St. Francis Xavier Cathedral First Sunday of Lent Sunday, February 18th, 2018

************** A warm welcome is extended to all those persons are: Earl Thompson, Malinda visiting with us today. Rahming, Arthur Symonette, Doris Taylor, **************************** Earl V. Thompson, Mariette Darling-Wilmore, Rita Wood and Zelma Worrell. What is Lent? Yard Sale The liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with On February 24, 2018, St. Martin Monastery will have a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary All are invited to this event. penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in **Religious Education News** the desert in fasting and prayer. CCD Catechism of the Catholic Church (#540, 1095,1438) The CCD program will be on mid-term Stations of the Cross break from the $23^{rd} - 26^{th}$ February 2018. Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:30 On Monday, 19th February 2018, there will p.m. beginning on Friday, March 2, 2018. be no CCD classes due to the City-Wide There will be no Stations of the Cross during Mission. All students are encouraged to the week of the annual Archdiocesan Lenten attend the Mission. Mission. **Brownies & Scouts Upcoming Archdiocesan Events** The Brownies & Scouts will not meet on Lenten Mission Saturday February 23th, 2018. The Roman Catholic Archdiocese will host ************ its City-Wide Lenten Mission on February 19-23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Loyola Hall, Legion of Mary Gladstone Road. The theme is: "Our Vocation to Be Missionary Disciples." The Legion of Mary group meet on Thursday's at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. New members are invited.

Sick & Shut-Ins:

Please pray for and visit the sick and shutins of our community. Some of those

Reflection

Noah endured the forty-day devastation of the flood. In a similar way, the Spirit today drives Jesus into the forty-day trial of the desert. Satan conspires to make Jesus compromise his relationship as Son toward his Father. But Jesus remembers how the flood ends with God's promise, "I will establish my covenant with you." The Father now perfects that promise in the flesh of his own Son who will "show sinners the way "so that "he might lead you to God." The temptations make Jesus only more certain of his Sonship. Through our trials the Father's care shines.

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Daily Readings

Liturgy of the Hours Week I of the Psalter

> Monday Lenten Weekday Lv 19:1-2 Mt 25: 31-46

> <u>Tuesday</u> Lenten Weekday Is 55:10-11 Mt 6: 7-15

> Wednesday Lenten Weekday Jon 3: 1-10 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5: 1-4
Mt 16:13-19

Friday

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26

> Saturday Lenten Weekday Dt. 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

The Second Sunday of Lent Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10
