



FEBRUARY 22, 2026



**THIS WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**4 pm \*\* Thanksgiving**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**9 am \*\* People's Intention**

**11 am + Mien Vander Weijden**

**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading:** Genesis 2: 7~9, 16~18

**Psalms 51:** Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**Second Reading:** Romans 5: 12~19

**Gospel:** Matthew 4: 1~11



**JESUS WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT INTO THE WILDERNESS**

*As we begin the season of Lent, the readings highlight our freedom to make choices.*

*God gives us the freedom, out of love, to make the wrong choices ~ as did Adam and Eve (First Reading) when they succumbed to the enticing voice of the serpent.*

*For Paul (and in the words of St John Henry Newman), 'when all was sin and*

*shame, a second Adam to the fight, and to the rescue came' ~in the person of Jesus. Jesus restores our friendship with God and our life with him. (Second Reading)*

*In today's Gospel, Jesus himself, even though he was sorely tempted, made the right choices by refusing the devil's repeated offers; preferring instead to serve and worship God at all times.*

*Lent is a good time to become more aware of the choices that we make in our own daily lives. We can do this by spending a little more time each day with the Lord, as we accompany him on his journey towards Jerusalem and his Passion, and then to the resurrection at Easter.*

**PARISH COMMUNITY**

**Lord Jesus, help me to turn to you in all of my temptations.**

As we begin our Lenten resolutions, God lays before us in this Mass the temptations of Christ but also his fidelity and trust. Christ shared the weaknesses of our lives before even we were born, and invites us in this Lenten season to a renewed sense of single-minded devotion to God.

“If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved”, St. Paul assures us, and it is in that faith that we gather in this Mass, believing from the heart and professing our faith. And so, as we gather to worship the Lord our God, and renew our service to him alone, brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our

sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.



**LENTEN CALENDAR STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join us for Stations of the Cross devotion every Friday evening throughout Lent after the 6:00 pm Mass. **Note: Morning Mass is suspended on Friday's during Lent.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**First Holy Communion** ~ the first class will meet Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at @ 9:00 am in the hall. Please enter by the ramp door.

**Confirmation** ~ class resumes on Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> after Mass, downstairs in the hall @ 12:30 pm.

**ANNUAL TAX RECEIPTS 2025**

Parish tax receipts have been mailed. If you do not receive your receipt by late February please contact the office. Thank you for your patience and your kind and generous donation!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

WDP is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. This years' service is written by the women of Nigeria. Men & women are invited to attend this ecumenical service.

**When: Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church,**

Beaverton @ **11 am** ~ lunch to follow.

**ALSO** Knox Presbyterian Church Gamebridge @ **7:30 pm** ~ Light refreshments provided.

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS**

To ensure that everyone's desire regarding Mass intentions may be satisfied, you are encouraged to make your request(s) known **as soon as possible**, especially if you have specific dates in mind. A minimum of 2 weeks' notice is required for all intentions. Intentions are reserved on a first come basis. Request forms are at the back of the church.

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

\*\* living or + deceased.

February/March	Time	Mass for
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	** Family Peace
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	+ Mr. & Mrs. M. Serranilla
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	+ Josiah Serranilla
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	+ David Esquerro
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	** People's Intention
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am	** Thanksgiving Melinda
	11:00 am	+ Roman Podoba

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Michael Blahy, Bob Fowler, Barry Giblin, Rhonda Grant, Margarida Melo, Mary Porter, Erika Rihel, Glen Wade.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Parish Promissory Note	<b>\$ 358,500.00</b>
(For the new hall)	
Building Fund	170.00
E Transfer (1)	350.00
Weekend Collection	1,476.15