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**March 9, 2025**

**The First Sunday of Lent**



**PASTOR:**

Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ  
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Wednesday - Friday  
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)  
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30  
 Weekday Mass on M, W, TH & F  
 at 9:30am  
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic community committed to being a welcoming parish by spreading the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and into the world.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**A TIME FOR HEALING:** Please pray for Pope Francis, Lynn Stein and her 4 grandchildren, David Muck, Jr., Cynthia Sinn, Joe Solis, Kelly Molendyke, Donna and Bill Molendyke, Fritz Stubenrauch, Mary Reynolds, Paula and Ted Mercer, Gerald Fingly, Gregory Molley, Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop and his children, Ashley Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mary Alger, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

**A TIME FOR SORROW:** Please pray for Bob Scott, Britteny Stein-Stinett, Jan Berghout, Ron Annen, Connie Millhollen, Jerome Bader, David Nibler, Sharon Cote, Larry Susanka, Jerry Ralph Sinn, Mike Crowley, Ed Baer, Nevyn Manley, Dang Thi Chom, Maria Fe Strong, Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcara, Art Pieretti, Rozina Agbua, and all those who have died recently.

**A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION:** We pray for all those who are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, or other special occasion this week. Happy birthday to Manuel Cota and Guadalupe Garcia.

**THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE**

**MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 8</b>
<b>Mass 5:00 pm</b>	Manuel and Mariana Cota
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 9</b>
<b>Mass 8:30 am</b>	Pope Francis
<b>Mass 10:30 am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday School 10:30 am</b>	
<b>Confirmation Class after the 10:30 Mass</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 10</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	+ Ron Annen
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 11</b>
<b>NO Mass and the Office is Closed</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 12</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	Peace in our Country and our World
<b>Celebrate Recovery at 5:30</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 13</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	Doris Matthews
<b>Adoration after Mass until Noon</b>	
<b>Circle of Caring at 10 am</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 14</b>
<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	Emma and Ralph Heathershaw
<b>Stations of the Cross 5:15 pm followed by a Soup Summer at 5:45 pm.</b>	

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY:** Every Friday in Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 5:15 pm followed by a Soup Supper around 5:45. We have received more copies of the Little Black Book for Lent. If you didn't get one last week, please pick up one on the table in the vestibule.

**DAVID'S CHAIR** is now taking reservations for the use of the chair. If you are interested in this project and how the chair works, they will be demonstrating and showing everyone how to use the chair and how to get involved. We encourage you to join them any time between 10am and 2pm on March 15<sup>th</sup>. This project provides a chair that handicapped people can use to ride on the beach. They have to make a reservation and be able to sit in the chair. The city is in charge of this project but they are looking for volunteers to help those who register to use the chair. If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please call Sandy at 530-604-4131.

**PLEASE KEEP POPE FRANCIS IN YOUR PRAYERS** Archbishop Sample invites all of you to join him in praying the Rosary for the health and strength of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Let us ask the intercession of Our Blessed Mother to surround him with healing and grace during this time. May our prayers unite us as a Church in support of our beloved pope.

**CIRCLE OF CARING;** If you like to sew, quilt, crochet, knit or create stuffed animals – these are just some of the things that the Circle of Caring ladies do on Thursdays beginning at 10am. If you are interested, have questions or just want to see what they do. Please join them on Thursday at 10am and once you meet these ladies you will want to join them as they work to make things for everybody.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** meets every Wednesday at 5:30pm. They start with dinner and then have both whole and small group discussions. This program is for you. Not just those recovering from substance abuse, we all carry wounds, wounds from our own doings or those inflicted by others. No one should carry their pain alone. CR is for all of us. For more information call Steve Bloom 503-318-2370.

**THANK YOU** for all those who donated to the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. As a parish we collected \$381 To restore the Church and build the future in more Than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's Not to late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee)

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$2566.00
Needy	\$51.00
Votive	\$6.00
Building/Maintenance	\$462.00
Churches in Europe	\$381.00

## REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first temptation was to turn stone into bread. Stones were in plenty around Jesus. If all the stones changed to bread, there would be enough food for a lifetime. Today we have witnessed so many people wanting to stack up and store money and material for a life-time. It is the feeling of insecurity. Jesus spoke of a parable of a man who wanted to pull down his barns and build larger ones but the Lord asked him 'you fool. If your life would be demanded of you tonight, whose will all this be?' Giving in to the first kind of temptation is like trying to accumulate for a life time when God wants us to live one day at a time. Giving in to this temptation for some people would lead them to pillage, plunder, cheat, grab and snatch from others as much as they can.

The second temptation was that Satan would give all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him. This temptation is all too evident from the growing power struggles seen in the world today and increase in violence and bloodshed; nations trying to out-do another in economy and weaponry to become world-superpowers; cultures, communities and ethnic groups claiming superiority over another. This temptation for power begins at the individual level when we forget Jesus' teaching 'those who wish to be first must be the servant of all' leading us to clamor for power, position and fame even at the cost and dignity of another.

The third temptation was for Jesus to perform a spectacular act of falling from the pinnacle and not getting hurt. This temptation reveals itself in certain dangerously advancing technologies where man is trying to play God. Technology is good if it improves the quality of life, but dangerous when the creature wants to become creator. When we rely only on our own strengths and intelligence, we will discount God. All our intelligence put together still cannot stop a tsunami, an earthquake or the raging waters of flood. Paradoxically, it maybe that our selfish intelligence itself may have breached nature's course and aggravated natural calamities.

**MESSAGE FROM MOROTO UGANDA:** Receive warm and cordial greetings from the Apostles of Jesus seminary, Moroto Uganda. This message comes with great joy and happiness of the outcome of the national results of our Lower secondary students. They were 37 in number and all of them scored result one. It means that all of them qualified to receive the certificates from the Uganda National examination Board. These wonderful results were possible because of your support to these candidates. The students were able to concentrate in the final term without much stress of tuitions and requirements. We have great hope that the Senior Six results will be even better. **We still appreciate and thank you for your support to these students and request you, if possible, to support also the candidates of this year 2025. The candidates are: senior four 51 and Senior six 22.** (Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Kaggwa Henry, AJ) See the test score summary below for 2024.

Grade	Achievement Level	No. per subject											TOTAL	PROJECT	
		ENG	CRE	HIST	GEOG	MATH	PHY	CHEM	BIO	AGRI	ICT	ENT			ART
A	Exceptional	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	6	-
B	Outstanding	4	4	12	12	3	4	4	7	6	-	3	1	60	9
C	Satisfactory	23	33	22	21	9	7	14	24	-	4	9	-	166	28
D	Basic	10	-	-	3	25	25	19	6	-	1	8	-	97	-
E	Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	-