**First Sunday of Lent**

**February 26, 2023**

For the world-wide Church and especially for our Archdiocese:  
we receive the grace of repentance and renewal in this holy season.

We pray to the Lord.

For all who are preparing for Baptism and for Reconciliation:  
that they may receive new life in Christ.  
We pray to the Lord.

For all in government and in leadership,  
that they will be blessed with right judgment, courage   
and compassion.

We pray to the Lord.

For victims of persecution, violence, or prejudice;  
that they and their communities may be healed.

We pray to the Lord.

For those who no longer practice their faith:

that our prayers and our good works will inspire them to follow Christ.  
We pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick and the dying, and for their care-givers.

We pray to the Lord

For all who have died,   
and for all who mourn their loved ones.

We pray to the Lord.