

St. Philomena Chapel

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1st Sunday of Lent

- Monday, February 23 | **St. Peter Damian, Vigil of St. Matthias - FAST**

7:30am – St. Philomena

7:30am – St. Peter Claver

George Gay - Anonymous

- Tuesday, February 24 | **ST. MATTHIAS - FAST**

7:30am – St. Philomena

7:30am – St. Peter Claver

Teresa Gay - Anonymous

- Wednesday, February 25 | **Feria, Ember Wednesday – FAST AND PARTIAL ABSTINENCE**

7:30am – St. Philomena

7:30am – St. Peter Claver

Teresa Gay - Anonymous

- Thursday, February 26 | **Feria - FAST**

7:30am – St. Philomena

7:30am – St. Peter Claver

Gustavo Griss - Anonymous

- Friday, February 27 | **St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, Ember Friday – FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

7:30am – St. Philomena

6:00pm – St. Philomena followed by Stations of the Cross

Gustavo Griss - Anonymous

- Saturday, February 28 | **Feria, Ember Saturday – FAST AND PARTIAL ABSTINENCE**

7:30am – St. Philomena

Joshua Griss - Anonymous

- Sunday, March 1 | **2nd Sunday of Lent**

9:00am – St. Philomena

9:00am – St. Peter Claver

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Announcements

Collection

St. Philomena – 2/15 - TBA

St. Peter Claver – 2/15 - TBA

The Masses at St. Peter Claver will now be livestreamed on YouTube. The channel is <https://www.youtube.com/@StPeterClaverChapelLA>

1st Sunday of Lent

On the First Sunday of Lent, the Church places before us the temptation of Our Lord in the desert. After forty days of fasting, He permits the devil to approach Him. Not because He could fall, but to teach us how to stand.

The temptations follow a clear pattern. First, the suggestion to turn stones into bread — to relieve hunger by an act of power outside the Father’s will. Then, the proposal to cast Himself down from the Temple — to force a miracle and presume upon divine protection. Finally, the offer of worldly dominion without the Cross — glory without obedience.

In each case, Our Lord answers calmly and decisively. He does not argue at length. He does not entertain the proposal. He rejects it with the authority of divine truth.

Lent is given to us for this reason. We fast and pray not as an end in themselves, but to strengthen the will. Temptation will come. It always does. The question is whether we hesitate and negotiate, or whether we answer firmly and remain faithful.

The desert teaches us that fidelity in small acts prepares the soul for greater trials. If we learn obedience now, we will not be unprepared when more serious temptations arise.