

# FEBRUARY 21ST, 2010 – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



Jesus was “led by the Spirit into the wilderness...and was tempted.” Each temptation put to him by the devil involved some misguided personal gain: seeking easy solutions to human hungers, pursuing power and glory, defying death. By resisting these temptations Jesus shows us that our true gain is found not in satisfying ourselves but in something better—utter fidelity to God. Temptations always present us with the choice between personal gain and something even better: the goodness and holiness that comes from serving God and doing good for others. This choice between self-satisfaction and fidelity to God frees us, like Jesus, to be who we are meant to be, persons “led by the Spirit.”

The recap of salvation history that Moses recites for the people (see first reading) reminds us that God always works on our behalf, “generous to all who call on him” (second reading).

This is our assurance that reliance on God is better than whatever any temptation can offer us.

Not even the Son of God was exempt from being tested! We can expect no less in our own lives. Temptation is not an indication of sinfulness; rather it is an occasion for showing that our lives are turned to God, in whom we find our true identity. Like Jesus, temptations and our very resistance to them strengthen us in our choices for goodness and holiness. In making these choices we are continually choosing who we want to be: those who faithfully serve God by doing good for others. Lent is a focused time to take the test. Let us pray that we all pass it well!

**✠ PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** Your prayers are requested for the sick of our Parish: E. Balao-Almario, Cantiller, J. Cardoso, A. Eberle, M. Faigen, M. Fedyk, F. Labis, Jr., L. Lida, Luke Jr., I. Meszaros, M. Monahan, D. Ngui, E. Phipps, J. Plattig, N. Reyes, L. Shepard, G. Yasmine and all those afflicted at home or in the hospital. May Christ our Lord be their strength and healing.



**ST. JOSEPH’S SOCIETY** Today’s second collection is for the St. Joseph’s Society to assist the retired priests of the archdiocese, showing them our gratitude by caring for their needs. Let us respond with love and generosity especially in this “Year for Priests.”

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** The Knights of Columbus invite you to their Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. All are welcome!

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** If you have not yet picked up your tax receipts, they are available in the rectory office. Please pick them up so that we don’t have to mail them out.

**RCIA AND FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR** Our parish invites you to submit your interests and qualification to coordinate the adult faith programs beginning this fall. It can be a truly rewarding spiritual endeavour. For details, please enquire at the parish office or send us an email message.

**COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY** Next weekend, a second collection will be taken up for the needy.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** During Lent, we will make the Stations of the Cross after the 9:00 AM Mass on Fridays except during the Novena (March 4th to 12th). Please come and join us in preparation for the celebration of Easter.



## ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 22</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Mr. & Mrs. C. T. Leung.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 23</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Bill O’Brien.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 24</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Raymond C. N. Chow.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 25</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Wong Chi Wan.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 26</b>	<u>9:00 am</u> For the repose of the soul of Shum Yen Ching.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 27</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Connie Jansen. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 28</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Mary Tai Lau. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Aw Bui Leong.

**PARKING RESTRICTIONS DURING THE 2010 GAMES— it is HERE!** You can park for TWO HOURS maximum around the perimeter of the parish and Youville Residence during the Olympic games, but NOT on the opposite side streets. We have been encouraged to “car pool” as much as possible. You can use the Pay Parking at St. Vincent’s Care Home parking lot on Heather Street. The parish will reimburse you. Just let us know!!!

**PARISH MISSION** Fr. Steve LeBlanc, S.J. will be here to lead us in the Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier, starting March 4th to 12th, at 9:00 am and 7:15 pm (except Saturday and Sunday), in honour of the 400th Anniversary death of Fr. Matteo Ricci, S.J. in Beijing, China. Mark your calendars!

