

Baptism, Confirmation & Lent

St. John Chrysostom



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Lectio: Confirmation # 5 30:45 – 35:11

That was an excerpt from a homily from St. John Chrysostom. He spoke about the relationship between Baptism, Anointing (Confirmation) & spiritual warfare.

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Wow, that is some incredible imagery.

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After Jesus was anointed and strengthened by the Spirit, He went out into the desert to do battle with the enemy.

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Are you listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit?

Do you know what your latest mission is?

You have an opportunity to go into the desert like Jesus and fast for 40 days and do battle with the devil.

It begins this Wednesday.

Are you ready to accept your mission?

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LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

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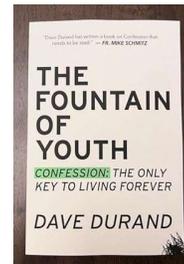
How will we exercise our spiritual and moral muscles?

Lent is a time in which we focus on praying, fasting and almsgiving.

We have some ideas for you – take a look at the “Lenten Events” page we handed you when you arrived.

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EVENT	DETAILS
Mass	Mon. @ 6:30 pm, Tues.-Fri. @ 8 am
Adoration	1st Fri. - March 6, 1st Sat. - March 7
Reconciliation	Mondays @ 6:00 pm & Fridays @ 5:30 pm Wed. March 18 @ 6:00 pm @ St. Cecilia
Daily Devotions	<i>Paper</i> - The Word Among Us (in portico) <i>Online</i> - Formed, Amen App, Holy Heroes
Stations of the Cross	Fridays @ 6:00 pm
Spiritual Formation	Adult Study Class or RENEW or read a book Phone Apps: FORMED, Amen, Manna
Prayer & Service	40 Days for Life Vigil - Sun. March 15
Almsgiving	CRSricebowl.org



It's time to start thinking about what your time in the desert will be like.

How will you FAST? What will you remove from your life that you are currently doing?

How will you PRAY? What will you add to your schedule?
Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Daily Devotions, Stations of the Cross, Spiritual Formation, Prayer & Service.

How will you give ALMS? Rice Bowl? Volunteer your time?

These are a few of the opportunities provided by St. Cecilia.

Spend some time in the next few days planning for what you will do during the Season of Lent.

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Lord God, thank you for not leaving us orphans,
but for sending us the Holy Spirit.

Please continue to help us grow in boldness as
we witness to you.

We pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will
continue to transform us each and every day.

In minute, we are going to head up to the church to finish
with song and prayer.

But before we do, let's pray this prayer together.

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Please take your papers with you and go up to the church.