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On this first Sunday of Lent, we recall the temptations that Jesus overcame during his time in the desert. That time, Christ was victorious and Satan was completely vanquished. In many ways these obstacles are similar to ones that we confront. God's people continue on their life pathway with the certainty that a New Covenant has been established with Christ's death and resurrection.

Since the day we were baptized, we became part of this great current of love and able to participate fully in this new era inaugurated by Christ.

Why not enter this Lenten season with the profound certainty that God loves us and that we are his chosen people?

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Sunday February 18, 2018 First Sunday of Lent

Lent has just begun. The next forty days provide an excellent opportunity to get closer to God who has loved us forever.

Throughout our history, incidents of the unfaithfulness of God's people are numerous. Beginning with the first generations, God has been put aside by the very people to whom he had given life. It took the experience of the Great Flood for humanity to become aware of God's immense disappointment.

Despite all, God still intervened to re-establish harmony and provide new momentum for his chosen people. God established a Covenant with Noah, his descendants, all earthly creatures and promised to preserve them forever from such destruction. To this day, beautiful rainbows are the signs of God's Covenant that ushered in an era of peace.

Of course we will experience other dramatic and arduous trials before we attain our promised salvation in Jesus Christ, God's Son who became man. At that time, heaven and earth will be united and God's immense love for all of us can finally come to fruition.

The Week at a Glance

Sat Feb 17 5:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For †AndréLaforge**
 Sun Feb 18 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Deceased Family Members**
 11:00am Mass in Arborfield **For the people**
 Mon Feb 19 *Fr Travis' day off*
 Tues Feb 20 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Madeleine Marchildon**
 Wed Feb 21 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park
 Thurs Feb 22 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River
 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River
 Fri Feb 23 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home **For †Geovanne Soucy**
 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park
 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park
 Sat Feb 24 5:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For †Andre Laforge**
 Sun Feb 25 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For the people**
 11:00am Mass in Arborfield **For Max & Crescence Binz**

Mass Times for January /February

Sat 7:30pm – Carrot River
 Sun 9:00am – Zenon Park
Sun 11:00am – Arborfield

There will be a special travel presentation by Fr. Maurice Fiolleau on March 9 at 7:00 pm in Melfort Parish. Please see the poster on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>February 18</u>	<u>February 25</u>
Commentator	Joann	Neil
Reader	Mark	Pam
Cup	Guy & James	Neil & James
Hospitality	Brian & Pam	James & Flo
Offerings	Louis & Jean	Gabe & Mary
Sacristan	Sue	Pam

Church Cleaning Schedule

Feb 19-25, 2018	Dale Rita & Stacey Mutimer
Feb 26-Mar 4, 2018	Mark & Sue Munson

There will be a Lenten retreat at St. Eugene RC Church with speaker Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie, OMI March 11-13th. See the poster on the bulletin board for more info.

Last week's collection total: \$ 475.00 **Thank You**

Our three parishes now have a website!

<https://pasquiacatholic.com/>. Check it out!! St Lucy Parish also has a Facebook page: **StLucyArborfield**