

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

Baptism and Discipleship

Lent is essentially a reflection on baptism, especially within the context of those preparing to be baptized at Easter. Baptism offers us privileges as children of God but mandates responsibilities as well. The challenge is to recognize that to which we are called in baptism, and then constantly to be reflective of the ways in which we fail to live up to our baptismal promises. In that way we open ourselves to God's correction. On our Lenten journey we have a unique opportunity to do just that. We see in the baptism of Jesus a model for our own baptism and discipleship.

**God is well pleased with Jesus his Son.
Why?**

- * Jesus is the Son who is obedient to the will of the Father.*
- * Jesus' ministry is a visible expression of that will.*
- * Jesus demonstrates trust in God for the direction of his life.*

**God is well pleased with us, the baptized.
Why?**

- * We are God's creation, created in the divine image.*
- * In baptism we become Children of God.*
- * Discipleship flows from baptism: to know, love and serve God alone.*
- * Discipleship expresses our trust in God to direct our lives and ministry.*

What is required of the Baptized?

- * To follow God's direction. This is often a challenge since God always calls us beyond where we are comfortable in going.*
- * Trust involves our willingness to accept being drawn out of our comfort zone in order to follow God's plan rather than our own.*
- * To be willing to be inconvenienced by God, to allow God to direct every aspect of our lives. God becomes the lens through which we see all things.*
- * To be faithful to God's plan under all circumstances.*

From Father Ken

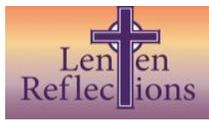


My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent is a time to turn away from sin and to turn back to God. The readings on this first Sunday of Lent explore the origin of sin and death and how our obedience to God's word can prevent sin from entering our lives. In the Gospel reading today, Jesus' obedience to God gives us a clear way to avoid sin and, like Jesus, the angels will assist us in times of temptation.

"You shall worship the Lord your God,
 and Him only you shall serve."
 – Matthew 4:10

On Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday), Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 AM followed by Stations of the Cross, Adoration, and Confessions.



On **Thursday, February 26th**, Father Ken will share **Lenten Reflections: Vocation – A Call to Holiness** in the Chapel after Mass. Please join us. Following the Reflections, a light meal will be served in the A&B Activity Rooms at approximately 11:45 AM. If you wish to stay for the meal, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Chapel Entrance.



The SFV Board of Directors is sponsoring a Fish Fry every Friday of Lent, except Good Friday. It is from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM in the PAX Center. Please sign up in the Residents Business Office by 12:00 PM Friday in advance of the week before the meal you wish to attend. The cost is \$5.00 for Residents and \$15.00 for Guests.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Please join in our **40 Cans in 40 days** Lenten effort by bringing canned foods to the Chapel entry for the Saint Francis Village Food Pantry. The collection makes a big difference in the lives of SFV residents. As you prepare for Easter by sacrificing during Lent, remember the message of Matthew Chapter 25 Verse 35: ***For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome.***

Pope Leo has written his first Lenten message as Pope. Some of his comments on developing good Lenten practices, and his Lenten observations in general are highlighted below:

- The Church offers us Lent because the Church is our Mother and the Church offers Lent not that it is appealing but that it is good for us.
- The consequences of living a good Lent is that our hearts won't be consumed by anxiety and distractions.
- We need to allow God's word to touch our heart and welcome it with a docile spirit.
- He invites us to listen to God's word and remember to listen as a way to show that we want a relationship with God.
- Refrain from words that offend and hurt others.

*May Christ's will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven. God Give You Peace.
 Mike Pierson*



Mass Intentions	
Feb. 22, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
Feb. 23, 2026	Repose of the Soul of John Daley
Feb. 24, 2026	Fr. Bob Strittmatter
Feb. 25, 2026	Special Intention for Birthday of Jim Carroll
Feb. 26, 2026	Repose of the Soul of James Butler By Deacon Herring
Feb. 27, 2026	Special Intention for Birthday of Katelyn Stewart
Feb. 28, 2026	Repose of the Souls of Peggy & Pete Rafferty (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)