

# First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 22, 2026 ❖ 8:00 am



*Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby*  
*Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump*

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*We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.*

*St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.*

*Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.*

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## This Week at St. Francis

### **Sunday, February 22**

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Faithful Families Potluck (Parish Hall)

### **Monday, February 23**

- 6:00 pm St. Anne's Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, February 24**

- 4:30 pm Teen Tuesday Youth Group (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Taizé (Chapel)

### **Wednesday, February 25**

- 10:00 am Midweek Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Women's Lectionary Study (Library)

### **Thursday, February 26**

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

### **Friday, February 27**

- 4:00 pm PVP High School Orchestra Concert

### **Saturday, February 28**

- 10:00 am Vestry Planning Session

### **Sunday, March 1**

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 5:00 pm Liturgy Lab

*The Prelude: "Total Praise" by Richard Smallwood*

The Great Litany.....Book of Common Prayer p. 148

A Penitential Order: Rite One.....Book of Common Prayer p. 319

The Collect of the Day: First Sunday in Lent.....Book of Common Prayer p. 166

The First Lesson..... Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Response..... Psalm 32 (Book of Common Prayer p. 624)

The Epistle ..... Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,

6saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,  
'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

7Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.' "

11Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Sermon.....The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed .....Book of Common Prayer p. 327

The Peace .....Book of Common Prayer p. 332

The Welcome and Announcements

*Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:*

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving .....Book of Common Prayer p. 333

The Prayer of Humble Access .....Book of Common Prayer p. 337

The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: Forty Days and Forty Nights

Hymnal #150



For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing  
 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly  
 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior,  
 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness  
 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant



in the wild; for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet  
 joys ab - stain, fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to  
 hear our call! Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not  
 ours shall be; round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is -  
 by thy side; that with thee we may ap - pear at the'e - ter - nal



un - de - filed.  
 suf - fer pain.  
 faint nor fail.  
 tered to thee.  
 Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt. Music: "Aus der Tiefe rufe ich",  
 melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

*The Postlude: "Anthem of Praise" by Richard Smallwood*







## Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, and TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, , Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Marilyn and Dale Ghere, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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