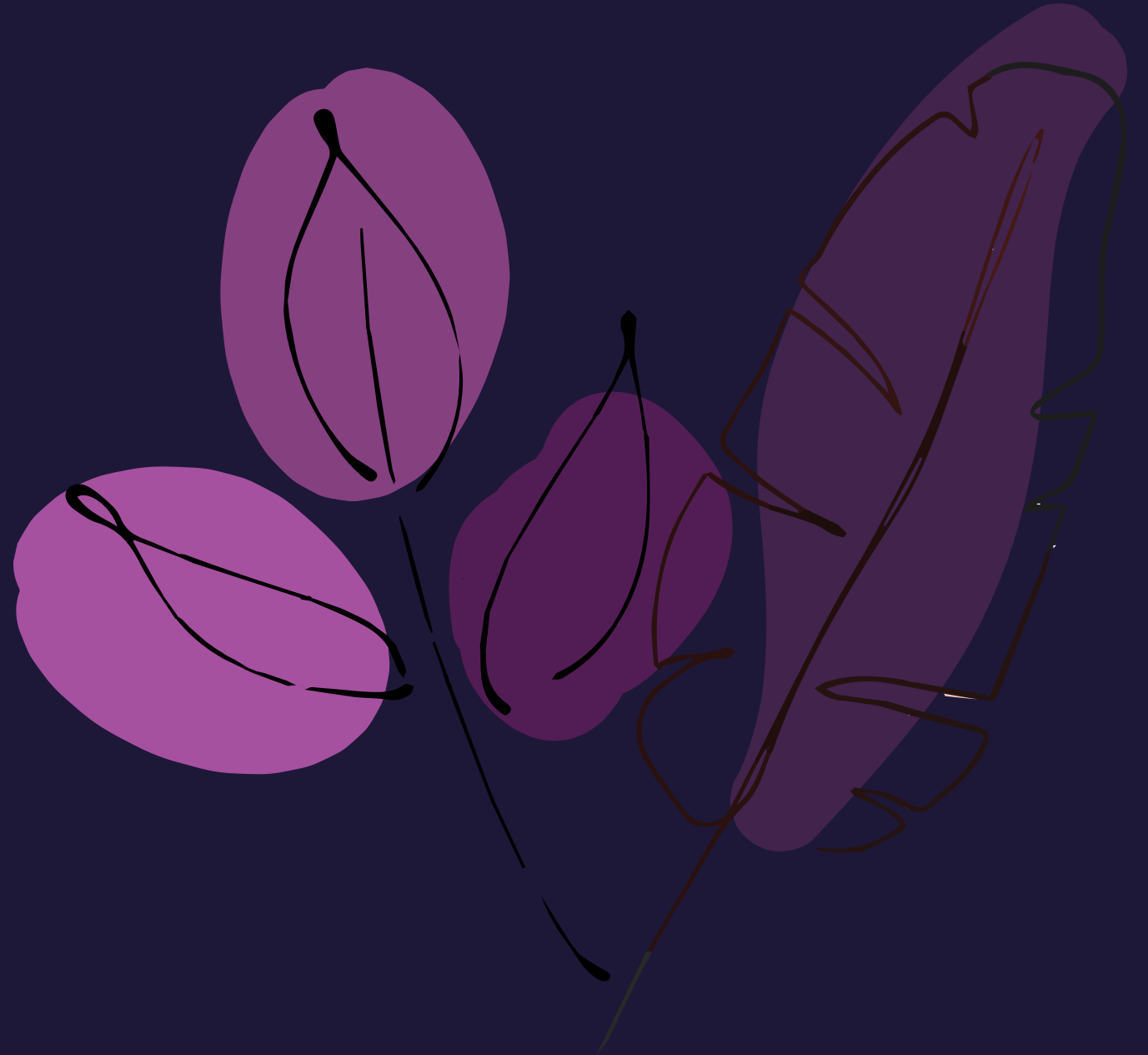


# Parent News

## March 2023

St. Robert Religious Education  
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Grades PK-6th



# Falling in love with Jesus...



At Home: Lent!



Level One (ages 3-6)



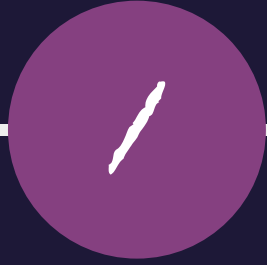
Level Two (grades 1-3)



Level Three (grades 4-6)



News & Updates!



# Growing at Home

The Lenten Season



# Welcome to Lent:

It's here! Lent. First, I want to deeply thank everyone that attend Ash Wednesday Mass on such a snowy day! Your commitment and dedication is truly inspiring!

With that said - how appropriate that Lent begins with throwing us off balance! In the Level Three atrium, we have been doing an in depth study of Moses. We just read together about how the Israelites are in the desert and they are complaining about how they want to go back to Egypt, back to slavery. They begged God to save them for 400 years and then after they are free and encounter some hardship in the desert, they complain bitterly. The children remarked that they found the Israelites to be spoiled, selfish, greedy, and annoying. And they felt that God was spoiling the Israelites because with every hardship, God provides generously for them. I pointed out that the Israelites were thrown off balance. They left what was known to them to go on quite the adventure. They didn't know that they could deeply trust God and he would provide. We have an advantage over the Israelites of old. We know that Jesus came to deliver us from slavery, just as God delivered His people so long ago. We know that Jesus loves us so much that *he provides everything we need* (Psalm 23:1).

During this Lenten season, we are asked to take a hard look at what in our life is hindering our relationship with God and others. In what ways are we enslaved to what is not good for us and in what ways are we being asked to more deeply trust God. We get comfortable in our schedules. We get comfortable with our sin. During this season, we are asked to be like the Israelites and leave the comfort of slavery and journey out - to make more room for God in our lives, to join our suffering with his, to turn away from the things that hurt our friendship with him. Yikes! But we can do it! "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*" (Philippians 4:13). As you journey through the desert of Lent, I pray that you will know Jesus' deep love for you!

-Hannah Turchi, DRE

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# The Level One Atrium

Ages three years through six years  
(PK through Kindergarten)

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# The Lord is My Shepherd...

## ***The Good Shepherd***

We are introduced to John 10, where Jesus introduces himself to us as the Good Shepherd. We hear of this special relationship he has with his sheep - he knows them, calls them by name, leads them, gives them fullness of life, and he gives his life for his sheep. And the sheep know him and they follow him. The youngest children immediately connect to this relationship - they often compare it to that of a mother with her child. The Shepherd tenderly cares for the sheep.

The older Level One children, are presented The Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd calls us by name to the Church. Because he loves us and wants us to have full life, he gives himself to us in the holy bread and holy wine that is Jesus. We think deeply about this special relationship we have with Jesus.

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# The Level Two Atrium

1st through 3rd Grade

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# A Love So Great...

We will be pondering the parable of The Good Shepherd and the Hireling and the Wolf, which helps us particularly during this Lenten season. After briefly recalling what we already know about the Good Shepherd, we read John 10:3-5, 11-16. We see how when the wolf comes, the Hireling runs away and allows the wolf to scatter the sheep. We see how the Good Shepherd protects them and lays His life down for them. We discuss who the flock might be (the Church) and who the wolf might be (sin, evil, anything that divides). The Good Shepherd unites us when sin would divide us. We know that Jesus died but He rose again! His love is more powerful than evil or even death! We are called to trust in Jesus and not be afraid. We also ponder what will happen at Parousia when there will be “one flock and one shepherd.”





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# The Level Three Atrium

4th through 6th Grade

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# The Armour of Light...

The Armor of Light meditations are often called “Second Reconciliation” because the scriptures (The Maxims and moral parables) help us grow in our understanding of the Sacrament of Confession. We meditate on Ephesians 5:8 and Romans 12:11-12. We talk about when we received the gift of light at our baptism and what it means to live as children of the Light. A way to do so is by living out the Maxims that Jesus taught us. We put out all the maxims and individually choose one to reflect on, work with, and live out over the next week. The following week, we will return and see how we did living out our chosen maxim. We know that we have weakness (we recall the Found Sheep parable) and sometimes we fail, but just as in the parable of the Insistent Friend, we go to God and ask for what we lack and He will help us.

As the season of Lent continues, we will meditate on new maxims that we have not heard (Lk 9:62, Mt. 7:13, Mk 2:17, Mt 5:44-45, Mt. 21:28-31, Mt. 7:21, Luke 6:46-49). We will work with these over the next couple weeks so that we not only know these mentally, but will understand them with our hearts. Only then can we truly live these teachings of Jesus out.

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## Confession Times During Lent:

Go as a family during this season!

Wednesday:

5:30-6:30pm

Friday:

5:30-6:30pm

Saturday:

9:00-10:00am

Sunday:

5:00-5:45pm

Penance Service (many priests will be available for confession):

March 19 @ 3pm

## Happy Baptism!

Joseph Pobocik (March 17)

## No RE Classes:

March 26, 27, 28

## Children's Stations of the Cross

**March 17, 2023 from 7pm-7:30pm.** Our RE and school children will read reflections during this family-friendly Stations of the Cross prayer. Please join us!

## Sacramental Prep Dates:

March 2, 6:00-6:30pm

March 9, 6:00-6:30pm

March 16, 6:00-6:45pm

March 23, 6:00-6:30pm

## Registration for RE for Next Year:

It's already time to register for next year! Early Registration discounts are available. To register go to

<https://srbcatholic.com/formation/children-high-school/cgs/>



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