## First Sunday of Lent February 22, 2015

La Historia y Usted: Primer domingo de Cuaresma Sólo viene en las lecturas del domingo, una vez cada tres años, pero es tan intrigante que nos llama la oreja cada vez: en el Espíritu se fue a predicar a los espíritus encarcelados (I Pedro 3:19).

Si esto suena familiar, es porque oramos que cada vez que decimos Credo de los Apóstoles: Padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato, fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado. Descendió a los infiernos. Has leído bien. La Iglesia tomó esta parte de la carta de Pedro tan en serio que encontró su camino en el credo. Cristo realmente visitó todos los justos que habían vivido antes de la época de Cristo y puesto en libertad a los espíritus en prisión.

De hecho, un hermoso antiguo himno, cantado en el Sábado Santo relata que Cristo visitó a Adán y Eva: Ha ido a buscar a Adán, nuestro primer padre, en cuanto a una oveja perdida. En gran medida el deseo de visitar a los que viven en tinieblas y en sombra de muerte, se ha ido a liberar del dolor Adán en sus bonos, y Eva, cautiva con él. Él dice, "yo a ti, tú que duermes orden, para despertar. Yo no he creado a ser un prisionero en el infierno. Levántate de entre los muertos, porque yo soy la vida de los muertos".

¿Cómo funciona el tiempo y el espacio de trabajo con Dios? Tenía todos los que murieron antes de la resurrección de Cristo esperó a esos miles de años en "tiempo real"? ¿O hay tal vez una "arruga en el tiempo" - un simple parpadeo que separa esta vida (y muerte) de la eternidad?

Estar en paz. El Dios del cielo y de la tierra (y debajo de la tierra) no dejará de buscar para nosotros.

Es difícil imaginar que el infierno puede estar vacío?

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The Story and You: First Sunday in Lent

It only comes up in the Sunday readings once every three years, but it's so intriguing that it catches our ear every time: *in the Spirit he went to preach to the spirits in prison* (I Peter 3:19).

If that sounds familiar, it's because we pray it every time we say the Apostle's Creed: *He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* 

You read that right. The Church took this portion of Peter's letter so seriously that it found its way into the creed. Christ actually visited all the just who had lived before the time of Christ and released *the spirits in prison*.

In fact, a beautiful, ancient hymn sung on Holy Saturday recounts that Christ visited Adam and Eve:

He has gone to search for Adam, our first father, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow Adam in his bonds, and Eve, captive with him. He says, "I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead."

How does time and space work with God? Had all who died before Christ's resurrection waited out those thousands of years in "real time"? Or is there perhaps a "wrinkle in time"— a mere blink that separates this life (and death) from eternity?

Be at peace. The God of heaven and earth (and under the earth) will not stop searching for us.

*Is it hard to imagine that hell might be empty?* 

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## Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish-

Earl Dickerson, Timothy Gomez, Mary Maes, Hazel Becker, Elena Ortega, Alex Gallegos, Dolores Escobel, Joseph Gomez, Kathleen Maes, Sharon Kissell Joe Cruz-Martinez, Irene Suaszo, Arturo Avaiza, Laura Mentes, Patricio Sáenz, Clarita Rubio, Rosi Cervantes, Blanca Estela Velez, Fernando Hernandez

All High School Boys!!—Come join the seminarians at St John Vianney Seminary for prayer, discernment and prayer. This ONE day retreat and discernment begins on Sunday, March 1, at 9:30am and ends at 4:00pm. You will have the opportunity to pray, attend Mass, contemplation, fellowship and Q & A about the Priesthood. For more info and to register, go to: www.denverseminarians.org

Msgr Ken Leone & Fr John Lager are leading a Women's Retreat at the YMCA of the Rockies. It will be held on the weekend of March 13-15. For details & online registration, visit

http://www.coloradocatholicretreats.org or call Barbara at 303.280.2305. Deadline is March 6.

# Around the Parish and the Community

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

### **1**<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION PREPARATION

We have already begun the process of preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. If you missed the first session, we will be meeting every Thursday from February 12 through March 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room for English, the Rose Room for Spanish.

### FAD (FAMILY ACADEMY OF DISCIPLESHIP)

Our next FAD session will be this on Wednesday, February 25 at 6:00 pm at the school cafeteria. Our topic will be "Our Relationship with God – Sin and Morality." Our choices do have consequences, and do impact not only our lives, but also the lives of others. Join us as we prepare ourselves for the Lenten Season! Everyone in the parish is invited.

#### SOUP SUPPERS/STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our annual soup suppers and Stations of the Cross continue this Friday, at 6:00pm. Each week of Lent we will present a variation of the Stations of the Cross, preceded by a simple soup supper hosted by one of the groups of the parish. Stations begin at 7:00pm.

#### MOVIE OF THE MONTH

Our movie for the month of March will be Disney's <u>The Lion King</u>, which will be shown on Sunday, March 1 following the 11 am Mass. As in the past, we will offer hot dogs, chips and drinks, but feel free to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Mark your calendars and join us for the fun!

#### **BUTTER BRAIDS**

Butter Braids are coming soon, just in time for Easter! We will begin selling Butter Braids and cookie dough on the weekend of March 14/15 and continue through March 21/22 after the weekend Masses. All orders and due on March 22, and payment must be made at the time of your order. Delivery will be Palm Sunday weekend, March 28/29. All proceeds will benefit St Rose of Lima Youth/Confirmation for their retreat and end of year party.

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#### Mass Intentions for the Week Saturday February 21

4pm +Leo & Rosemarie Kissell by family

**Sunday** February 22
7am People of the Parish

8:30am +Catherine Cassidy by family

+Richard Huter by family

11am +Lou Schneibel by family

Monday February 23 8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday February 24

8:30am +Carolyn Byrne by Don Byrne

Wednesday February 25

8:15am +Betty Seibert by SRL Academy family

Thursday February 26

8:30am +O'Dilla Brunner by family

Friday February 27

8:30 am +Angela Roby by family

Saturday February 28 4pm +John & Ann Long

by Gary & Linda Carpenter

Sunday March 1

7am People of the Parish 8:30am +James May by family 11am +Tom Egan by family

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Community Ministry Food Bank—would like us to collect **DRIED BEANS & RICE** for the month of February. Please leave your donations in the church vestibule.

#### Readings for the Week of February 22, 2015

Sunday: Gn 9: 8-15//1 Pt 3: 18-22//Mk 1: 12-15

Monday: Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18//Mt 25: 31-46

Tuesday: Is 55: 10-11//Mt 6: 7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3: 1-10//Lk 11: 29-32

Thursday: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25//Mt 7: 7-12

Friday: Ez 18: 21-28//Mt 5: 20-26 Saturday: Dt 26: 16-19//Mt 5: 43-48

If you would like to participate in Golf at Arrowhead in Littleton, bocce ball, and Texas Hold 'em, register at <a href="www.golf4priests.com">www.golf4priests.com</a>. Yes, as you may have guessed, it is also an opportunity to offer appreciation for priests from all three Colorado dioceses. It all happens on Monday, June 1, 2015.