

# Synoptic Table Lent 2012

## The Time Has Come. Give Life!

	<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Central Message</i>	<i>Liturgical Planning</i>
<b>Truly Entering into Lent Lent I February 26,</b>	<b><u>Genesis 9, 8-15</u></b> God designated that the rainbow should be the sign of his freely given covenant, a reminder of his promise to all the living.	<b><u>1 Peter 3, 18-22</u></b> Profession of faith in the majesty of Christ, whose glory embraces all times and everywhere.	<b><u>Mark 1, 12-15</u></b> The time has come to discover the signs of God's Good News	Driven into the desert by the Spirit, Jesus consolidates his ties to his Father prior to announcing the good news of his kingdom.	Place on display a picture of a large wheel with spokes of many colours. At the centre of the wheel is a picture of Christ.
<b>Inner Splendour! Outer Splendour! Lent II March 4, 2012</b>	<b><u>Genesis 1-2.9a.10-13.15-18</u></b> Abraham places all his trust in God, even when it seems that He is going back on his promises and death appears imminent.	<b><u>Romans 8, 31b-34</u></b> In contemplating the accomplishment of God in Jesus died and risen, Paul affirms the heart of his faith: God is totally for us.	<b><u>Mark 9, 2-10</u></b> Christ transfigured manifests the coming of the Kingdom of God.	The transfiguration teaches us that Jesus is the beloved Son of God and it opens the door on the world to come: that of the resurrection.	On the first Sunday, before Mass begins, place pictures of individual persons at the outer edge of each spoke. These pictures represent the faces of Christians.
<b>Life Changing! Lent III March 11, 2012</b>	<b><u>Exodus 20, 1-17</u></b> We don't buy God's love through obedience to his commandments. His love is always before us and always freely given.	<b><u>1 Corinthians 1, 22-25</u></b> The true sign under which our faith in Christ is founded is the gift of his life as a total offering.	<b><u>John 2, 13-25</u></b> By overturning the merchants' tables, Jesus reveals that the only true signs which lead to faith are his death and resurrection.	Jesus overturns our misconceptions, our haggling, and our self-righteousness, so that we may encounter a God whose only power is unconditional love.	Following the homily, a volunteer from the assembly moves the pictures a little way along the spokes toward the center of the wheel. The idea of this gesture is that in moving closer to Christ, we move closer to each other.
<b>The Courage of Truth Lent IV March 18, 2012</b>	<b><u>2 Chronicles 36, 14-16, 19-23</u></b> After their distress at the time of exile, the Lord restores the hope of a future for his people.	<b><u>Ephesians 2, 4-10</u></b> God is rich in mercy, and everything depends on his grace.	<b><u>John 3, 14-21</u></b> All who believe in the Son risen in glory will obtain eternal life and reveal the works of God.	Love has the power to transform hopeless situations and the heaviest of crosses.	This same gesture is repeated each Sunday, until the 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, when all the images will closely surround the picture of Christ at the center of the wheel.
<b>Grain of Wheat, Grain of Glory. Lent V March 25, 2012</b>	<b><u>Jeremiah 31, 31-34</u></b> By inscribing his Law in the hearts of his people, God establishes a new covenant.	<b><u>Hebrews 5, 7-9</u></b> The obedient Son, Source of perfection, is our eternal salvation.	<b><u>John 12, 20-33</u></b> Glorified by the Father, Christ draws to himself all human beings.	Assured of the unwavering love of God for humanity, and for each and every one of us, we are called into faith.	

