



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ✕ MARCH 9, 2025



- Sat. Mar. 8 VIGIL-FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00pm Mary Lou Moritz by Mary Knowles
- Sun. Mar. 9 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
9:00am Ron Scheiner by Lisa Smoyak
10:30am Bobby Jantz by Karen, Jamie, and Michael
- Tues. Mar. 11 FIRST WEEK OF LENT
9:00am Uncle Bob Barbieri by Ang and Peg Gianoni
- Thru. Mar. 13 FIRST WEEK OF LENT
9:00am James J, Wilde by Bob and Judy Quinlan
- Sat. Mar. 15 VIGIL-SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00pm Alfred J. Micucci by Mary Knowles
- Sun. Mar. 16 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
9:00am Rob Scheiner by Lisa Smoyak
10:30am Bobby Jantz by Karen, Jamie, Michael



*The Candles and Bread
and Wine are donated
this week in memory of
Bobby Jantz
by the Jantz Family*



Parishioners who are sick and in need of prayers can be added to our prayer list by calling the parish office at 570-842-4995. Please pray for: Margaret Adamiac, Camille Albert, Josephine Amato, Joanne Arredondo, Chelsey Bartro, Michael Bota, Rose Bremer, Reilly Canas, P.J. Cappola, Jane Colwell, Dennis Corbisiero, Marilyn Croak, Jim Dantis, William Delahanty, Scott Demarest, Barbara Derrenbacher, Carole Dougherty, Linda & Bob Earthy, Dan Edwards, Mary Ann Flaherty, Kyle Gemberling, Tyler Hanson, Pat Henes, Marge Imperatrice, James Imtanos, Mary Knowles, Sue Krayeski, Betsy Kressler, Susie LaFave, Tim Lenihan, Viviana Lewis, Donna Jean Marabella, Michael Martino, Stephanie Martino, Tammie Martino, Alice McAfee, Ellie McCauley, Tim McGovern, Carol McKnight, Donald Migliorato, Judy Morris, Paul Natoli, Tom Natoli, Marc Negri, Gioia Palmerio, Victor Panzella, Reed Phillips, James Piloni, Ruth Piloni, Edward Pizzo, Frank Quattrock, James Quinn, Jennifer Quinn, Pam Quinn, Steve Rish, Anthony Romaro, Joanne S., Mark Sallust, Lisa Sarnicola, Michael Sawko, Beth Schuil, Ellen Soloman, Duane Sprovach, Millie Stoia, Luke Stricker, Jason Scott Taylor, Dana Thorne, Skyler Thorne, Jack Tizio, Thomas Tizio, Gregory Tobin, Linda Wahlers, Helen Zerbe, and all the sick of the Parish.

Please call the Parish Office if someone should be taken off the list.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses discusses the power God has displayed in freeing his people from oppression and leading them to a rich land. He tells the people that they should make offerings to God to show their gratitude, then celebrate over the great things he has given them.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Paul tells us that if we proclaim, "Jesus is Lord" and truly believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For God shows his mercy toward everyone who calls upon his name.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, then Satan appeared to him and tempted him to turn stone into bread. After Jesus refused, Satan promised him great powers if Jesus would worship him. Jesus replied that he would worship God and no one else. Then Satan tried to persuade Jesus to put God to the test, but again Jesus resisted his temptation.

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Sunday

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48



Sacrificial Giving

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

God's Plan for Giving 03/02/2025

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday Offering | \$ 2723.00 |
| Loose | \$ 253.00 |
| School Debt | \$ 137.00 |
| Fuel | \$ 50.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 110.00 |
| Ash Wednesday | \$ 3.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 3423.00 |

Online Included above

Diocesan:

Priest's Care & Ed \$98.00

Rice Bowl \$50.00

\$148.00

Mass Attendance; Sat: 4:00PM 34

Sun: 9:00AM- 43

Sun 10:00AM 25

LENTEN REGULATIONS

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

These are DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE. Limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive. These are also known as meatless days.

WEEKDAYS OF LENT

These days do not have any special obligations to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

LENTEN FRIDAYS

All Fridays in Lent are DAYS OF ABSTINENCE. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

LENTEN REMINDERS

Almsgiving-generously giving to those in need.

Fasting-practicing self-discipline and self-denial.

Prayer-reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God.

Little Sayings to help You on Your Way

**When life is not a bed of roses,
Remember who wore the thorns**



Father Ravel's Corner

BE IN TUNE WITH JESUS

We can't avoid deserts in our spiritual journey; in fact, they are the privileged places to encounter God, realize our weakness and, finally, resolve to depend on God. At every point of one's life. - be it a saint or a sinner - there are always temptations or desert experience in different forms. More often than not, even the best of our spiritual exercises fails us and we become the victims of those temptations. How, then, do we overcome them?

In today's Gospel, we see the desert experience of Jesus. Having experienced God as the 'living Abba' in his Baptism, Jesus is driven by the devil to be tempted. The temptations are such that Jesus' very foundational experience of God is shaken as the devil keeps repeating, "if you are the Son of God..." For Jesus, His sonship with God was not a hypothesis to be proven, rather a state of His eternal being. Consequently, it means that He can't just replace His relationship with God with anything else that the world offers. The way to overcome such temptations is to continue to be in communion with God just as Jesus did and God will take care of the rest. Let us not, hence, fall prey to the temptations of glory and power, rather be always in union with the Lord.

May the Lord, help us withstand trials and temptations when they come on our ways so that we never give up on our faith in you.

HAVE A BLESSED LENTEN SEASON!

"Pilgrims of Hope", the Jubilee Year declared by Pope Francis for 2025 is underway!



Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope." - Pope Francis



First Sunday of Lent, Cycle C
Sunday, March 9, 2025

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15

A prayer for God's protection

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

Paul teaches that we are saved by faith.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

“What does the Scripture say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith we preach.) For if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.’... When the devil had finished all this temptation he left him, to await another opportunity.”

Our journey of Lent, a special time of spiritual renewal has begun. We can live this unique opportunity well, as it never more will return. Through our prayer, sacrifices and good works, we will walk the road of holiness. During this period, countless opportunities await us to deepen our relationship with Christ.

The word of Paul to Romans is a personal invitation to open the bible each day, select a passage, think about what it says, offer a prayer and live the word. With others, may it be a new and further step for our salvation. Why else did Jesus come?

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

LENT ...
FAST • GIVE • PREPARE • PRAY