

**PLEASE JOIN DEACON JIM MCFADDEN FOR A
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 7-WEEK SERIES
*LENT-2025: LET'S GET IN SHAPE!***

DATES: MARCH 3, 2025—APRIL 14, 2025

TIME: 7:00 PM—8:00 PM

VIA ZOOM

March 3: Basic Training—Let's Get in Shape!

Lent is one of the most important periods of the liturgical year. During this time of preparation for Easter, the Church asks us to cultivate a deeper friendship with God through prayer, to control and reorder our desires for physical goods, through fasting, and to show our love in the concrete way of giving alms. So, we will look at these three basic disciplines: to pray, to fast, and to give alms.

March 10: The Three Levels of Temptation

The great and holy season of Lent is a time to get back to spiritual basics, in which the Church looks at our fundamental tests. The readings from Cycle C focus on two realities: (1) the holiness of God, and (2) our glaring lack of virtue, which makes the theme of repentance or conversion an absolute necessity in our lives.

March 17: The Transfiguration: The Divine Life Revealed

The startling event of the Transfiguration displays a model of prayer. The mountain represents the place of Divine encounter, the radiance of the Lord displays the interior life of the soul in relationship to the Divine life, the conversation with the prophets is a symbol of the communion of saints. All this culminates in a sending forth in mission.

March 24: Who is God?

This Sunday we have the privilege of reading The Burning Bush episode in the 3rd chapter of the Book of Exodus. It's the passage where God gives himself a name, in which he defines himself but as we explore this encounter we realize that it is no definition at all! But, it is a manifestation of his holy identity; so, we are on very holy ground as we continue our Lenten journey.

March 31: The Prodigal Son: "Everything I have is yours."

Today is Laetare Sunday, a time for rejoicing because the Father reveals to us that "Everything I have is yours" (Lk 15:31b). The parable of the Prodigal Son is a portrait of God's graciousness and two negative responses to that love. Both sons, in their own ways, indicate the disposition of the soul in entanglement from God. Lent is a time of entangling our soul.

April 7: The Woman Caught in Adultery: Mercy brings sinners back to life

This story displays our constant temptation to use knowledge of God's law to hurt others, not to liberate them. But then enters Jesus, who affirms that the law's primary purpose is to make us humble, to draw us to higher attainment. Without denigrating the law in the least, Jesus reaches out in mercy in order to bring sinners back to life.

April 14: Palm Sunday: The Master has need of you

We come to Palm Sunday as we begin Holy Week and we stand before the awesome Passion Narrative. Tonight we will focus on the Gospel reading that we proclaim as the procession begins as we enter the Church and we hear the words "The Master has need of it...". Our Lord has need of us: how do we respond?



To register for the series, please email Theresa Grant at
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You will receive an email prior to the scheduled session with instructions.