

Forty Days: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Lent

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel.

We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son (see Luke 3:22; Exodus 4:22). Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights (see Exodus 15:25).

He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food (see Exodus 16:1–13). As Israel quarreled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care (see Exodus 17:1–6). When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf (see Exodus 32).

Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings (see Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16, 12–15).

Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty (see Genesis 7:12; Exodus 24:18; 34:28; 1 Kings 19:8; Jonah 3:4), the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification.

Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. "Call upon me, and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle (quoting Deuteronomy 30:14; Isaiah 28:16; Joel 2:32).

This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the Lord . . . and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

Upcoming Celebrations ************************************				
Sat.	Mar. 8	10 AM Tatagwa 5 PM Mass 7 PM St Mary's	Bev & Vic Locken + Special Intentions Joseph & Florence Ball +	
Sun.	Mar. 9	9 AM Mass 11 AM Mass	Mary Ann Sia Int. Ben Manguba & Deng Comia +	
Mon.	Mar. 10	No Mass		
Tues.	Mar. 11	6:30 PM Mass	Rose Schenher +	
Wed.	Mar. 12	9 AM Mass 10 AM Bison	John & Rosie Wilkie + Brett & Stephanie Kot Int.	
Thur.	Mar. 13	9 AM Mass 10 AM Hilltop	John K. Dorosz + Lawrence Sidloski Int.	
Fri.	Mar. 14	9:30 AM WSCH 6:30 PM 7 PM Mass	Adam Tuchscherer + Stations of the Cross Henry & Olivia Barreda Int	
Sat.	Mar. 14	10 AM Tatagwa 5 PM Mass 7 PM St Mary's	Kappel Family Int. Mr Andrew Pudewa Int. Dennis Zackrisson +	
Sun.	Mar. 15	9 AM Mass 11 AM Mass	Elaine Periard + Emile Istace +	

<u>Practice for the Youth Choir</u> will be held on **Thursday, March** 13th.

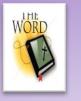
The next classes for Sacramental Prep will be held March 9th & 10th at 6:30pm.

<u>Happy Birthday to</u> Dianne Vilcu who is celebrating her 75th birthday on March 24. Wishing you many blessings in the year to come.

<u>Parish Ministries:</u> You are encouraged to share your talent by joining one or more of our many ministries here at our parish. Also, help is needed in many areas in the parish. Please, prayerfully consider where you can be of service. Call the office to sign up.



The Archdiocese is organizing a rally for young people in Grades 9-12 on March 29th from 9am – Midnight at Archbishop M.C. O'Neil Catholic High School in Regina. It is free but donations are appreciated. Please, visit www.mygenrally.ca for information and to register.



<u>1st Sunday of Lent</u> Deuteronomy 26:4–10 Psalm 91:1-2, 13-15 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Heavenly Father, direct your healing toward our loved ones who suffer and who believe that you can and will restore them to full health. We call them by name: Helen Fossenier, Ev Corbin, Mary Jarvis, Reece Gordon Maxwell and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the family and friends of those who have lost loved ones. The thoughts and prayers of your church family are with you.

Community Hot Meal Program: Thank you so much

to everyone who has donated time, talent and treasure to the Community Hot Meals this winter. Our next one is Sunday, March 9 at Knox Hall and we will be responsible



for salad and dessert this time. We will need 5 salads, 8 dozen cookies and 2 workers. Please call or text Wendy Sidloski if you can help in any way, at 306-897-7764. God Bless our efforts!

LentenParishReconciliationEvening:Therewillbereconciliation on Tues. Mar. 18th at10am at St Michael's School and at6pm in the church. There will bemass right after reconciliation in thechurch.





Everyone is invited to join in our annual Parish Lenten Mission on Mar 23 and 24, 7-8:30pm. Our guest speaker will be Kevin Phillip of Boats on Fire Catholic Ministries. Kevin will be speaking on the 2025 Jubilee Year theme Pilgrims of Hope. We'll be reflecting on our Lenten pilgrimages as we journey towards Easter, as well as our earthly pilgrimage towards Heaven. See you there!

Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a New Parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on a table in the fover!

As well, if any parishioner has changed their address, phone number etc., please inform the office.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit: March 16, 2025 1st Sunday of Lent

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." -Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.



CWL "TALKING POINTS"

INTEGRITY A hallmark of the Catholic Women's League is integrity. Members stand together in faithfulness, reliability, honesty and helping others. We are Catholic

and Living It! Come stand with us.

CWL Giving Campaign: We invite everyone to join us by contributing. We are currently seeking donations of HYGIENE PRODUCTS; Most needed are shampoo, bars of soap, body wash etc. There is a tote near to door in the church foyer. All donations go to the Salvation Army, Weyburn.



Tax Receipts are ready for pickup:

The Hospitality Ministers will be handing them out in the fover after mass during the weekend masses.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening at 6:30PM during Lent, followed by Mass. There will not be a noon mass. A sign-up sheet for ministries to lead is at the back of the church.



Pray: I ask You today, Lord, to face all those temptations that are too difficult for me to resist. Only You can defeat them in me, I only say 'yes' to Your will. Amen.

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This week on FORMED, we have:

1. Week One | Restore - In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week-the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond vour comfort zone and into the deepest

places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for

comfort, love, and healing. 2. St. Frances & Liturgical Living - Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of

homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten



history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup."

3. Living Lent as a Family - Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife. Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

Lenten "Souper" Friday services sponsored by PLURA churches will be held at Grace United Church every Friday at 12:00 noon. There will be a brief worship with singing and meditation. Following the worship, there will be a fellowship meal: soup and sandwich donated by the participating churches. Everyone is welcome. There will be a basket for a free will offering.

Friday, March 14 - St. Vincent de Paul RC Church

Friday, March 21- Anglican/Presbyterian

Friday, March 28 - Zion Lutheran

Friday, April 4 - Grace United

Friday, April 11 - Ecumenical



Stewardship Time & Talent - March 8 & 9, 2025						
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM			
Readers	Cecile Sellinger	Peter Broccolo, Jean Woodard	Carol Toles, Glenda Shupe			
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Ann Piwarski,	Susan Kot, Jean Woodard	Shirley Mondor, Gary Sidloski, Connie Regier			
Acolytes	Bruno Tuchscherer, Frankie & Charlie Ernst	Frank Porte, Leon & Christon Ligith	Mel VanBetuw, Dave Alcade, Austin Davies			
Power Point		Gerry Langlois				
Hospitality	Bernice Driscoll, Dianne Borys, Heather Fellner, Marilyn Isabey	Frank & Eveline Porte, Harry Jensen, Jim Parsons, Ron & Josie Klein	Ron Wormsbecker, Aime Isabey, Ethan Scrupps, Loretta Benning			
Children's Liturgy			Randi Anderson			
Counters	Dave Creurer, Chad Klein, Darren Woodard					
Choir	Youth Choir	9am Choir	11am Choir			
Stewardship of Time & Talent - March 15 & 16, 2025						
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM			
Readers	Patricia Redman Derek Redman	Pat Wolensky, Terry Biss	Shirley Mondor, Connie Regier			
Eucharistic Ministers	Cecile Sellinger, Dolores Herring	Marcel Bauche, Doreen Verbeurgt, Yvonne Kerr	Elaine Nielsen, Jeannine Chapman, Yvette Bauche			
Acolytes	Stella Hoffart, Ken Beroy, Kurt Beroy	Alexander Recto, Chris Dayaan	Gordon Rutten, Chimadalu Ejiofor, Kamsi Ejiofor			
Power Point		Gerry Langlois				
Hospitality	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten, Bonnie & Frank Kaip	Richard & Celine Wawro, Yvonne Kerr, Omer & Chris Marcotte	Pat Wolensky, Charlene Keen			
Children's Liturgy			Alaina Flaaten			
Counters	Don Kraft, Bev Tourand, Demmy Pinon, Nhar Pinon, Cherrie Berboso					
Choir	5pm Choir	9am Choir	11am Choir			

Parish Council Members: Chair - Marga Cugnet, Wendy Sidloski, Bernice Driscoll, Nhar Pinon, Ron Wormsbecker, Jason Vinck, Deanery Rep. - Pat Wolensky, Secretary – Val Wing/Bernard Omem, Parish Finance Chairperson – Pamela Haupstein, CWL Rep. – Velma Hoffman, K of C Rep.- Aime Isabey/Richard Wick, SAFF- Camille Goski, Stewardship- Elaine Nielsen, Social Justice- Wendy Sidloski, Building & Grounds - Mel Van Betuw

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<u>Sacraments:</u> Baptism and Reconciliation – Contact the parish office Matrimony – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior.

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