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First Sunday of Lent

Masses

- Saturday Vigil:** 4:00pm
- Sunday:** 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass:** 8:00am (Chapel)
(Monday-Friday, Rosary after)
- First Tuesday** Anointing of the
(of the Month) Sick & Novena of
Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
(after 8am Mass)
- First Friday:** 8:00am(Chapel)
(of the month) Mass & Devotion
To Sacred Heart

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturday:** 3:00-3:45 pm
- Sunday:** 7:15 - 7:45am
9:45-10:15am
(Other times by Appointment)

Adoration

- Tuesday:** 8:00am-6:00pm
- Friday:** 8:30am-9:30am

Office Hours

- Mon-Friday** 8:30am-12:30pm
- Wednesday** 8:30am-12:00pm

Secretary Linda Bellocq



Today's Readings

First Reading (Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7)

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm (51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17)

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight."

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Second Reading (Romans 5:12-19)

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned— for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned.

For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal.

For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

Gospel (Matthew 4:1-11)

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*" Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*"

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: *The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.*" Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Gospel Reflection

Using a literary genre St. Matthew presents three frameworks in which the temptations took place. Jesus' answers to the tempter refer to three events of the Exodus: the murmurings of the people over the lack of food (Ex 16), the protests over lack of water (Exodus 17), and the worship of golden calf (Exodus 31,32). Jesus undergoes the same temptations of his forefathers but overcomes them.

The first temptation: "command that these stones become loaves of bread". we cannot live without bread. The word 'eating' occurs 910 times in the Old Testament, shows how important it is to God that every person has something to eat. In the desert, the Lord said to Moses: "I am going to rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus, will I test them. Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over until morning." But they did not listen to Moses, and some kept a part of it over until morning, and it became wormy and stank. (Ex 16:4,19-20). Remember what Jesus taught us to pray, "Give us this day, our daily bread".

It is a typical case of educational temptation: God has placed Israel in front of the manna to educate the people using earthly goods and trust in His providence. God wanted to teach his people that the selfish use of accumulated wealth for oneself while others lack bare necessities, is a behavior dictated by the devil. Jesus answered by referring to Scripture: "It is not by bread alone that people live, but by all that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord." (Deut 8:3). For us, Lent is a time of self-examination and amendment. It is a time for us to keep the greatest commandment 'You shall love your God and your neighbor.' (Mt 22:35-40)

The second temptation: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down." The ultimate goal of the devil is to weaken the relationship with God. This is achieved when a doubt is created in the minds of people whether the Lord keeps his promises or not. In the desert, the people of Israel, exhausted by thirst, exclaimed: "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" (Ex 17:7). They demanded a sign from God to know whether He really accompanies them. Most of us experience these types of temptations. The prophet Jeremiah doubted "Why is my pain continuous, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? To me you are like a deceptive brook, waters that cannot be relied on". (Jer 15:18). Jesus was subject to these types of tests, but he did not budge to it. In the most dramatic moments of Jesus' life, he refused to ask for proof of his Father's love.

The third temptation: "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me". It is the temptation of power and domination over others. The people of Israel in the desert doubted their God Yahweh and worshiped a golden calf (Ex 31,32). Jesus never bowed down before any idol. He was not seduced by political power (Jn 6:15), money, possession and even by the proposals for success and glory.


The last part of the Gospel is an invitation to reevaluate our lives and make us aware that privilege, honor, possession and power are not offered by God but by the tempter.

Catholic Sharing Appeal
You are the Light of the World
 Catholic Sharing Appeal envelopes are available in the Vestibule. Please collect, fill out and return along with your pledge. Thank you

Mass & Devotion to Sacred Heart
 First Friday: March 3, 2023
 8:00am - Chapel

Anointing of the Sick & Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 First Tuesday: March 7, 2023
 After 8am Mass - Chapel

Special Collection
 Black and Indian Missions

 **COFFEE SHOP**
 Come by and enjoy some Coffee, Breakfast & Fellowship after 8am Mass.
 Donations are accepted

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 25	4pm-	Peggy Ladner †
Sunday	February 26	8:00am	Parishioners
		10:30am-	Michael S. Whitehurst †
Monday	February 27	8:00am-	Aline Hoda
Tuesday,	February 28	8:00am-	Karen Koenenn †
Wednesday	March 1	8:00am-	Christine Currin, John B. Rhode †
Thursday	March 2	8:00am-	Aline Hoda
Friday	March 3	8:00am-	Gladys & Vernon Haas †

Stations of the Cross
 Wednesday 8:30am (Chapel)
 Friday 5:00pm (Church)

 **FISH FRY FRIDAY'S**
 Annunciation Ladies Club will be having their Fish Fry every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday. 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Hall.
 \$12 Per Plate
Volunteers can sign up in the Vestibule

50/50 RAFFLE
The Ladies Club
 Will be having their annual 50/50 Raffle. Tickets will be available in the Vestibule after each Mass. Drawing will be at the BBQ Dinner in May.

Claiborne Hill Receipts
 We appreciate dropping off your Claiborne Hill receipts!
 Thank you for your support.
YTD \$77.06

<u>Financial News</u>	
Insurance	\$64,983.79
Diocesan Support	\$14,524.68
School Supplement	\$28,609.38
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$138,968.38
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$247,086.23
Amount needed each Week	\$4,751.66
Last Sunday Collection	\$3,389.00
YTD Needed	\$46,463.79
YTD Collected	\$26,012.06
YTD Shortfall	\$15,700.07

 **Church Cleaning**
 Team 4 this week

Prayer Request

Jennifer Albrittin	Jean Lee
Judith Amm	Walter Lonbourg
Emilee Battaglia	James Lovett
John Battaglia	Layla Mallett
Stacey Battaglia	Jim McDaniel
Bill Blaisdell	Charles Meador
Stephen Blaisdell	Kathleen Micell
Earline Blanchard	Shannon & Carol Moragas
Gene Breazeale	Barbara Moran
Wilson Breux	Cleopatra Moran
Ernest Brown	Sonny Moran
Ida Brown	Warren Moran
Claude & Linda Burke	Belinda & Kenny Morgan
John Byrnes	Patrick Murphy
Barbara Cameron	Bernadine Necaize
Robert L. Cassell	Bernell Necaize
Kay Cerisier	Janet Necaize
Rosalind & Cynthia Dautat	Tyrone & Faye Necaize
Cheryl Deschamp	Wilmah Necaize
Jean Dohm	Christopher Nugent
Jessica Duffour	Louis Nunez
Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa, JoAnn, Jude, Shirley Cucurullo	Timothy Odom
Howard Edwards	Joy Patin
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Nell Koenenn	Caleb Schwartz
Shelly Koenenn	Sonny Schwartz
Andy Ladner	Jerry Shavers
Barbara Ladner	Mike Shubert
Janice Ladner	Maura Strong
Shelia Ladner	Rose Tebo
Willard & Cecile Ladner	Josie Thomas
Patsy Ladner	Judy Thornton
	Jim Valentino
	Shaylynn Whitfield
	Adrian Wilson

Pray for our Troops

Amir Darwis _____ US Army National Guard
 Darrell Little _____ US Army
 Devin Nelson _____ US Army
 Brandan Witt _____ USAF
 Evan Cameron _____ USAF
 David Arceneaux _____ USAF
 Lance Cuevas.....USAF
 Christopher Abney.....US Navy

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.

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