. **Open the camera app on your smartphone.**
2. **Point your camera at the QR code provided.**
3. **Tap the notification that appears on your screen.**
4. **Follow the link to complete the survey.**

If using a desktop, enter the url address.

The survey only takes a few minutes, and your responses will help us better serve our community.

Thank you for your participation!

Survey Start Date: February 13, 2026

Survey End Date: February 28, 2026

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 Survey QR code



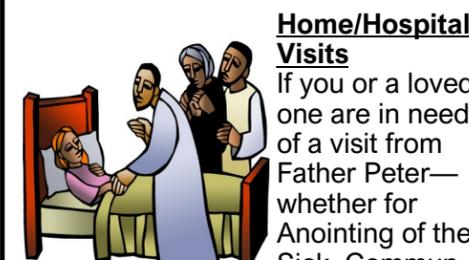
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STATIONS of the CROSS

A Powerful School of Love and Sacrifice
 Each station reveals the dept of Christ's love. Jesus suffers **not because He had to**, but because He chose to—out of love for humanity. This helps Catholic grow in gratitude and inspires them to love selflessly, even when it costs something.



In celebration of Black Heritage Month, St. Anne's Altar Society will be serving its annual Sunday Dinner on **February 22**, in the PLC. For a donation of \$12, the meal is a choice of Baked or Fried Chicken. Dinners include Mac & Cheese, Collard Greens, Yams, bread and cake. Take a break from cooking this Sunday. **Text 682-365-6375 to reserve your dinners.**



Home/Hospital Visits

If you or a loved one are in need of a visit from Father Peter—whether for Anointing of the Sick, Communion, or pastoral care—please contact the parish office to make the request. We want to ensure your privacy and confidentiality and at the same time make sure that everyone receives the care they need. Father can only respond when he is notified. Please call the office 817-335-1695.

POP-UP Kitchen at OMM

Come by and pick up on March 1st 11-2 pm.
 Smoked Turkey Legs \$12
 Creole Red Beans/Rice \$8
 Reservations: call 817

-296-3921 or 817-253-0806 or KPC89Events@gmail.com.
 Sponsor/ Knights of Peter Claver.

20 Out of the Box Things to do for Lent 2026—Part 1

Are you tired of giving up chocolate for Lent? Then here are some other creative ideas on what you can do for Lent 2026.

To be clear, this is not a list of things to do instead of fasting and sacrificing during Lent. I'm always on guard for talk that sounds like, "I'm not doing a regular Lent, I'm doing a cool Lent." Fasting and sacrifice are essential practices modeled and endorsed by Christ himself and are among the main actions that the Church calls us to during the Lenten season. (No pain, no gain. No cross, no crown.) That being said, prayer and almsgiving—the source and fruit of sacrifice and fasting—are also essential to Lenten observance. Self-giving love must flow from and into the Trinity, which is the source and destiny of all love. Prayer is first. In our prayer we are driven by the Spirit into the desert with Christ (Matthew 4:1) and in our prayer we are nourished by every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). Almsgiving, the other main action of Lenten observance, means offering or giving with love. When we pray and fast we grow in real liberty and can more effectively love as God loves.

1. **Daily Mass... with a Twist**
 Whether you are already a daily Mass goer or not, resolve to go during Lent. To add an element of specific intercession and self-gift, pick someone in your life to offer your Mass up for each time you go. Afterwards send them a simple, but personalized note or text letting them know about it.
2. **Pray It Forward**
 Pray the Rosary every day (or on specific set days) for the intentions of someone in your life and give the person you prayed for the Rosary that you used. Invite them to do the same.
3. **Get on Your Knees**
 If you don't already, consider praying by your bedside on your knees before you go to bed and when you wake up. St. John Paul II reported that it was very impactful to observe that his father carried out this practice.

By Colin Maciver / ascensionpress.com

Key Dates for Voting in 2026 Primary Elections

Early voting ends: 2/27/2026
 Texas Primary Election: 3/3/2026

To view what is on ballot go to:

<https://apps.texastribune.org/features/2026/texas-march-2026-primaryballot/>

Email Verification

The recent winter closures made it apparent that we need to stay connected. We are building an email distribution list and or phone tree. If you have not provided an email, please do. Pick up an index card from the ushers, complete it and return it. If you do not have an email, please provide a cell phone number. Emails and Phone trees lists are currently being developed so that we may keep everyone informed. Thank you.



From 4-7 pm
 Dinner are \$15.00

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