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God said...I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

GENESIS 9:12-13

Lost at Sea

We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus.

Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—covenant-making. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance.

The first reading recounts God’s graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God’s protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance.

One might think that Jesus wouldn’t have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today’s Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of

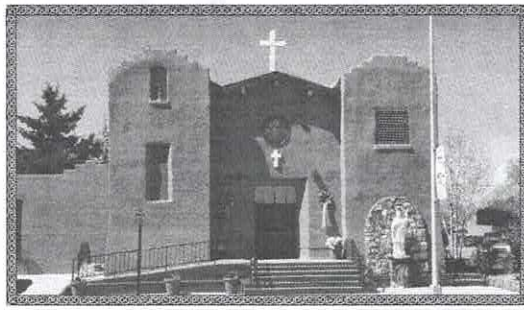
temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one’s defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us— weakened, tempted, and perhaps even “lost at sea.” However, God’s protection was with him, in the guise of angels.

Both stories assure us that God’s covenantal care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *When you feel “lost at sea,” recall that through baptism you have a close covenant relationship with God who is always there for you.*
- * *How do you strengthen yourself when you face temptation?*



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Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)
Contact Pastor

Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

FEBRUARY 21ST

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: Thursday: 5:30pm Friday:12:10pm

Adoration: Thursday 6:00pm-7:00pm

Confession: Friday 4:45pm-5:45pm Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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Confession: Sunday 1:30pm—2:00


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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered February 2021*

*+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members*

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**Thursday, Feb 18.** +Mary Carter by Ross & Shelley Carter

**Friday, Feb 20.** SI Britt & Agnes Fisk by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Sam Britt by Donna Kimble  
+Joan Lee by Ross & Shelley Carter

**Saturday, Feb. 21** +Inez Romero by Dolores Montoya  
+Gladys Jesko by Donna Kimble  
(OLOG) +Phyllis Loncar by Marjorie & Grant Long  
(OLOG) +Frank Commiato Jr. by Marjorie & Grant Long

**Sunday, Feb. 26** SI Intentions of the Parishioners  
And Missions of SFX

**Monday, Feb. 27** SI Britt & Agnes Fisk by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Joan Lee by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Sam Britt by Margaret Heringa

**Tuesday, Feb. 28** SI Jordan Bateson by Brian & Andrea  
Lansford  
+Inez Romero by Dolores Montoya  
+Gladys Jesko by Donna Kimble  
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**Announcement**

Daily Mass Thursday at 5:30 & Adoration 6-7pm

Friday Daily Mass at 12:10pm

During Lent Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 6pm

During Lent Friday Confession 4:45-5:45pm

Confession is Saturdays at 4:00-5:00pm or by  
Appointment

**Announcements**

All Parishioners are encouraged to form prayer groups  
or Bible studies on their own, and welcome to use the  
church or CCD Building for such activities.

To all law makers, I urge you to open your hearts  
and look squarely at the human dignity of the de-  
veloping child. I am deeply concerned that if we  
don't protect the youngest, most vulnerable, who  
will? If we do not, I fear we will become more and  
more like a 'throw-away' society that Pope Francis  
warns against. I earnestly ask you to put party poli-  
tics aside and to hear the needs of all our children.

I ask you to work to create supports to welcome  
life, to surmount the challenges pregnant women  
may face, and to protect conscience rights of our  
health care providers who do not want to be forced  
to participate in abortions. Let's work together to  
find solutions that help the most vulnerable to  
thrive.

-Archbishop John C. Wester

**Lectors for Masses**

Saturday, Feb. 27— Pat Crisp  
Sunday, Feb. 28— Laekyn Wagner  
Saturday, Mar 6— Sammie Wood  
Sunday, Mar 7— Andrea Naranjo

All Ministry schedules are updated  
monthly and posted on the church website.  
If you need to know when you serve,  
check **www.sfxclayton.org!!**

# Dear Padre,

**As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?**

**O**ver the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion.

In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus' Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the "Living Stations of the Cross." This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts.

Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength... He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.*



EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER  
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## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 22

*The Chair of*

*St. Peter the Apostle*

1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 23

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 24

*Lenten Weekday*

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 25

*Lenten Weekday*

Est C:12, 14-16,  
23-25

Mt 7:7-12

### Friday

FEBRUARY 26

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 27

*Lenten Weekday*

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 28

*Second Sunday of Lent*

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,  
15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

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