First Sunday in Lent Year C

No one lives on bread alone

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10. We cried to the Lord, and he heard our cry

Psalm 90: Be with me Lord when I am in trouble

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13. The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart

Alleluia Verse: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory. No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.


Com. Verse: One does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.


Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: God of Mercy, your Son faced trials and temptations in the wilderness. Strengthen us as we face the temptation of our time, and grant compassion to all who call on you in their need.

Leader: We pray for peace, and for our children and parents in the reconciliation program:

People: May we be agent of peace and reconciliation in our world and among ourselves.

Celebrant: God of mercy…. All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for catechumens and candidates preparing to enter the Church, especially Tagan, Keith, Sarah & Emmanuel.

People: May they experience our support as they begin to live the Gospel in a new way.

Celebrant: God of mercy…. All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for refugees and displaced people:

People: May we open our hearts to welcome them in Jesus’ name.

Celebrant: God of mercy…. All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for a generous heart:

People: May we will be able to give up something so to share it with the poor.

Celebrant: God of mercy…. All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for Father Roy on the anniversary of his profession to religious life

People: May he continue to be God’s Heart on Earth

Celebrant: God of mercy…. All: Hear our prayer

Celebrant: Blessed be God, merciful and compassionate, who has reconciled us through Christ and calls us to new life by his Grace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

OUR POPE SAYS: For all of us, then, the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favourable time to listen to God’s word and practise the works of mercy. In the corporal works of mercy, we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited. By touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering, sinners can receive the gift of realizing that they too are poor and in need. By taking this path, the “proud”, the “powerful” and the “wealthy” spoken of in the Magnificat can also be embraced and undeservedly loved by the crucified Lord who died and rose for them. This love alone is the answer to that yearning for infinite happiness and love. Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favourable a time for conversion! We ask this through the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who, encountering the greatness of God’s mercy freely bestowed upon her, was the first to acknowledge her lowliness and to call herself the Lord’s humble servant.

The Elect of God:

Rites celebrate the passage of the catechumens from one level of catechesis to another. An anointing marks them as ‘the elect of God’ and the presentation of The Creed and The Lord’s Prayer invite them into the faith of the Community. The entire Community should participate in these rites

Please Pray for Les and Clare Fern, Joe & Rosemary Valle, Josephine and Antonio Di Lembo; Margaret McDonald, Margaret Heagney (Catherine Phillip's mother) Ardea Tramontin, Viviane Taranto, Gregoria Ocampo. Rhonda Blaser, Antonio Carla.
MASS TIMES: SATURDAY VIGIL.  6.00 pm  SUNDAY  8.30 am AND  6.00 pm.

Syro-Malabar Rite  10.30 am the First Sunday of month.  Children’s Mass 8.30 am last Sunday of month.

Monday  5.30 pm. (8.00 am Public Holidays)  Tuesday–Friday.  6.45am.  Anointing Mass First Mondays 5.30 pm

Saturday:  8.00 am.

SACRAMENTS:  Reconciliation: Ask at least 15 minutes before any Mass and immediately after Saturday Mass.  Baptisms/ Marriages  By appointment. Book well ahead

Living the Gospel: ‘The greatest treason: the right deed for the wrong reason’

As always on the First Sunday in Lent, the Gospel story is about the Temptations that confronted Jesus. They were temptations to make money, to achieve power and to avoid responsibility. Jesus rejected all these temptations by calling on the only strength he really had, his relationship with God the Father. Because all these things would be in the way of his mission on earth, they had to be avoided.

We also have the same kinds of temptations that Jesus had. They are not always as clear cut as these three in the story, but they amount to the same in the end; all our temptations are about wanting more (No matter how we get it), wanting power over others (we want to be better than others, we want to get an edge on others), and we want to avoid taking responsibility for our own lives and to be of service to others. Individualism is increasingly becoming the moral norm in our society. What is best for the individual has to be right!!

There are some social problems today that come back time and again to confront us. When we come to make decisions about morality, we need to be objective; we cannot make up our minds just on individual cases, no matter how many cases there might be, nor how much sympathy they might arouse. There are so many people confronted by these temptations, and we can easily let our sympathy determine our norms of morality.

The Moral Law does not only depend on the Church, or the Pope, or the Scriptures. Morality, and the norms of morality, can only be worked out in terms of what is for the common good, what is ennobling for hu-

man nature, what will ultimately enrich humanity.

All life is a gift from God; it has to be lived as a gift; it has to be lived as a gift to others; it is a far more enriching gift when it challenges others to become better human beings. At least Jesus thought so!

PARISH NOTICES AND COMING EVENTS

Weekly Collections: 1st Collection: $1131.75  2nd Collection:  $1033.65 Syro Malabar $434.15  Direct Debit $337.00

FEBRUARY CALENDAR:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS  every Friday in Lent at 6.00 pm beginning Friday 12th.  No Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

LENTEN GROUPS.  Meet at Church on Monday at 6.30 pm, at the Convent on Tuesdays, Presbytery on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm.

Sunday 28th  3rd Sunday of Lent.  8.30 am  Children’s Mass with presentation of the Reconciliation children to the community.

THE SEASON OF LENT is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others (prayer, penance and alms giving). Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). From The Ordo

Thursday 25th Second Reconciliation meeting at 6pm for parents and children.