

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Our commitment to daily prayer using the weekday Mass readings as our guide

MONDAY 2/18

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Matthew 25:31-46

TUESDAY 2/19

Isaiah 55:10-11
Matthew 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY 2/20

Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 11:29-32

THURSDAY 2/21

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Matthew 7:7-12

FRIDAY 2/22

First Peter 5:1-4
Matthew 16:13-19

SATURDAY 2/23

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Matthew 5:43-48

Solemnities, Feasts, & Memorials of the Week

Thursday, Peter Damian; Friday, Chair of Saint Peter; Saturday, Polycarp

7:00 AM WEEKDAY WORSHIP SERVICES in the MAMMOTH RECTORY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mass	Mass	Mass	Service	Mass	Mass
Walk right in and come up the stairs. Stay after for coffee and fellowship.					

LENTEN ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This 7-week course will examine the particular insights found in the passion and resurrection accounts of the four Gospels. Incorporating these stories into the core of our faith, the study will challenge participants to see both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection in daily living. The study will take place at the Lee Vining Rectory from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Tuesdays, 2/19, 2/26, & 3/5; Thursday 3/14; and Tuesdays, 3/19, 4/2. For details call David and Linda Dore at 760-647-1055.

THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL

It's time once again to join with our sisters and brothers of the Diocese of Stockton in pledging our prayerful and financial support of the charitable ministries of the diocese. This is our opportunity to reach out and help those in need. Unemployment, poverty, and crime still remain high in the city of Stockton, Stanislaus County, and San Joaquin County. Thousands of people living in these depressed areas look to the Church--look to us for help. Our pledges to support the annual Bishop's Ministry Appeal fund programs and services vital to the development of these people.

LENTEN FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

During the Season of Lent we will celebrate Friday Devotions consisting of Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross in St. Joseph Church, Mammoth, beginning at 7 o'clock in the evening.

PRAYERS

Our prayers are requested for Bonnie Zwart, Mark & Mary Anne Bewsher, Tina Quan, James Zvetina, Pat Glynn, Bobbie Engstrom, Raquel Rodriguez, John Gracey, Bob Tomko, Jr., Virginia Reyes, Elizabeth Cauzza, Kay Reilly, Mary Jo Ferreir, Julie Rogers, Josefina Flores, Glenn Inouye, Peter Mariniello, Consuelo Mendoza Aéyon, Brian Venneman, Gary Boyd, John Wallis, and Jill Morstad.



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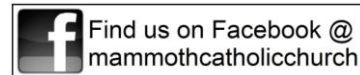
You must open the interior eyes of your soul on this light, on this heaven within you, a vast horizon stretching far beyond the realm of human activity, an unexplored country to the majority of human beings.
-Saint Vincent Ferrer

February 17, 2013

First Sunday of Lent

Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me."

Luke 4:5-7



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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mammoth Lakes: St. Joseph Church –

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM

La Misa en Español: 5:30 PM

Lee Vining:

Our Savior of the Mountains Mission -

Sunday Mass 10:00 AM

Bridgeport: Infant of Prague Mission -

Sunday Mass 12:00 Noon

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Mammoth Lakes from 5:30 to 5:45 on Saturday afternoons, 7:30 to 7:45 on Sunday mornings, y en español a las tardes del domingo de 5:00 a 5:15; and upon request before mass at Our Savior of the Mountains mission in Lee Vining and Infant of Prague mission in Bridgeport. The "Act of Contrition" is available in the confession room.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm.

Apart from Abraham's very personal experience of God, the people of Israel didn't have much to go on until the Exodus. It was that extraordinary rescue that not only cemented the relationship between the nation and God, but also identified the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The great I AM was

definitely a God of justice who favored the underdog in a contest between the mighty and the lowly. Therefore, although the covenant with God promised prosperity, there were certain economic safety valves built into the Mosaic Law that made sure the People of God didn't go too far in their acquisition of wealth and become overdog-ish.

The simplest hedge against avarice was the Sabbath. Working six days a week instead of seven helped maintain a perspective on the production of wealth. The Sabbath also extended to the land. Every seventh year the land was given a rest and left fallow, and landowners who had plenty were required to share equally with their slaves and hired hands. (Leviticus 25:6)

Then, every fiftieth year was the

jubilee. (See Leviticus 25:8-55) That was a kind of economic reset when poor families that had to sell their land to survive got it all back. That was, the Lord said, "because I brought them out of the land of Egypt."

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8-13

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

Faith is everything. "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed," Jesus says in Matthew 17:20, "you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Okay, well, there you have it. Faith does it all. We take Jesus at his word: Our sins are forgiven. If our guilt overwhelms our belief, then we have the sacrament of reconciliation. Once you've confessed, been absolved, and said your penance, what on earth can possibly keep you from the absolute assurance that your sins are forgiven? Well, for starters: A lack of faith.

Lent is a time when we shore up our belief with the celebrations of faith that are specific to the season. We consider our sins and make good confessions. We participate in penance services and remember all that God has done for us. We pay particular attention to our baptism, in which we received eternal life and the forgiveness of our sins. We recall the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, who paid the price for our sins and won our salvation for us. We renew our baptismal promise to live as witnesses of God's saving power shown to us in Jesus Christ. As we have been forgiven, so we forgive. It is through

receiving forgiveness and celebrating that salvation every day that we become saved people who spread that forgiveness around.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

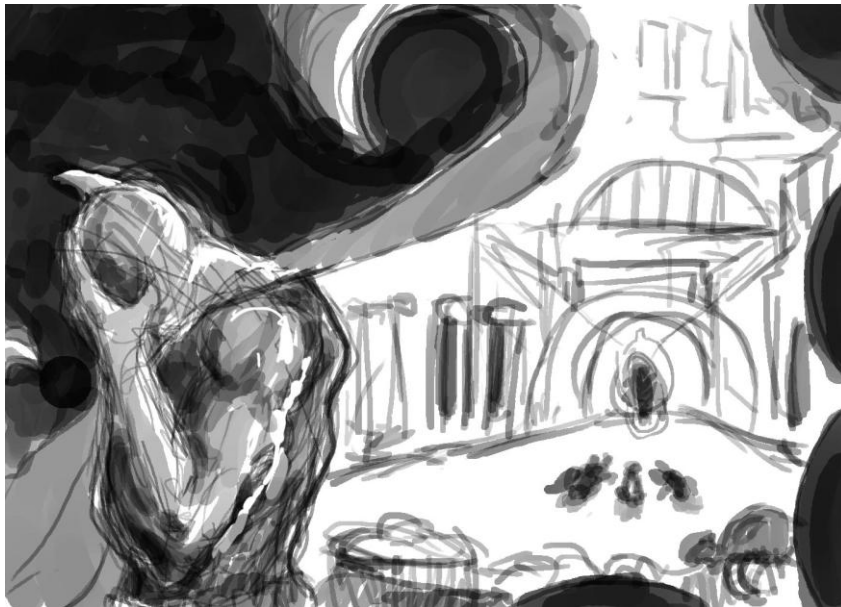
The devil took Jesus up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world. He said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

Whose idea was this, anyway? "I didn't come down from heaven to do my own will," Jesus said in John 6:38, "but the will of the one who sent me." Jesus suffered for our sins, but it was more than the pain of the crucifixion. The constant cross he bore was the weight of his own humanity. "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses," it says in Hebrews 4:15, "but one who has similarly been tested in every way."

The Lord's temptation in the desert, like his agony in the garden, was a condensation of all his struggles with human life; and his prayer, "not my will, but thy will be done," was the encapsulation of a lifelong prayer. Jesus had to constantly choose between the way of the world and the way of the kingdom, just like we do. Wealth, power, and comfort were as tempting to him as they are to us. But at every turn he chose the way of the kingdom. And on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God.

"Those who want to be rich are falling into temptation and into a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge them into ruin and destruction." (1 Timothy 6:9) Lent is when we get off that worldly track and get back into the way that leads to eternal life and the Kingdom of God. FP

Situaciones de tentación



En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos la conversación entre el diablo y Jesús. Cada vez que Jesús es tentado por el diablo, le da una respuesta, no en lenguaje cotidiano, sino con citas de las sagradas Escrituras que Jesús bien conocía. Esta escena nos presenta un reto: ¿Qué tan bien conocemos la Biblia, para encontrar las respuestas a la vida, especialmente en situaciones de tentación?