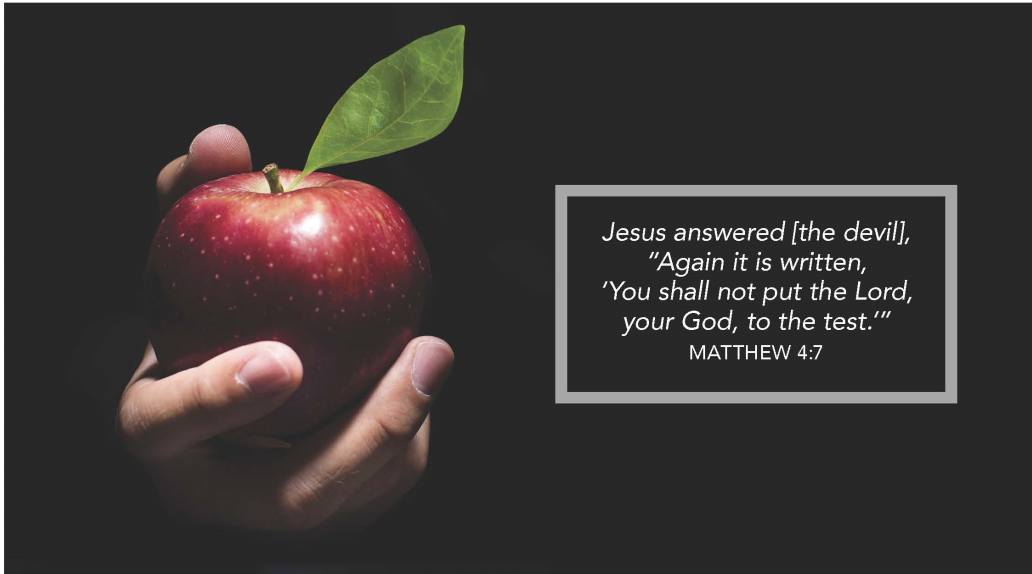


Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 1, 2020
 First Sunday of Lent (A)
 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
 Mt 4:1-11



Jesus answered [the devil],
 "Again it is written,
 'You shall not put the Lord,
 your God, to the test.'"
 MATTHEW 4:7

ARONA SAWASCHUK/LAMY/SHUTTERSTOCK

Try It! You'll Like It!

If only temptation was obvious, we might have a better chance of avoiding it. But sometimes it's so subtle. It often disguises itself as something rather attractive. This is precisely what happened in the Garden of Eden. Scripture says temptation takes on a living form—a serpent that convinces the woman that the fruit of the wisdom tree will make them "like gods, who know good and evil" (Genesis 3:5).

Who wouldn't jump at such a possibility? Actually, who hasn't already fallen into that trap—acting as if we are God, thinking we know everything or wishing to be in complete control? Our faith certainly encourages us to become more and more like God. What made that desire wrong was the way Adam and Eve sought to become like gods in their own way, not God's way.

The Gospel passage tells us that Jesus also was tempted. Who doubts that Jesus wanted to be successful in his ministry? But what would he do to ensure success? Would he use divine power to attract a following? No! Would he call upon God to protect him from misunderstanding, rejection, even physical harm? No! Would he bargain with the devil, who obviously exercised power over many people? No! That was not the way he would be the Messiah. Unlike the couple in the Garden, Jesus recognized what was wrong even when it was disguised as something good. How good are we at recognizing temptation in our lives?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ In what ways does temptation sometimes trick you?
- ★ What can you do so you won't be tricked?

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First Sunday of Lent – Year A

Weekend Masses

Weekday Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Mar. 01	Sheila Ryan-Hachey Ruth Boden	Darm Crook Andrew Cassidy	Whittle Family	Bea Lepine Shirley Gutierrez Dee Dee Lepine	No Snacks Today
Mar. 08	Jason Morissey Gracious de Vera	Tony Whittle Doug Swallow	Ramirez Family	Marie Kopp-van E. Theresa Swallow Davida Delorey	Please sign up on bulletin board
Mar. 15	Shirley Cutierrez Sancie Gostick	Andrew Cassidy Darm Crook	Morrissey Family	Tony Whittle Susan Bouchard Pete Boden	Please sign up on bulletin board
Mar. 22	Youth-led Participation Mass	Youth-led Participation Mass	Youth-led Participation Mass	Marie Kopp-van E. Theresa Swallow Andrew Cassidy	Kelly
Mar. 29	Andrew Cassidy Bea Lepine	Jason Morissey Darm Crook	Steinwan Family	Bea Lepine Shirley Gutierrez Doris Caudron	Please sign up on bulletin board

The Announcements for the 1st Sunday of Lent: March 1st, 2019.

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church..

----- We are once again reminded that there is Stations of the Cross every Friday during this Lenten season. Sequel to that our Friday evening masses are moved from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. All are encouraged to participate as it is a way of identifying with Christ in His passion. It impacts grace too.

----- The parish council is most sincerely grateful to our Filipinos and parishioners who helped in organizing this year's fundraising dinner. More thanks go to Shirley Gutierrez, the chairperson of the social committee, for her dogged commitments in ensuring that the ceremony was a huge success. To those who featured in the entertainments, we ask God to bless you abundantly. We are hopefully that the money raised, will assist the parish in the re-roofing budget; Thanks a million times.

----- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

Rachel's Corner

There is nothing to lose and so much to gain by going. It can be daunting, but that just goes to show you that there's a need for healing. It wasn't just a procedure. It was a person. - Testimonial

What is holding you back? Join other men and women on a Rachel Retreat and discover what it can be to live without the regret and shame of an abortion decision. What do you lose by going?

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\$1,180.85	
\$1,180.85	Revenue Total
\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
-\$650.15	
Expenses are based on 2018 Q1	

Dear Padre,

Is gambling a sin?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* mentions gambling in the context of “temperance” to moderate attachment to worldly goods, “justice” to render to our neighbor what is due, and “solidarity in accordance with the golden rule” (CCC 2407). “Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement. Unfair wagers and cheating at games constitute grave matter...” (CCC 2413).

Gambling, therefore, is morally neutral. When properly controlled, it can be a form of recreation for some. However, it becomes an enslavement when obsessive gamblers neglect their families or jobs, risk financial security, and compromise their responsibilities to self, others, and God. The allure of winning and the desire to win even more—along with venues that provide easy gambling credit and other incentives—often make it harder for people to know their limits. Consequently, a severe gambling addiction can lead and has led to stealing to pay debts, divorce, job loss, despair, and suicide.



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No wonder St. Augustine cautioned, “The devil invented gambling.” Even if Satan didn’t invent it, he’ll gladly take credit for it when gambling becomes a means to his ends. In so many words, those who win large amounts from lotteries and games of chance frequently warn, “All that glitters isn’t gold.” Despite its enticements, gambling ultimately fails to satisfy the human heart’s longing for meaning and fulfillment.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

There are three temptations of Christ...First, wealth: seizing hold of goods destined for all and using them only for “my own people.” That is, taking “bread” based on the toil of others or even at the expense of their very lives. That wealth tastes of pain, bitterness, and suffering.

—HOMILY IN MEXICO, FEBRUARY 14, 2016

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Calendar

- Monday**
MARCH 2
Lenten Weekday
Lv 19:1–2, 11–18
Mt 25:31–46
- Tuesday**
MARCH 3
Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10–11
Mt 6:7–15
- Wednesday**
MARCH 4
Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1–10
Lk 11:29–32
- Thursday**
MARCH 5
Lenten Weekday
Est C:12, 14–16,
23–25
Mt 7:7–12
- Friday**
MARCH 6
Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21–28
Mt 5:20–26
- Saturday**
MARCH 7
Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16–19
Mt 5:43–48
- Sunday**
MARCH 8
Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 12:1–4a
2 Tm 1:8b–10
Mt 17:1–9

