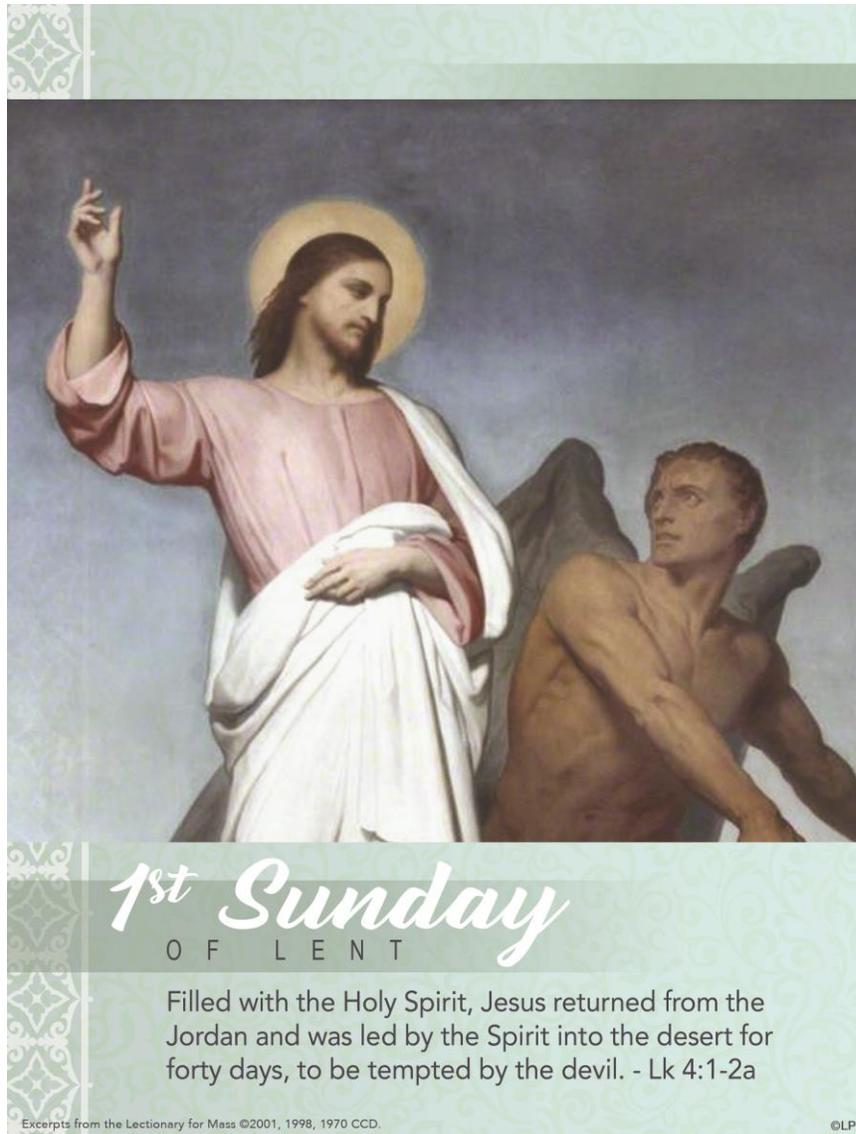


# Catholic Community of St. Catherine of Alexandria & St. Ignatius of Loyola



**March 10, 2019**

## MASS SCHEDULE

St. Catherine: Saturday – 4:00pm (Vigil), Sunday - 10:30am

St. Ignatius: Sunday - 8:30am

Monday – Friday - 6:30am at St. Catherine Church

with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00am to 8:00am

Confessions: St. Catherine: Saturday-3:00-3:45pm

St. Ignatius: Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am

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Please keep in your prayers those with long term illnesses and their caregivers.

**To have names added to or removed from the prayer list or if you need a priest at the hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility, call 301/934-9630. Please leave your name/phone #, person's name, facility and room #.**

Sacrificial Giving

Weekend of March 3, 2019

St. Catherine

Offertory: \$2,714

R& M: \$1,948

St. Ignatius

Offertory: \$3,138

R&M: \$678

Thank you for your generous support of our church & ministries.

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## From the Desk of Father Ken,

Our Gospel this first Sunday in Lent comes from Luke and focuses on the temptations of Jesus. The temptations that, in a less dramatic fashion, his contemporaries also faced during his earthly ministry, namely, the temptation to become a miraculous "bread god," the temptation to manifest himself as king, and the temptation to presume on God's protection.

As we reflect on this gospel passage, we need to ask: To what extent am I inordinately attached to material things? To the pursuit of status? To believing that God will see me through regardless of my attitude and my behavior?

The major thrust of Jesus' temptations was to abandon God and his mission. We too are often tempted to abandon God and set off on our own course. But to reflect on Jesus' answer is to steer our course correctly.

The first reading today, from Deuteronomy, reminds us of our total dependence on God, significantly illustrated in the harvest offerings. One of the drawbacks of modern times is the great temptation to take everything for granted. Perhaps if we had less, we would be more grateful.

Do we believe in our hearts and profess with our lips the lordship of Jesus? This can work in one of two ways. It may be that we believe, but our faith is not apparent in our daily life. It costs little to say that our hearts are in the right place, but our lives may not be. Or it may be that we "talk a good game" but there is very little depth behind our words. We might be very active and give little time to prayer. We must do both—believe in our hearts and confess with our lips.

In the passage from Romans today there is a strong emphasis on Christian equality. No more division, no more intolerance. No Jews or Greeks. We have found our common bond in Christ Jesus. Lent has begun. There is no better time of the year to reassess our life in God. The readings today offer some interesting points for our examination of conscience.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Rw. Kenneth Ogil*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

## Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday March 11 – Lenten Weekday  
6:30am All Souls in Purgatory  
Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18 Mt 25: 31-46

Tuesday March 12 – Lenten Weekday  
6:30am James Bowman Jr.  
Is 55: 10-11 Mk 6: 7-15

Wednesday March 13 – Lenten Weekday  
6:30am Mary Smoot  
Jon 3: 1-10 Lk 11: 29-32

Thursday March 14 – Lenten Weekday  
6:30am Lloyd Barbour  
Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt. 7: 7-12

Friday March 15 – Lenten Weekday  
6:30am Donald T. Hancock Sr.  
Ez 18: 21-28 Mt 5: 20-26

Sunday March 17 – Second Sunday in Lent  
4:00pm Allen Glenn  
8:30am Anniversary of Fr. Gill's Confirmation  
10:30am People of the Community  
Gn. 15: 5-12 17-18 Phil 3: 17-4: 1 Lk 9: 28b-36



If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact WGK James Hojnowski at [jhojnows@kent.edu](mailto:jhojnows@kent.edu) or 301-861-6407 for more information.

### Clothing Drive Announcement

The Knights have partnered with Turnkey Enterprises in order to collect clothing and fundraise. If you have any clothes you want to give away, please consider putting them in a bag into the storage shed outside the St. Catherine's Meeting Hall.

### Snow Removal for Elderly Parishioners

The Knights of Columbus are offering to help remove or shovel snow for any elderly parishioners who need help this winter season.

If you have trouble getting out of your driveway after a particularly bad storm this year, please call or text 301-861-6407 for assistance.

**We love having you as part of our flock!**

Let's keep in touch!

Get important updates via email & text

Visit our church at:

[flocknote.com/stcatherinemd](http://flocknote.com/stcatherinemd) or  
[flocknote.com/stignatiusmd](http://flocknote.com/stignatiusmd)

or

Text CAT to 84576 or Text TOP to 84576  
from your phone to subscribe to updates



### Public Notary Available

Did you know that our Administrative Assistant, **Linda Harrigan** is also a Public Notary?

If you need a notary, you may see Linda  
Mon, Wed, Fri from 10:00am -3:00pm.

**Archbishop Neale Theater Club** proudly presents their spring production of "The Princess Capers".

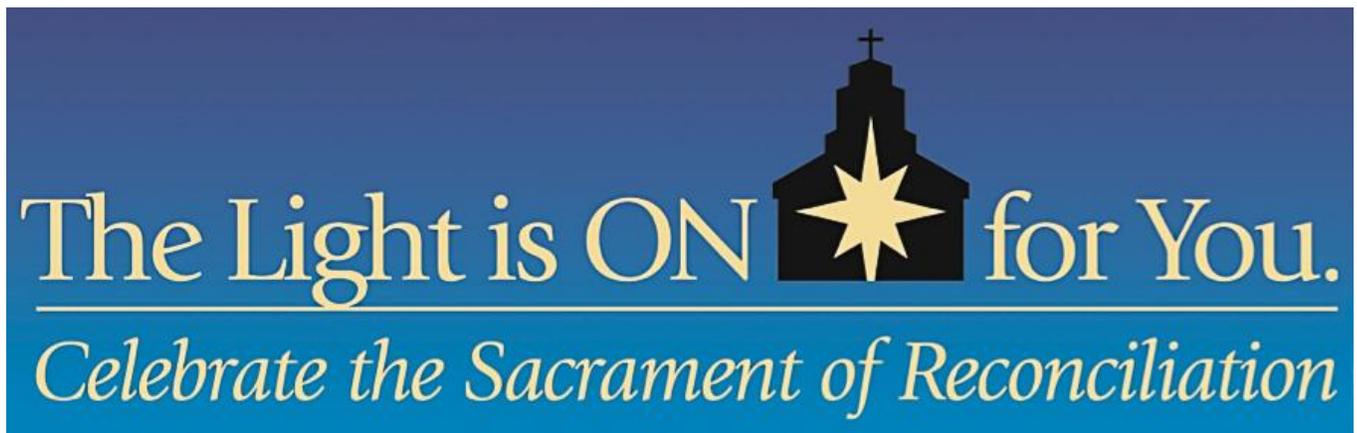
It will be held on Saturday, March 30 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm in the ANS gym located at 104 Port Tobacco Road, LaPlata. Tickets at \$10/person and can be purchased at the door or through the school office. Concessions will be available for purchase. If you are interested in advertising in the playbill, please call the school office to request a flyer or email [anstheaterclub@gmail.com](mailto:anstheaterclub@gmail.com).

To Have Your News Item placed in the bulletin, please call Linda Harrigan or send your article or text to

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by Monday 12:00 Noon for the following Sunday's bulletin.

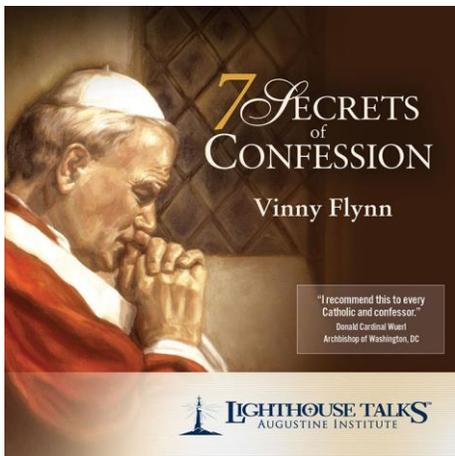


Wednesday Evenings at St. Catherine

5:00pm-6:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & The Sacrament of Reconciliation

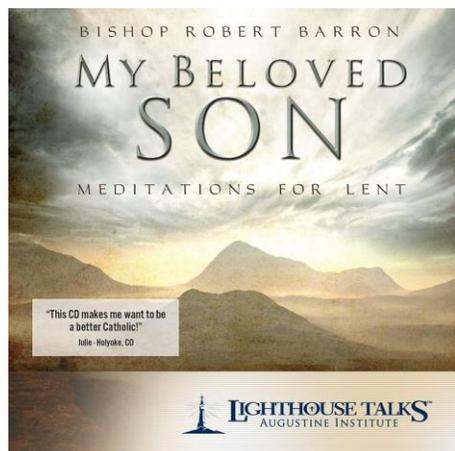
**New CD's for Lent**



In this inspiring presentation, popular speaker Vinny Flynn explores the "hidden" truths of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, presenting what to many will be a whole new way of approaching Confession, inviting you to begin an exciting personal journey to healing and holiness. If you do not yet look forward to Confession in the same way you look forward to Communion, this will change your life.

Deeply insightful and practical...I warmly recommend it, not only to regular penitents, but especially to those who, for whatever reason, haven't been to Confession in a long time—and who are looking for reasons to return.

Most Rev. William E. Lori Archbishop of Baltimore



Bishop Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered in Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to joyfully embrace the way of happiness.

Jill - Sycamore, IL

"Fr. Barron weaves Scripture, prayer and practical experience into a seamless whole that uplifts, challenges and inspires."

Michael - York, PA

# Calendar

March 13	The Light is on for You (5:00-6:00 St. Cath.)
March 15	Stations of the Cross (12:00 & 5:30)
March 16	Lenten Study: Mass #2 (St. Ignatius Hall)
March 20	The Light is on for You (5:00-6:00 St. Cath.)
March 22	Stations of the Cross (12:00 & 5:30)
March 23	Shelves of Hope Food Pantry (Cooper Room)
March 23	Lenten Study: Mass #3 (St. Ignatius Hall)
March 27	Meals of Hope
March 27	The Light is on for You! (5:00-6:00 St. Cath.)
March 29	Stations of the Cross (12:00 & 5:30)
March 30	Lenten Study: Mass #4 (St. Ignatius Hall)
Mar 30-31	Lenten Food Drive
April 5	Stations of the Cross (12:00 & 5:30)
April 6	Lenten Study: Mass #5 (St. Ignatius Hall)
April 14	Palm Sunday
April 18	Holy Thursday (St. Ignatius 7:00pm)
April 19	Good Friday (St. Catherine 12:00pm)
April 20	Easter Vigil (St. Catherine 7:30pm)
April 21	Easter Sunday (8:30am & 10:30am)
April 27	Wine Tasting Festival (5-9pm, St. Ignatius)
May 4	St. Catherine Annual Yard Sale
May 11	Picnic & Outing (Melwood)
May 12-13	First Communion/Mother's Day
May 15	Confirmation (Sacred Heart)
June 14	Movie Night under the Stars

## **Angel's Watch Shelter Pizza Collection**

Donations for the St. Ignatius meal at the shelter will be collected next Sunday after Mass.

## **CAN RECYCLING**

We always need cans for recycling. Please drop them at the church hall or call John Minichino for pick up 301-743-3514. For 2018, we collected \$1,918!

Keep up the Good Work!

## **Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and Christ's love for us.

**Friday March 15**  
**St. Catherine 12:00pm**  
**St. Ignatius 5:30pm**

## **Shelves of Hope Food Pantry Food Items for March Cereal, Pork and Beans, Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce**

Pantry is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at 9:30am  
Volunteers are welcome to help out

**ALL POOR BOX DONATIONS**  
**SUPPORT OUR PANTRY**

## **St. Catherine Hall to Host Lifestyles**

As you may be aware, this year has seen a significant increase in the number of individuals and families in need of shelter in our community. This had put a tremendous strain on our local partners who provide shelter to individuals and families in need, including Lifestyles.

This past week I was approached by Sandy Washington the Executive Director of Lifestyles asking if we could make our hall available to about 30 families and their children for the remainder of March. After consulting with our groups and ministries who regularly use the hall we were all in agreement that helping these families is something that we are compelled to do. So, after rearranging schedules, and taking care of insurance and other paperwork that needs to be done, we will be hosting Lifestyles and their clients beginning late next week and through the end of the month.

Lifestyles will be providing their own staff, materials and resources (cots, pillows, sheets, etc.), food and other support for the families. The families will arrive at St. Catherine Hall in the evening around 7:00pm via van and bus, and will leave in the morning by 9:00am.

I am very grateful for the support and cooperation from the groups who regularly use our hall, and I ask for your prayers that the hospitality that we are able to provide to these families will be beneficial to them in their time of need.

Fr. Ken

## **Lenten Study Series on the Mass Continues next Saturday**

**NEW Location!**

**St. Ignatius Hall - 10:00am**

**This week : "God Speaks our Story"- St. Catherine's Hall**

St. Catherine of Siena said "You can't love what you don't know"

How does the Liturgy of the Word engender our love for God and his plan for our salvation? Why is the Old Testament critical to the Christian Faith? How is the Trinity reflected in the reading and hearing of Scripture?

We uncover the answer to these and other questions next Saturday. Join us!

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

### BASED ON POPE FRANCIS' REFLECTION ON THE BEATITUDES IN "GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE"

#### BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

"The Gospel invites us to peer into the depths of our heart, to see where we find our security in life... to configure ourselves to Jesus who, though rich, 'made Himself poor' (2 Cor 8:9)." (67,70)

**Was I responsible with my gifts of time and money today? Did I overspend or overindulge?**

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#### BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH

"These are strong words in a world...where we constantly pigeonhole others on the basis of their ideas, their customs and even their way of speaking or dressing. Ultimately, it is the reign of pride and vanity, where each person thinks he or she has the right to dominate others." (71)

**Did I seek to 'dominate' others today? Did I judge others unfairly?**

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#### BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED

"The worldly person ignores problems of sickness or sorrow in the family or all around him; he averts his gaze. The world has no desire to mourn; it would rather disregard painful situations, cover them up or hide them." (75)

**Did I ignore someone who could have used my comfort today? Did I disregard the pain of another?**

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#### BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED

"Experience shows how easy it is to become mired in corruption, ensnared in the daily politics of quid pro quo, where everything becomes business. How many people suffer injustice, standing by powerlessly while others divvy up the good things of this life." (78)

**How did I use my power or position today, either at work, in society, or in my family? Did I seek to benefit myself to the neglect or cost of others?**

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#### BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY WILL RECEIVE MERCY

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:36-38)

**Did I judge someone harshly today? Even if in a small way, did I seek revenge against someone who wronged me?**

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#### BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD

Nothing stained by falsehood has any real worth in the Lord's eyes. He "flees from deceit, and rises and departs from foolish thoughts" (Wis 1:5) (84)

**Acknowledging that thoughts themselves are not sinful, did I allow myself to dwell on thoughts that might lead me to sin? Did I dwell on lustful, angry, or prideful thoughts? Did they lead me to unloving actions?**

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#### BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD

"We ourselves are often a cause of conflict or at least of misunderstanding. For example, I may hear something about someone and I go off and repeat it. I may even embellish it the second time around and keep spreading it... And the more harm it does, the more satisfaction I seem to derive from it." (87)

**Did I spread gossip, cause conflict, or misunderstanding for my own pleasure or benefit?**

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#### BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

"In living the Gospel, we cannot expect that everything will be easy, for the thirst for power and worldly interests often stands in our way." (91)

**Did I neglect my call to holiness in favor of an easier way of living? If others treated me unfairly, did I allow myself to become bitter or lash out in anger or defensiveness?**

# Growing in Faith – The Mysteries of Jesus’ Public Life

## From the Catechism – “Jesus’ Temptations” - #538 & 539

538 The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him. At the end of this time Satan tempts him three times, seeking to compromise his filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves him "until an opportune time".

539 The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfills Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: he "binds the strong man" to take back his plunder. Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father..

## From the writings of the Saints – St. Bede, Homily #11

In Holy Scripture, “temptation” usually means an undergoing of some trial, rather than being enticed or tempted. The temptation referred to here tells us something about the true humanity of Christ: “For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning” (Heb 4:15).

Jesus’ sojourn in the wilderness carries a message we too can profit from: “After he was baptized, Jesus fasted alone for forty days. He teaches us by his example that after our sins have been forgiven in baptism, we should be on our guard through prayer and fasting so that the unclean Spirit that was cast out of our heart does not return when we are newborn in the spirit, weak and slow and vulnerable”.

## Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

When I was first in parish work, I remember the parish priest talking with the schoolchildren about the topic of Lent and prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. He asked them if any of them knew what fasting was. After a very long wait, one student raised his hand and said, "It is what I do when my Mom is mad at me. I run really fast!" The adults in the assembly burst into laughter.

Laughter is good. However, the Lenten devotions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are very serious practices for us as we prepare to celebrate the Easter mysteries.

As our catechumens prepare for the Easter sacraments, we are called by the Church to model what it means to be a Catholic Christian. We are called, especially during this Lenten season, to pray, fast, and give from the wealth we have to those who need our assistance.

This season is not merely a season of obligation to act more intently as God calls us to act, it is a season of opportunity to practice the foundation of our faith more attentively: prayer, fasting, almsgiving.



# Growing with the GOSPEL

My Church,  
My Family and Me

Luke 4:1-13 ■ 1st Sunday of Lent

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Read the Gospel and Color



# Kids' Corner

## Puzzle

Help Jesus to avoid the devil by staying on the path that leads to God!



## Mission for the Week

God has given you special talents to share with others. If you enjoy drawing, make a picture for someone else. If you enjoy singing, sing songs that make God smile.

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## Sharing the Gospel

Jesus was powerful, and the devil knew it. Jesus could have used the power he had selfishly, to get whatever he wanted — food, land to rule, or even angels to come running. Instead, Jesus chose to save his power to do what God wanted.

## Prayer

Dear God, help me not to be selfish. Help me to be more like Jesus.

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### WEEKLY FEATURE

**Opening the Word** A program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings. Personal Prayer Journals and a group Leader's Guides are also available to make the most of these Sunday Readings. Themes for March: Resisting Temptation, Longing for Glory, To Whom Much is Given, and A Tale of Two Sons. Find this amazing resource in **STUDY**- Opening the Word, Year C.

### BOOK OF THE MONTH

**Meditations for Lent** Even three hundred years ago, believers found it difficult to sustain for forty days the proper Lenten spirit. That's why even then, countless Christians turned to the writings of Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet (1627-1704), whose great piety and simple eloquence won him renown as one of the greatest preachers of his time. From Bishop Bossuet's sermons and spiritual writings, believers drew ever greater Lenten wisdom and strength. Now translator Christopher Blum has selected from Bishop Bossuet's voluminous works fifty brief but remarkably powerful meditations that complement the daily readings at Mass during the Lenten season, thus offering to us the perfect companion for a thoughtful and fruitful Lent. Find this e-book in **READ**- Prayer and Devotion

### OTHER NOTABLES

**Brother Francis Forgiven: The Blessings of Confession** This joyful presentation reminds old and young alike about the great gift of God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Find this cartoon in **WATCH**- Youth.

**My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent** Bishop Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered on Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to embrace the way of happiness joyfully. Find this audio talk in **LISTEN**- Prayer and Spirituality

### 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

