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Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 08h30-13h00.

MASS TIMES

Monday	18h00 English
Tuesday	09h00 Portuguese 18h00 English
Wednesday	08h00 English
Thursday	08h00 English
Friday	18h00 English
Saturday	17h30 English 19h00 Portuguese
Sunday	08h00 Portuguese 10h00 English 14h00 Sotho/Zulu

Daily Masses:

As the Church is currently only allowed 50 people for mass, we wish to inform our parishioners that we continue to live stream our masses on Facebook. Please search for our Facebook page [Saint Patrick's Catholic Church](#).

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Or scan the above QR Code for our page.

Mass Intentions: we are still accepting Mass Intentions. Please send the Intention and date via whatsapp to Fr. Jorge on 0795833647 or Vera on 0796044346. Payments may be made to our bank account or dropped off at the Church.

I Sunday of Lent- Year B:



On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfilment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent. In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives.

During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 17h00 with Adoration.

26 Feb: Cath Men's Forum+ Ministers of Eucharist

5 March: Catechists + Proclaimers

12 March: Youth (Junior and Senior) + Ushers

19 March: Ngome + Renew

26 March: SVDP + Nigerian Com

2 April: Zim + Zulu/Sotho + Malawi Coms

Via Sacra

A Via Sacra será todas as Sextas-feiras durante a Quaresma às 09h00 com a Santa Missa e a 19h00.

21st February Sts'. Francisco e Jacinta Feast - Festa dos Pastorinhos, (Feast on the 20th) - Portuguese children's mass (8:00 a.m.) We pray for the children of our community



Appeal: We would like to make an appeal for assistance with a major repair we are needing to do at our parish. We have a water leak in the convent area which will cost us R220 000.00 to repair. This is an urgent situation and due to the current pandemic the church is very low on funds. We are appealing to anyone who would be able to assist us financially in anyway with this repair.

Apelo: Gostariamos de fazer um apelo para ajuda com uma grande reparação que necessitamos fazer na nossa paróquia. Temos um vazamento de água na área do convento que nos custará R. 220 000,00 para consertar. Esta é uma situação urgente e devido à atual pandemia, a igreja está com poucos fundos. Estamos apelando para qualquer pessoa que possa nos ajudar financeiramente de qualquer maneira com esse reparo.



27th February - Parish Retreat from 09:00 – 16:00.

Topic: "Missionary Discipleship" presented by Dc. Gerald Rodrigues. Please book with Vera at the office from Monday to Thursday from 8h30 to 13h00.

Intentions

20/02 17h30 Andrew Traut Birthday Blessings, Maria da Conceicao, Fr. R. De Lorenzo cs

21/02 18h00 For the soul of Manuel Oliveira & family, Norman McEwan RIP

22/02 18h00 Josefina das Neves Goncalves RIP (85th birthday remembrance), Card. C. Perosi, Sg

23/02 18h00 Francisca Guerra RIP

24/02 08h00 Fr. D. Pontin cs

25/02 08h00 Francisco Santiago RIP, Rui Tem Tem RIP, Fr. P. Rubin cs

26/02 18h00 Celebration of first grandchild, Enrique Jose Felix RIP, Francisco Ferreira Sebastiao RIP (8th Month) Fr. P. Bianchetta, Fr. V. Pulicano & Fr. G. Danesi cs