

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 13TH, 2011



On one level the story of temptations are about the choice between good and evil, between self-will and the will of God, between obedience and disobedience. But there is more at stake. The gospel's face-off between the devil and Jesus reveals temptation as a conflict between "the kingdoms of the world" and the rule of God. Ultimately temptations asks all of us, whom will you serve?

Because Jesus fasted and was hungry, he knew that for which he really hungered. For this reason, none of the temptations—for satisfaction, power, wealth—caused him to yield. He never lost sight of the God whom he served and whose will he came to fulfill. The purpose of our fasting during Lent is to lead us, like Jesus, to hunger only for God, and like Jesus, to choose to serve only God.

Adam and Eve, who wanted to be "like God," said yes when tempted to make themselves equal to God. Jesus, who willingly gave up his equality with God in order to become human, said no when tempted and, indeed, through his obedience "the many will be made righteous" (second reading).

Most of us tend to keep our spiritual growth and struggles pretty much to ourselves. One marvelous way to help each other is to take sometime with those we are in significant relationships with to do some in-depth faith sharing. When we share our own temptations as well as spiritual blessings with others, we are not alone in choosing and serving the God who gives us life—at creation and through "the man, Jesus Christ" (second reading).

Lent is a time of discernment of our choices that bring us death or life. This is our lifelong struggle and lifelong temptation. The good news is that God "will support" us in making right choices.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY Today, a second collection will be taken for the St. Joseph's Society, to assist the retired priests of the archdiocese, showing them our gratitude by caring for their needs. At present, we have 17 priests in full retirement, 13 on partial retirement and 1 on sick benefits. With 30 receiving benefits, the Society needs all the help it can get. Let us respond with love and generosity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS During Lent after the morning Mass on Fridays, we will make the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.



ABSTINENCE From meat on Fridays, especially during Lent—Catholics may substitute act of charity or piety on this day.

BAKE SALE The PREP Bake Sale to raise money for Holy Childhood Association raised \$505.50! Many thanks to all the students, parents, teachers and patrons who helped make the bake sale a success! Next year, the bake sale will be bigger and better than ever (sorry we ran out of baked goods after the 11:00 am Mass). Thank you.

CWL MEETING Our next meeting is on Saturday, March 19th, after the 9:00 am Mass. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come.

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

REMINDER If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital or other care facility and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call the rectory office to make this request. We have no other way of knowing this information as privacy legislation restricts the information that can be given to us by the facility.

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Monday	Mar. 14	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Sam Wu.
Tuesday	Mar. 15	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Alastair F. Jamieson.
Wednesday	Mar. 16	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Mary Paris.
Thursday	Mar. 17	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Mary Tong.
Friday	Mar. 18	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the souls of Mr. & Mrs. Aw Sin Nyuk.
Saturday	Mar. 19	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Raymond C. N. Chow. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the special intentions of The Loquia Family.
Sunday	Mar. 20	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Marty O'Connell.

EASTERN CANADA SHRINES PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to go on a special pilgrimage to the Canadian Shrines (Martyrs' Shrine, Cap de la Madeleine, St. Anne de Beaupre, St. Joseph's Oratory-St. Brother Andre, St. Margaret d'Youville) with Fr. Robert as the Chaplain, on September 16th to 25th. Please contact the parish office or Priscilla at (604) 874-9533, ext. 105 for more details.

3 DAY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE To the Shrine of Our Sorrowful Mother in Portland, Oregon, April 8-10. Fr. Peter Chiang will be the Chaplain. For info, call Priscilla at 604-874-9533, ext. 105

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION—DISCIPLESHIP



For on-going development of our faith, *The Discipleship Series (Thursdays, March 10 – April 14, 2011, 7:00 to 9:00 pm)*: A 6-week program delivered during Lent for people with

busy lives but open hearts. Small groups meet once a week for prayer, reflection, fellowship and service. We started the first week, but it is not too late to register.

Registration forms are available in the church vestibule or at the parish office. Cost is \$10. Each participant will receive a copy of the text entitled, "Who is My Neighbor?"

PARISH COUNCIL Our next parish council meeting is on Tuesday, March 15th, 7:15 PM. If you have some important concerns related to the parish life, please fax or email to the parish office by Tuesday afternoon.

INFORMATION MEETINGS ON PERMANENT

DIACONATE Archbishop Michael Miller and Msgr. Gregory Smith will be conducting information meetings on Permanent Diaconate—March 15 at 7:30 pm at St. Helen's Parish, 3860 Triumph St., Bby. and on April 2 at 2:00 pm at St. Andrew Kim Parish, 10222 161st St., Surrey.

CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

With Madonna House, Vancouver...Hear from Madonna House priest, Fr. David Linder, how St. Joseph shows us to live out the vocation of *Gospel Foolishness—loving God passionately*. Saturday, March 19th, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at St. John the Apostle church hall, 5457 Trafalgar St. (at W. 39th Ave.), Vancouver. Lunch will be served. Cost is by donation. Call 604-267-1757 or email: madonna02@shaw.ca to register or for more info.

LEGION OF MARY ACIES Calling all members and friends, to Holy Name of Jesus Parish, on March 20th. 1:00 pm rosary, 1:30 pm Mass, refreshments after in the Church hall. For more info, call Linda at 604-323-0973.

OAKRIDGE UNITED CHURCH Presents Gospel Boys by the Welsh Men's Choir on Sunday, March 20 at 2:30 pm at 305 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver. Adults \$15, children (12 & under) free. Tickets available at the door or call 604-324-7444. An afternoon of lively, gospel music and hymns by an all male. voice choir of 20 accomplished singers.

DISCERN YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS; DISCERN

YOUR CALL! The "Called & Gifted" Workshop is on Friday, March, 25th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm and Saturday, March 26th, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver. The workshop is offered by the Catherine of Siena Institute, Colorado Springs, through the Vancouver Archdiocesan Stewardship Office. Come and discover your personal gifts! Coffee breaks and a catered lunch on Saturday will be provided. Cost: \$49. For more information: www.rcav.bc.ca/StewardshipOffice or 604-683-0281; Registration is on-line or at your parish. Our parish will subsidize \$25.00 for each participant from Holy Name.

Our Parish's Church 50th Anniversary—May 28th!

Scripture Readings



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Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25, 3:1-7+; Ps. 51;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Mar. 14, Mon., Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps. 19; Matt.25:31-46

Mar. 15, Tues., Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps 34; Matt. 6:7-15

Mar. 16, Wed., Jonah 3:1-10; Ps. 51; Luke 11:29-32

Mar. 17, Thurs., Esther 14:1,3-5, 12-14; Ps. 138;
Matt. 7:7-12

Mar. 18, Fri., Ezekiel 18:21-28; Ps. 130; Matt. 5:20-26

Mar. 19, Sat., **St. Joseph, husband of BVM, Patron of
Canada & the Universal Church**

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps. 89; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Matt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions, pride, power? So much in our consumer society tempts us. The beauty of stewardship, as a way of life, is that it enables the Christian steward to resist the temptations of excessive consumerism and materialism. Not that these in and of themselves are bad. They are bad only when they get in the way of our discipleship. Stewardship enables us to discern between needs and wants and thus brings a measure of balance to our lives. This Lenten season let us pray that we may live responsibly and possess sensibly.

Stewardship Office, the Archdiocese of Winnipeg

CORNERSTONE AT ST. MARY'S PARISH Join Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) for this monthly gathering of young adults for teaching by a guest speaker, March 18 at 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish, 5251 Joyce St., Vancouver. For more info, call 604-822-4463.

COME AND REST AWHILE RETREAT



Madonna House will lead this spiritual renewal, especially for weary pro-lifers, March 26th, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, 3690—152nd Street, Surrey. It consists of conferences, Mass, confession and Stations of the Cross. Cost is \$35/person, includes coffee break and lunch. To register, call Respect Life Office at 604-443-3220.

RETREAT Deadline is March 21st.

SEEKING CHRIST A short program that introduces the Catholic faith to non-Catholics, new Catholics and returning ones. It covers three topics—Who is Jesus? Why God? What's God's Plan for me? Program held at St. John the Apostle Parish, 5457 Trafalgar St., on Mar. 31, Apr. 7 and 14, 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Call Anthony at 604-209-1001.

TAKE A COURSE WITH THE ARCHBISHOP! St. Mark's College is offering a one-day course with Archbishop Miller, "A New Mission for a New Millenium", April 9, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, St. Mark's College, 5935 Iona Dr., To register: continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca or call 604-822-4463.