March 01, 2020 ~ First Sunday of Lent

“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.” ~ Matthew 4:10

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March 01, 2020 ~ First Sunday of Lent ~ Year A

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12,17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Like Adam and Eve (1), Jesus was tempted, but did not sin (3). Our sinfulness (Ps) is acquitted through one man, Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified (2).

Strength Against Temptation

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

Treasures From Our Tradition

In a few weeks’ time, at the Chrism Mass of the diocese, fresh sacramental oils will be blessed and chrism consecrated for use in every parish. Olive oil is the main ingredient of chrism, but olive oil with some exotic additives that change its character and purpose. Rich balsam and perfumes separate chrism from the pantry. Food no longer, neither is this oil for grooming or toning muscles. It has a breathtaking aroma that is both alluring and enduring.

The prayer of consecration is a good meditation for the coming Lenten season since it focuses us on the goal of our journey, linking it with the olive bearing dove at the end of Noah’s stormy voyage of forty days. The dove signaled the birth of a new world, a society reborn from the wreckage of the old, drowned world of sin. At the end of our Lenten journey, the oil of chrism will be poured down in abundance on the brows of catechumens and infants, as well as on those to be confirmed or ordained. Lent puts us in touch with the hard edges of life in need of salvation, and the chrism of Easter joy redeems and restores.

Lenten Confessions

In response to the Archdiocese of San Francisco’s Lenten program, “The Light Is On for You”, we are encouraging a greater participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially among those who have not received the sacrament recently. And so aside from our regular schedule of confessions every Tuesday and Saturday, there will be confessions from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all Fridays of Lent.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

The Annual Appeal is critical to our mission in this Archdiocese. Through it, we support school, children, Deacons, Clergy, Chaplaincy programs and many others. This week all members of our parish family will be invited to support the Appeal. Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider supporting this critical ministry and the people who need and depend on it.

Stations of the Cross

Everyone is encouraged to join the communal praying of the Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 5:15 p.m. Mass during Lent. Stations of the Cross prayer books are available in the gift shop for a small fee. The Santo Niño Novena, normally prayed on Fridays, will not be prayed in lieu of the Stations of the Cross.

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for February

Pope’s Intention: Listen to the Migrants’ Cries. That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.
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**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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**Winter Cold and Flu Season**

As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold and flu season.

If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so.

All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety.

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**What You Can Do to Stay Healthy**

**Know the facts.** Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.

**Take everyday actions to stay healthy.**

**Cover your nose and mouth** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or into your sleeve if you do not have a tissue available. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

**Wash your hands thoroughly and often** with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

**Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.** Germs spread that way.

**Stay home if you get sick.** CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

**Get vaccinated.** Vaccination is the best protection we have against flu.

Source: Centers for Disease Control (http://www.cdc.gov)

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**Liturgy and Illness**

Please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home. For the convenience of those who are homebound, or unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity, Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 6:00 AM on Channels 8, 20 (Comcast), KTSF 26.

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St. Katherine Drexel (1858-1955)
March 03

Born into Philadelphia society, Katharine was an infant when she lost her mother. Her father remarried and the couple taught their daughters that their wealth was a “gift on loan” to be shared with the poor, whom they fed and cared for in their home. Invited by priest friends to witness firsthand the destitution on Native American reservations, Katharine resolved to devote her inheritance to this apostolate and enter a contemplative order.

When, however, in private audience, she begged Leo XIII to send missionaries to staff the schools she was building, the pope replied, “My child, why not become a missionary yourself?” Katharine renounced a twenty-million-dollar fortune and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Christ present in the Eucharist and ministering to Christ suffering in victims of racial discrimination. Her Sisters established over sixty schools nationwide, including Xavier University, New Orleans, the first dedicated to professional education for African Americans. In 2000, John Paul II canonized “Mother Drexel,” praising her “excellent example of practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate, long the distinguishing mark of American Catholics.”

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Happiness

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~ G. K. Chesterton

Prayer

The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.

~ William McGill

Love and Deeds

God doesn’t want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

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Timing

What you give in health is gold.
What you give in sickness is silver.
What you give after death is lead.

~ Jewish proverb

Baptisms and Marriages During Lent

Baptisms and marriages are not forbidden during Lent, however, the unique character of the season prompts us to make some adjustments to our regular patterns of celebrating these Sacraments.

Baptism: Canon 867 obliges parents “to take care that infants are baptized in the first few weeks.” Therefore, it is understandable that infant baptisms might be scheduled during the first few weeks of Lent, but perhaps put off from the later weeks of Lent until the Easter Season. It is not fitting that infant Baptisms be celebrated on the days of Holy Week leading up to the Easter Triduum. However, at all times, an infant in danger of death is to be baptized without delay.

Marriage: Marriages may be celebrated within Mass during Lent, however, the prohibition against floral decorations at the altar during Lent, with the exception of the fourth Sunday, must be observed. Likewise, in accord with the penitential character of the season, lavish wedding decorations of any sort are discouraged during Lent.

God is asking me to be poor with the poor in order to bring them to Christ.

St. Angela of the Cross
Spanish foundress of a religious community.
She devoted her life to serving the local poor and ill until her death in 1912.

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At the Easter Vigil we will hear the story of creation to remind us that God loves us and gives us all we need. Complete this picture of a tree and make a beautiful garden of fruits and flowers around it. Draw Adam and Eve in the garden. Say a prayer thanking God for creating the world and all the people in it.

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You may be familiar with the Gospel stories of Lent. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent we accompany Jesus into the desert, where he is tempted by Satan. On the second Sunday, in the account of the Transfiguration, Jesus is revealed to his glory before his followers. The stories of the women at the well, the healing of the men born blind, and the raising of Lazarus prepare us for the baptisms of the Easter Vigil with images of water, light, and new life. This year, let’s take a closer look at the first readings, which give us some of our family history from the Old Testament. We will hear parts of these stories again at the Easter Vigil.

We begin with Adam and Eve in the second creation story (Genesis 2:7-9). Unlike Genesis 1, which describes the “days of creation,” this section tells us how God formed Adam from the dust, planted a garden for him, and created Eve “the mother of all the living” (Genesis 3:20) to be his partner. God then placed them in a garden that had everything they needed, but they disobeyed God and had to leave paradise. God did not abandon them, but promised to send someone to save them and bring them back into friendship with God. That someone is Jesus.

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Schedule of Sacraments

Eucharistic Celebrations
Sundays ~ 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Family Mass on 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
Tagalog Mass on 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday ~ 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.
Saturdays ~ 7:30 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. ~ 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sacrament of Baptism (infants and children)
Baptismal Prep Class ~ Every 1st Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Baptism ~ Every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
Please call the parish office at least two months before the preferred date of Baptism. All Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office and Baptismal classes are required for all first time parents and godparents.

Sacrament of Marriage
You must first be a registered and active parishioner for at least six months prior to arranging a marriage at St. Patrick. Arrangements for this celebration must be made at least six months in advance. No date may be reserved without first consulting with the Pastor.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Tuesdays and First Fridays ~ 11:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays ~ 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Please call the Rectory at (415) 421-3730

Parish Meeting Schedule
Adult Choir………………………………… Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Altar Servers………………………………… 3rd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Charismatic Prayer Group………………… Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
Forever Young Ministry………………….. Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
Legion of Mary ~
Patrician Meeting………………………. Sundays, 2:00 p.m.
Liturgical Lay Ministers………………….. Last Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Fatima Devotees………… 1st Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
Parish Pastoral Council………………….. 1st Monday, 6:15 p.m.
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion……….. 1st Friday, 6:00 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Society……………… 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Choir (SPYCO)…………….. Fridays, 6:00 p.m.

Devotions
Sacred Heart ~ Every First Friday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Our Mother of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesdays after the 12:10 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses
Divine Mercy ~ Daily at 4:45 p.m.
Santo Niño Devotion ~ 2nd Friday after the 5:15 p.m. Mass

Welcome to St. Patrick!!
Welcome to all of our out-of-town visitors,
Thank you for worshipping with us!!

Temptation
Every conquered temptation represents a new fund of moral energy. Every trial endured and weathered in the right spirit makes a soul nobler and stronger than it was before.

~ William Butler Yeats

Pray for your Priests
Mass Intentions for Mar 01 - 07

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Saints & Special Observances
Tuesday: optional memorial ~ St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin
Wednesday: optional memorial ~ St. Casimir
Saturday: optional memorial ~
Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings for the Week
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
SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9