

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER
SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY



The first temptation was that of the flesh, namely for food. The devil approached Christ at His weakest, after 40 days fasting in the desert. "If you are the Son of God, turn these stones into bread." The second temptation was against faith, against power and authority. The devil brought Him to the Holy City, to the pinnacle of the temple, and told Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He has given His angels charge concerning You; and upon their hands they shall bear You up, lest You dash Your foot against a stone.'" The third temptation was one of idolatry, as well as one of pride, and esteem. After showing Christ all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, the devil told Him, "All these things will I give You, if You will fall down and worship me."

Jesus endured all of these temptations in order to claim victory over the devil and to show us how to fight these three temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil in our lives. The next three Sundays take each of these temptations and combats them directly. Corresponding to the temptation to bread, Jesus multiplies the loaves and fish and speaks of the Eucharist. Against the second temptation, the Gospel of the 3rd Sunday of Lent details our Lord's rightful authority over demons by exorcising them out of souls. As for the 3rd temptation in which our Lord was asked to fall down and worship the devil, the Gospel passage of the 2nd Sunday of Lent is on the transfiguration and we see the apostles falling down to worship Christ as God.

The masses during the week also correspond to these Sundays. The first 4 weeks of Lent go together and the last two weeks of Passiontide flow together.

There is so much we can derive from the liturgy during this fruitful time, especially if we take advantage of the pious practices of prayer, fasting, meditation, and almsgiving in our daily life.

Watch and pray, tend the garden of your souls so that Christ can make the seed of Faith grow well within you. May God bless you and keep you close to His Heart.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 20-27

SUNDAY: SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

8:00 AM LOW MASS
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

MONDAY: FERIA

7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: CHAIR OF ST. PETER

7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: ST. PETER DAMIAN

7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE/M

7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: FERIA

5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
6:00 PM LOW MASS

SATURDAY: SATURDAY OF OUR LADY

8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
9:00 AM LOW MASS

CONFESSIONS

MON-THURS: 7:25 - 7:40AM

FRIDAY - SUNDAY:

45 MIN BEFORE MASS
OR BY APPOINTMENT

The Readings of Lent

Dear Faithful of St. Michael,

May God be praised! The liturgies of Holy Week are the center of the whole liturgical year and Holy Mother Church gives us Lent to help form our attitude and soul in preparation for this most sacred week. Every day during Lent has a proper mass. These readings and prayers are all connected and meant to prepare the soil of your soul to receive the seed of faith so that it will grow without being impeded. I would encourage everyone, even if you are not able to make it to daily mass, to read the propers of the day's mass; meditate on what the theme might be, figure how each reading connects, and how the theme of each mass corresponds to the mass of Sunday. Then meditate upon what God might be trying to teach you. The 1st Sunday of Lent begins with Christ fasting in the desert and the three temptations with which the devil tested him.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- This Tuesday, February 22, is the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. This is a first class feast for members of the FSSP. With the basement construction going on we opted not to have a big celebration, but we will plan something special for next year.



The Chair of St. Peter

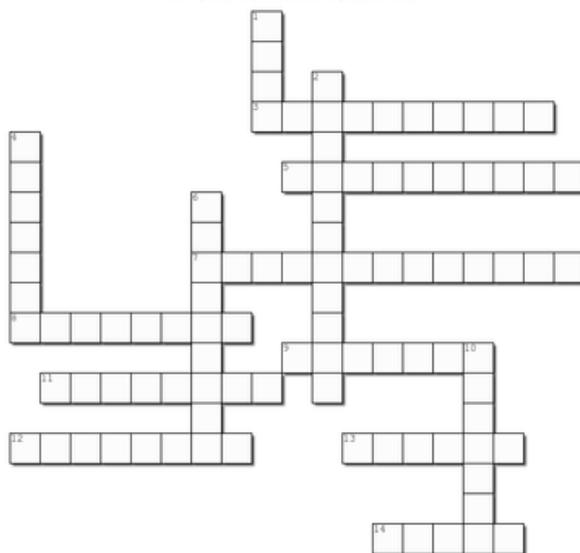
From a sermon by St. Augustine

"The solemn Feast of today received from our forefathers the name of that of St Peter's Chair at Antioch, because there is a tradition that it was on this day that Peter, first of the Apostles, was enthroned in a Bishop's Chair. Rightly, therefore, do the Churches observe the first day of that Chair, the right to which the Apostle received for the salvation of the Churches from the Lord of the Churches Himself, with the words: Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church. It was the Lord Himself Who called Peter the foundation of the Church, and therefore it is right that the Church should reverence this foundation whereon her mighty structure riseth. Justly is it written in the Psalm which we have just heard: Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders. Blessed be God, Who hath commanded that the Blessed Apostle Peter should be exalted in the congregation! Worthy to be honored by the Church is that foundation from which her goodly towers rise, pointing to heaven!"

St. Michael is hosting Fr. Bisig:

Fr. Josef Bisig, FSSP, will be here on March 18th and 19th to give us a few lectures on the founding of the Fraternity and a little advice on how to navigate our fidelity to the Pope while maintaining and passing on the traditions and teachings of our Catholic Faith. He will be speaking in the hall on **Friday March 18th at 7:00 pm** and **Saturday morning at 10:00 am.**

From the Provincial House: The priests are interested in acquiring a treadmill or elliptical machine. If anyone is interested in donating or selling one, contact the HQ at 570-842-4000. Thank you!



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Across

3. St. Luke's gospel and book of Acts were addressed this 'lover of God'.
5. Cardinal virtue that moderates desires for food and drink.
7. The 'Angelic' Doctor of the Church. (2 words)
8. Sacramental rite of expelling demons from places and people.
9. The traditional black garment father wears.
11. Number of St. Paul's books in the Bible.
12. Judas Iscariot's replacement.
13. Book of the bible containing the 10 commandments.
14. The part of one's income set aside for God.

Down

1. Quadragesima is Latin for this liturgical season.
2. Doctor of the Church, friend of St. Gregory VII, feast day Feb 23. (2 words)
4. Cardinal virtue that renders to each person his due.
6. David's illicit lady love.
10. Abraham's second wife.

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" But His disciples then began to ask Him what this parable meant, He said to them, "To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'"

LUKE 8:8-10 FROM THE GOSPEL OF SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Pro Populo

Irene Langer

rb Mary Pheasant

Monday: 7:45 AM

Michael Pheasant

rb Mary Pheasant

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

+Marie Lanctot Junger

rb Zuranski Family

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

+Evelyn Tereshko

rb Zuranski Family

Thursday: 7:45 AM

Francis Gerard La Fata

rb La Fata Family

Friday: 6:00 PM

Delaney Schlear

rb Nancy Noll

Saturday: 9:00 AM

+Verlis & +John Noll

rb Nancy Noll