

Bible Quiz #44

The Book of Exodus (Chapters 17 - 20)

1. What is the meaning of Massah and Meribah?
2. How was Moses able to keep his hands steady until sunset?
3. Name the two sons of Moses and the meaning of their names?
4. What was the role of minor judges appointed by Moses as suggested by his father-in-law?
5. When did the Israelites arrive in the desert of Sinai?
6. While Moses was speaking with God, in what way did God answer him?
7. If you take the name of the Lord in vain, what will happen to you?
8. Why did the Lord bless the Sabbath day and made it holy?
9. What was the reward if you honor your father and mother?
10. What is the meaning of the phrase, "I choose for the remembrance of my name"?

DUE: This Wednesday, Feb 26th



Preparing for Lent:

A Journey to the Foot of the Cross: Part 1

In about ten days, we will embark on our 40-day journey to the foot of the Cross, culminating in the celebration of Christ's salvific work through His suffering, death, and resurrection. But how can we truly prepare to observe Lent? Why is this season so vital for our spiritual lives?

Lent is an extended act of prayer and penance, inviting us into a deeper relationship with Christ. It is a journey of spiritual discipline, leading us to conversion and renewal, and a time of giving things up as an opportunity to realign our hearts with God. The Church offers us the three pillars of Lent:—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—three essential practices that help us grow in holiness.



The Call to Self-Denial

During Lent, we are invited to surrender attachments that distract us from God, whether they be material comforts, unhealthy habits, or even attitudes that keep us from living out fully the faith. What do we turn to for comfort instead of Christ? What consumes our time and energy more than prayer? As we lay down these "idols," we make room for God's grace to work in us.

Fasting: A Spiritual Fruit of Self-Denial

Jesus does not say "if you fast" but "when you fast" (cf. Matt 6:16), emphasizing that fasting is an expected part of the Christian life. Fasting is more than self-discipline. It is a tangible way of crucifying the desires of the flesh so that we may live more fully in the Spirit.

Fasting helps us:

- Recognize that spiritual nourishment is more vital than physical sustenance.
- Learn self-mastery, gaining control over our desires rather than being enslaved by them.
- Express sorrow for sin and a willingness to change.
- Stand in Solidarity with those who suffer hunger, poverty, and hardship.
- Humbly acknowledge our dependence on God and surrender to His will.

Fasting, however, should not be seen in isolation—it is an act of penance that must be accompanied by prayer and charity.

*To be continued... www.lpj.org

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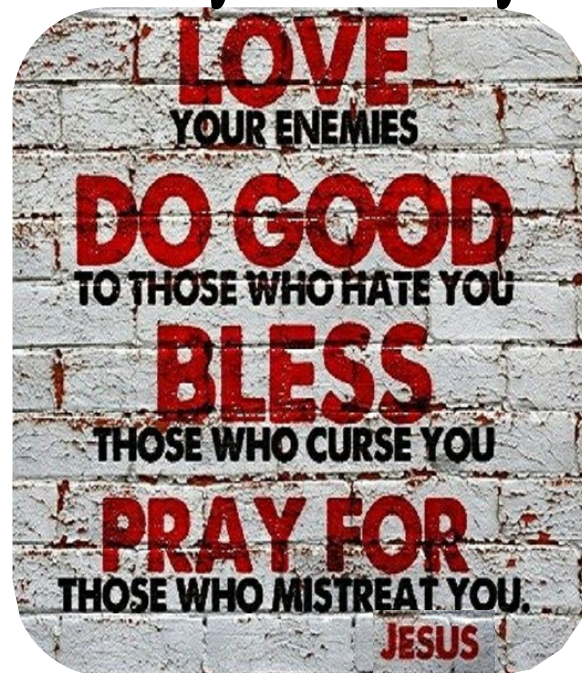
Bayou Vista

February 23, 2025



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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:15 - 3:50pm;

Sundays and weekdays 20 minutes before Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Contact the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor, at the parents' convenience, one month prior to the desired Baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after 10:30am Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples wishing to get married should call the office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding to begin the marriage preparation.

Marriage annulment:

Contact the pastor for easy guidance.

Anointing the Sick:

Call during office hours to schedule an appointment.

Youth Faith Formation:

Classes begin in Sept. and end in April on Wednesdays.

Grades Kindergarten - 5th — 3:15pm to 4:30pm

Grades 6th—Confirmation — 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Our Church Roof

The job to replace the flat portions of our church's roof over the adoration chapel, vestibule, portico, and cry room has been completed by Peak Roofing Solutions. The total cost was \$24,000.00. We thank a generous donor of \$10,000.00 to help cover the cost of this major repair. We are currently still waiting to learn if our grant application will be approved to proceed with replacement of the remaining church roof.



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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 25th
†John Ourso †Danny Peterson.

Wednesday, February 26th
12:10 pm
†Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, February 27th
12:10 pm
†John Ourso
†Danny Peterson.

Friday, February 28th
12:10 pm
†Holy Souls in Purgatory.

First Saturday, March 1st
9:00 am

Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm
†NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Clarence & Ella Walker †Yvonne Anne Adams †Julia Hernandez †Floyd Verrett †David Stansbury †Velma & Eldridge Williams
†Thomas Rivet, Jr †Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV
†Ray LaHoste, Jr †Raymond LaHoste, Sr †Gene Bosworth
†Mary Bernard Blanchard †Peggy & Albert Hebert
†Holy Souls in Purgatory †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr.
†Claire Torres Ingalls †Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

Sunday, March 2nd
7:30 am
†Albert Solet †Luke Gulliot †Maria & Ruben Trevino
†Ruby & Roland Crappell †Lynette Meranta †Breaux, Pete,
Wiggins, & Meranta Families - Living & Deceased.

10:30 am
†Rose Lipari †Terry Wiggins †Ruth Wiggins †Carlo Strevia, Sr
†Alice & Lester Waguespack †William “Billy” Kennerson
†Kelly A. Dupre, Sr. †Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living &
Deceased †Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased.

Liturgical Ministries

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min of Comm.	Altar Servers
Saturday Mar. 1	4:00 pm	Julia Hepler	Aubree Derise	Julia Hepler	
Sunday Mar. 2	7:30 am	Frances Bergeron	Kathy Shilling	-----	
	10:30 am	Renee Garris	Olivia Guillot	Katherine Sharp	Luke L. Parker D. Logan Koen
Ash Wednesday March 5	12:10 pm	Julia Hepler	Kathleen Louviere	Julia Hepler Linda Russo	
	6:00 pm	Becky Meranta	*Aubree *Olivia *Madeline *Gisseli	Paul Tholen John Trevino	Rickey Christian Dylan Ethan



Faith Formation Gospel Weeklies

Pflaum FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

This week, Jesus continues his teaching following the Beatitudes. He tells us to love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, and give of ourselves to anyone who asks. We learn the great Golden Rule: Do to others as you would have them do to you. Jesus simply wants us to love and forgive others.

Where does your family see injustice in the world? Why is it so contrary to society to love our enemies as Jesus taught. Take some time to pray for people who have hurt you or who oppress others in the world, and discuss how we can learn to love those people.

Together, let us be instruments of peace in the world. Pray that the Holy Spirit gives us strength to be kind when others are not, and to seek forgiveness when we fail to do so.

God Bless! BW, DRE



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February 15-16, 2025

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We are well aware of the conflict between Israel and Palestinians in the Middle East. They hate each other. This weekend the gospel teaches us to love our enemy. The stories below tell us there are human hearts who love the enemy even in their difficult time and stand as a witness for gospel values.

Both stories are from one of the earlier conflicts between Israel and Palestinian militants:

CNN TV news reporter Peter Arnett was visiting the West Bank in Israel when a bomb exploded in the middle of town. He was surrounded by anguished screams and clouds of smoke. A man holding an injured girl ran up to Peter and asked for a ride to a hospital. As they sped through the streets, the man nursed the bloody girl in the backseat. The doctors did everything to save the girl’s life, but to no avail. Peter turned to comfort the man on the loss of his child, but the man interrupted him. She wasn’t his child, he said. She was a Palestinian. He was Israeli. He found her lying in the street and decided to help. *“Mister,”* he said through his tears, *“there must come a time when we realize that we are all family.”* (Tony Campolo, *Let Me Tell You a Story* (Nashville: Word Publishing, 2000), pp. 120-121.).

Living by the The Golden Rule

In the Kingdom of God where right actions for right reasons are the goal, where we consider others as better than ourselves, we expand our sight beyond what we wish others would do for us. We go first in doing good.

What would living by the Golden Rule look like at work?

Do you wish someone else would clean up in the breakroom, bring muffins on Mondays, offer to pick up the slack, volunteer for the unpopular shift, say a kind word about your work, or recognize your over-the-top effort? ***Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them!***

What would Golden Rule living look like in your home?

Do you wish your family would be more appreciative, take the initiative in work or play, demonstrate a more positive attitude, or be more transparent about feelings? ***Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them.***

What would it look like with your friends?

Do you wish they would call to check on you, bring you coffee, initiate meet ups, answer texts more promptly, or offer practical help to you when you're overwhelmed? ***Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them.***

On February 4 in the year 2007, the ABC re-broadcast a program documenting the moving story of Marsha Gladstone, a Jewish woman from Scotland. When a bus in Tel Aviv was shattered in a suicide bombing, Marsha’s 19-year-old son Yoni Jesner was critically injured. Yoni never regained consciousness, and before he died, the family agreed to make some of his organs available for transplant. The decision to donate helped them to find some meaning in this senseless tragedy. The subsequent revelation that one of Yoni’s kidneys had saved the life of Yasmin Rumeilah, a seven-year-old Palestinian girl, came as quite a shock to the family. It had simply never occurred to this Jewish family that a child of the “enemy” would become the beneficiary of Yoni’s gift.

A year after Yoni’s death and at considerable personal cost, Marsha visited Yasmin and her family in their home in the West Bank. The Jewish mother who had lost her son embraced the Palestinian mother whose child lives with gratitude in her heart for the young Jewish man who gave her another chance at life and whom she now refers to as her *“brother.”* There was an extraordinary moment of womb-compassion in the embrace of these two women, one Jewish and the other Muslim. The hatred and misunderstanding of the generations seemed to dissolve in their encounter.