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CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Sunday Bulletin  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent**

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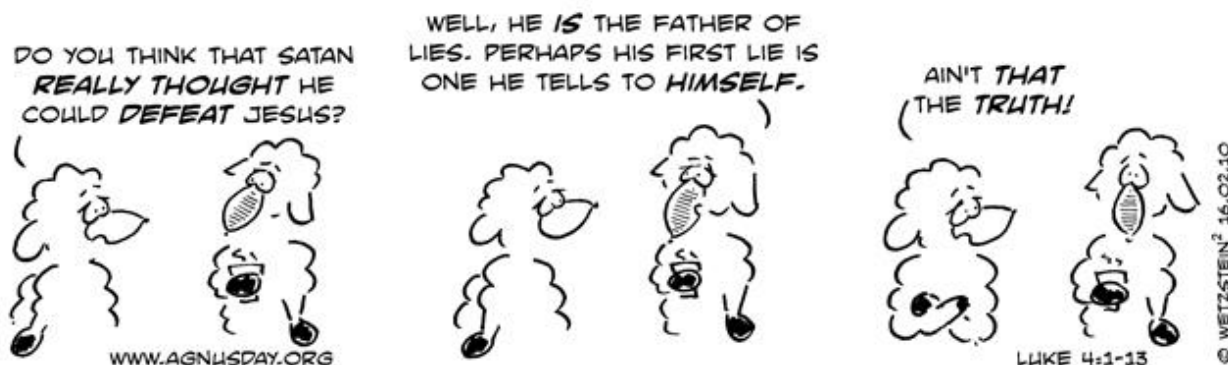
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Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings (see [Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16, 12-15](#). Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty (see [Genesis 7:12; Exodus 24:18; 34:28; 1 Kings 19:8; Jonah 3:4](#)), the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification. Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. "Call upon me, and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle (quoting [Deuteronomy 30:14; Isaiah 28:16; Joel 2:32](#)). This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the Lord . . . and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters. Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, PhD More information at [www.stpaulcenter.com](http://www.stpaulcenter.com)

**Crusade Prayer (139) For The Strength To Defeat Evil**

Dear Jesus, protect me from the evil of the devil. Cover me and all those who are weak and defenseless in his presence with Your Precious Blood. Give me the courage to deny him and help me to avoid any attempt by him to engage me in any way, every day...Amen



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**MASS TIMES**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Rosary</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

**RECONCILIATION**

**Friday 7:30 – 8:15 pm**  
and by appointment

**ADORATION**

**Friday 7:30–8:15 pm**

**Sunday Mass Readings**

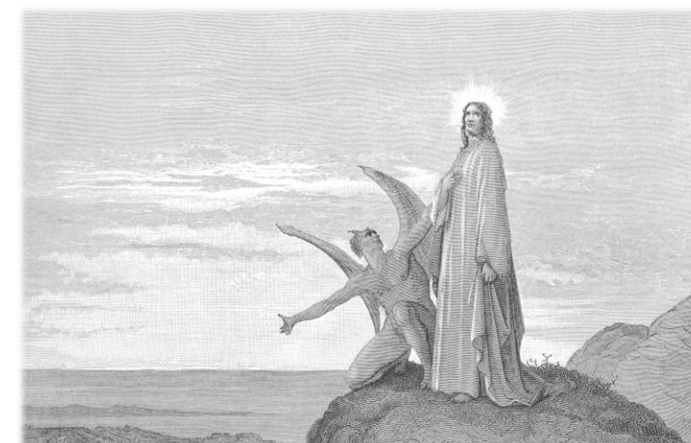
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 26.4-10</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Romans 10.8-13</b>
<b>Responsorial</b>	<b>Psalm 91</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 4.1-13</b>

Submissions for the Sunday Bulletin  
before 5:00 pm Thurs to  
[icccparish@gmail.com](mailto:icccparish@gmail.com)



**Forty Days**

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel. We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son (see [Luke 3:22; Exodus 4:22](#)). Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights (see [Exodus 15:25](#)). He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food (see [Exodus 16:1-13](#)). As Israel quarreled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care (see [Exodus 17:1-6](#)). When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf (see Exodus 32).cont'd on reverse.



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent  
03-06-2022**

*Parish Pastoral Council meets 1st Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August  
Parish Financial Council meets 2nd Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August  
CWL meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tues after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August*

**Sunday Collection 02-27-2022 = \$ 896.00  
\$1,200.00 NEEDED**

Date	Lector/Reader 1	Lector/Reader 2	Gift Bearer	Alter Servers/Cross Bearer	Music
02-27-2022	Karen Leslie	Janelle Durda	TBA	TBA	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal
03-06-2022	Cecile Gregory	Sharon Lagace	John + Mary Vavrek	TBA	Carmen + Mona + Shirley
03-13-2022	Ron Major	Frank Wasowicz	Ron + Rose Major	TBA	Carmen + Mona + Shirley
03-20-2022	Lucille Partington	Mary McLaughlin	Larry + Vella Anderson	TBA	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal
03-27-2022	Joe Raskauskas	Barb London	Steve + Barb London	TBA	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal

**Parish Finance Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 8th at 7:30 pm (Mass at 7:00 pm)**

**Food Drive for Easter**  
Our Parish CWL will be collecting food items for the Food Bank from March 6<sup>th</sup> -April 10<sup>th</sup> which will be taken to the food bank for Easter distribution. Ideas for donations: Canned meat, canned fruit, school snacks ,jam, mayonnaise, crackers, pasta sauce, puddings, rice, beans (kidney/black/pinto) cereal, chunky soup, peanut butter, honey, pasta, chocolate Easter bunnies?

**Mass Intentions for March 6 - 12, 2022**

	Offered By	Offered For
Sun		
Mon	Family of Brenda Sereda	RIP: Brenda Sereda
Tue	Parishioner	Intention of Parishioner
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		

**Lenten Retreat**  
"From Parishioner to Disciples"  
Presenter: Father Ed Eherer. C.S.s.R.  
**Please let Father know of your choice.**  
Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to Noon or  
Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> after Mass and Lunch

**Feasts and Saints of the Week**

Monday	03-07-2022	St. Perpetua + St. Felicity
Tuesday	03-08-2022	St. John of God
Wednesday	03-09-2022	St. Frances of Rome

**Quote of the Week**  
"The most beautiful act of faith is the one made in darkness, in sacrificing and with extreme effort"...St. Padre Pio



**Call Cecile Gregory with prayer requests urgent or emergency  
587-202-8887**  
Wade Kaczkielo, Karen Leslie, Don Lozeron, infant Parker Nellis, Brooklynne Russell and for all the sick and needy in our community.

**Way Of The Cross followed by  
Mass and Adoration**  
on Friday at 6:30 pm. It will be offered for those in palliative care. Come pray for them.

**Next Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Remember to Spring Forward 1 Hour**



**Do you have an announcement?** What's going on? Get the word out and have your announcement posted here in the Sunday Bulletin as well as being seen on Facebook and on our parish website. Email your details to [icccparish@gmail.com](mailto:icccparish@gmail.com) or call Father Jeyapaul at 780-805-0423  
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