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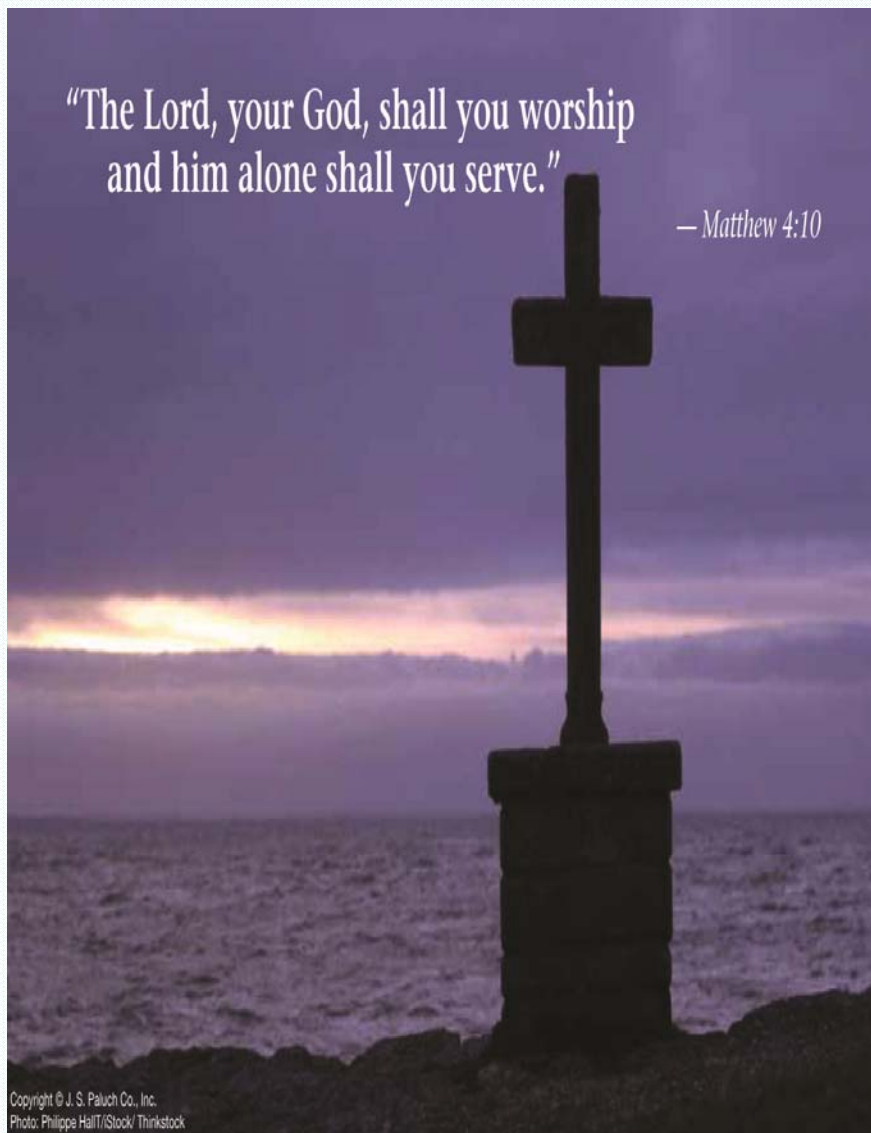
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"The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."

— Matthew 4:10

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**First Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2020**

MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM (ROSARY AFTER)

FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM (NOVENA TO THE BL.
VIRGIN MARY)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 PM

SUNDAY: 9:45-10:15AM

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION

TUESDAY: 8:30AM-8:00PM

FRIDAY: 8:30AM-9:30AM (DEVOTION TO SACRED
HEART)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

KARLA HENLEY, SECRETARY



GOSPEL REFLECTION

The temptation narrative, in the first place, is to give a correct understanding about the sonship of Jesus. While the devil associates the sonship of Jesus with power, pomp and prestige, Jesus describes it in terms of complete trust in God and obedience to His commands. While the devil tries to dissuade Jesus from living out his sonship, Jesus lives it by committing himself totally to the mission by doing the will of the Father entrusted to Him.

The three temptations of Jesus narrated in the Gospel represent all the temptations that he would face in his life; they recall the temptations that the Israel experienced during their journey to the Promised land; they also stand for all the temptations that the Church and an individual will face in her/his life. The first temptation of Jesus is to use His spiritual power to satisfy his own bodily needs; this test is a pleasing appeal not to work for daily bread; it is an enticing call to abuse the gift of God. The second temptation is to do spectacular feats to attract attention of the people; it is an allurements to popularity and prestige. The third temptation was to seize possessions; it is luring invitation to be greedy. The three temptations can be summarized into one, i.e., to abandon God, to place one's trust in something other than God and then to fulfill the mission in ways not pleasing to God.

The temptation takes place in the desert. The scripture associates the 'Desert' with temptation or as the place of test. 'Desert' is the place where the old Israel failed the test to be faithful to Yahweh. There they doubted God's providence (Deut 8:3) and put God to test (Deut 6:16); they abandoned God and worshiped idols (Deut 6:13). It is again in the desert that Jesus, the New Israel, wins the battle. Let the example of Jesus inspire us to overcome the temptations in our daily life.



SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Black & Indian Missions—
February 29-March 1

Catholic Relief Services—
March 21-22

Pray for our troops:

Amir Darwish — US Army National Guard
Drew Ladner — US Marine
Darrell Little — US Army
Devin Nelson — US Army
Brandan Witt — USAF

Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —

The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm —

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading —

Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel —

Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

Claiborne Hill Receipts

Please save your receipts and place into the box in the vestibule of Church. Total collected from Claiborne Hill Receipts as of: **February 3, 2020 \$2,448.68**

Thank You for your receipts!



**Weekend of
February 15-16, 2020**

Weekly.....\$3,696.00
Building Fund.....\$350.86

MANY THANKS!

Financial NEWS

Annunciation Parish Financial Obligations

Insurance	\$38,245.00
Diocesan Support Tax	\$16,735.00
School Supplement	\$28,270.00
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Operational Expenses (approximate)	\$132,000.00
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$215,250.00
Amount needed each week	\$4,140.00
Average Sunday Collection	\$3,000.00
Currently we have a Weekly Shortfall of	-\$1,140.00

2020 CONFIRMATION AT SACRED HEART—DEDEAUX

Practice will be Sunday, March 1st at 6:00pm

Confirmation will be Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00 pm with a reception after.

All are welcome to attend.



LENT IS COMING!

Let us join together in the
Chapel on Thursday, March 5 from
6:00-7:00pm.

Quiet prayer before the cross
Prayer, Song, Silence, Adoration



Michael & Toddy Arceneaux	Verna Mae Ladner
Ralph Baldwin	James Lovett
Nelsie & Johnny Banks	Sandra & Janet Mauffray
Gene Breazeale	Woody Mauffray
Claud Burk	Carol Moragas
Jaycee & Jaylee Cameron	Mary Louise & Sonny Moran
Don "Sarge" Carter	Belinda & Kenny Morgan
Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa,	Patrick Murphy
JoAnn, Jude, Shirley	Janet Necaise
Cucurullo	Tyrone & Faye Necaise
Leticia J. Dedeaux	Christopher Nugent
Peggy Glynn	Joy Patin
Christine Greenwood	Carolyn Reeves
Merle Haas	Brooke Rolison
Wayne Hoda	Carla Santiago
Amanda Jones	Karrie Schultz
June Kenney	Jerry Shavers
Donald Koenenn	Timothy Scott Steen
Cecile & Willard Ladner	Maura Strong
Patsy Ladner	Josie Thomas

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 29

4:00pm - Hope Thomas & Family

Sunday, March 1

8:00am - Parishioners

10:30am - Christine & LG Curvin

First Saturday, March 7

8:00am - All Souls

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ This Thursday, March 5th Morning Mass will be held at 7:30am.
- ◆ It has been directed that the Precious Blood not be distributed at Mass and continuing until further notice. Also, we request that you avoid shaking hands during Sharing of Peace of Christ. The directive is due to the severity of the flu season.
- ◆ We will have a special collection for Black & Indian Missions today.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross will be held Wednesdays at 8:30am after Mass in the Chapel and Fridays at 5:00pm in the Church.**
- ◆ Fish Fry Fridays in the Parish Hall from 5:00pm-7:00pm.
- ◆ Annunciation's Annual Parish \$1,500 has begun. Tickets are \$20. Prizes are: 1st Place \$1,500; 2nd Place \$500; Most tickets sold \$200. Call Karla for tickets.
- ◆ The Women's Fellowship of Annunciation Parish is selling tickets for a chance to win a 100 quart boiling pot with a strainer and burner and accessories. Tickets are \$2.00 a piece and are available in the vestibule.
- ◆ We will have Fellowship Bunco on March 8th at 1:30pm in the Parish Hall, a signup sheet will be available in the vestibule.
- ◆ ExtraGive2019
We are requesting each family, if able, to offer \$40 extra or more each month in addition to what you offer to help meet the expenses of the church every month.
- ◆ We are in need of more lectors at the 4:00 (Vigil Mass) on Saturdays. Please contact Ann Marie Simpson or office.
- ◆ Annunciation's Second Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be next Sunday, March 8th after the 8:00 Mass.
- ◆ The Knights of Columbus has produced a 12-episode video series inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation Into the Breach written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix. Supreme has done a powerful job with the new video series listed below. If you get time to watch it please do! And if you can pass it along to other Catholic men, PLEASE DO! kofc.org/intothebreach

Fasting: Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all the weekdays of Lent the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations," when considered together, should not equal the main meal-and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength.

Abstinence: All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent, unless the Friday is a solemnity (there are no Friday solemnities in 2019).

In their Penance and Abstinence pastoral, the U.S. Bishops declared: "the obligation both to fast and to abstain from meat, an obligation observed under a more strict formality by our fathers in the faith, still binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation. . ." They also stated: "we preserve for our dioceses the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent, confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice."

2020 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL—”BRING CHRIST TO THE WORLD”
This weekend is the start of the 2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal entitled “Bring Christ to the World!” Bishop Kihneman invites each of us to help “Bring Christ to the World” through our prayerful and financial support of this year’s appeal. Father will read a letter from the bishop during the homily and invite us to join him in supporting our parish and our diocese through this annual appeal. Thank you!