

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

PURPOSE OF LENT



The purpose of Great Lent is to prepare the faithful to not only commemorate, but to enter into the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. Lent is not for the sake of Lent itself, as fasting is not for the sake of fasting. Rather, these are means by which and for which the individual believer prepares himself to reach for, accept and attain the calling of his Savior. Great Lent is a sacred Institute of the Church to serve the individual believer in participating as a member of the Mystical Body of Christ. It provides each person an annual op-

portunity for self-examination and improving the standards of faith and morals in his Christian life. The deep intent of the believer during Great Lent is encapsulated in the words of Saint Paul: "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal of the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).The attitude towards this period is very positive, it is not so much a period of repentance, as the "West" think of it, as an attempt to recapture our true state as it was for Adam and Eve before the fall - to live pure lives

Pope Francis' 10 inspirational messages for Lent Here are some inspirational quotes from Pope Francis' lenten messages to get you started. These quotes will help you answer your old age question – What should I do for lent? God can give us the strength to change our lives.

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." There is a need for conversion.

"There is something not right with us, with our society, with the church and we need to change, to turn, to convert!"

There is more to simply giving up our bad habits this lent.

"Conversion can't be reduced to exterior forms or vague resolutions, but involves and transforms one's entire existence, starting with the center of the person, the conscience."

To experience the real value of lent, we have to learn how to pray amidst the difficult circumstances.

"In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to a hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness."

Recognize that God has given you so much even though we are not deserving and give it to those who are in need instead.

"Almsgiving also helps free people from the obsession of possession, from the fear of losing what they have and from the sadness of not sharing their

well-being with others."

There is no act of mercy that is too little not to be recognized.

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

Set aside power, glory and wealth. Create equality and remove differences by sharing.

"God's becoming man is a great mystery! But the reason for all this is his love, a love which is grace, generosity, a desire to draw near, a love which does not hesitate to offer itself in sacrifice for the beloved."

Give up something that will be beneficiary to others.

"Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty."

There is more to poverty that being stripped of your power and wealth.

"there is only one real kind of poverty: not living as children of God and brothers and sisters of Christ."

Sought out the poor and sinners. Open out doors to evangelization.

LENT means L- For Leaving the following :Social Media, Gossip, Criticism, Unhealthy Eating, Bad Habits etc.

E- Earning Volunteer time, Pray for the sick, Bible Reading, Compliment strangers, more Masses, Rosary ,Good Habits etc

N – For Nourishing the following : Virtues, helping Mentality, Almsgiving, empathy, repentance etcw

T- For Tear off the following: Anxiety, Worry, ,Hatredness, selfishness etc

May God Bless You All



Fr.Suni Padinjarekkara

HOLY MASS, NIGHT VIGIL & NOVENA TIMINGS

Holy Mass:

Monday – Friday | 7 PM. Saturday | 9:30 AM.

Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (English), 11:30 AM Night Vigil:

First <u>Off Weekend Friday</u> of the Month| 8 PM. to Midnight <u>Adoration</u>

Every Friday | 9 AM -7 PM.

Monday - Friday | 6-7 PM. Saturday | 8:30 - 9:30 AM.

Novenas: St. Antony Tuesday | After 7 PM. Mass

St. Jude Thursday | After 7 PM. Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Saturday | After 9:30 AM. Mass

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Parish Bulletin March 3, 2019(Vol.35) ANNOUNCEMENTS March 3rd St.Joseph's Koodarayogam at the residence of Mathukutty Mangatt at 5 pm . St.Stephen's Koodarayogam at the residence of Sabu Poothakari at 7 pm. March 3rd Class for parents - 10 am to 11 am. By Anju Koreth.

March 3rd Vince De Paul Meeting after third Mass.

March 9th Youth Gathering (Saturday) March 15, 16 & 17 Annual Retreat March 29, 30 & 31 Ezra Prayer Meet

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March 11-14 Class for CCD teachers and young couples.

Schedule for Lenten Way Of the Cross on fridays

March 8	St. Antony's / St. Anns KoodaraYogam
March 15	St. Joseph / St. Jude Koodara Yogam
March 22	St. Stephen / St. George Koodara Yogam
March 29	St. Thomas / St. Christopher / Holy Family KY
April 5	St. Xavier /Ave Maria / St. Theresa of Calcutta
April 12	St. Michaels / St. Alphonsa Koodara Yogam

March 15, 16 & 17

LENTERN RETREAT

BY BR. MARIO JOSEPH

EZRA 1:5 "Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin. And the priests and levites-everyone whose heart god had moved-prepared to go up and build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem"



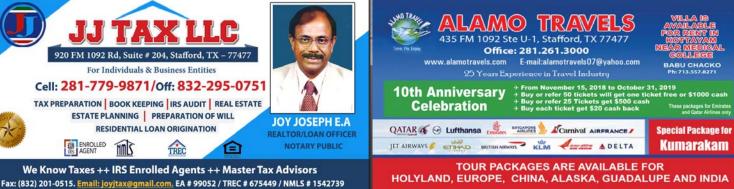
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December

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<u>February 17</u>	
Annual contributions	\$ 1538.00
Building Fund	\$ 65710.00
Sunday collections	\$ 4040.00
February 24	
Annual contributions	\$ 1362.00
Building Fund	\$ 20370.00
Sunday collections	\$ 2250.00

2019 Koodarayogam Monthly Reading

January	St.Thomas
February	St. Stephens
March	St. Joseph
April	St. George
May	Ave Maria & St. Anns
June	St. Antony
July	St. Alphonsa &
	St.Christopher
August	St. Xaviers
September	Holy Family
October	St.Theressa
November	St. Jude



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