

ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

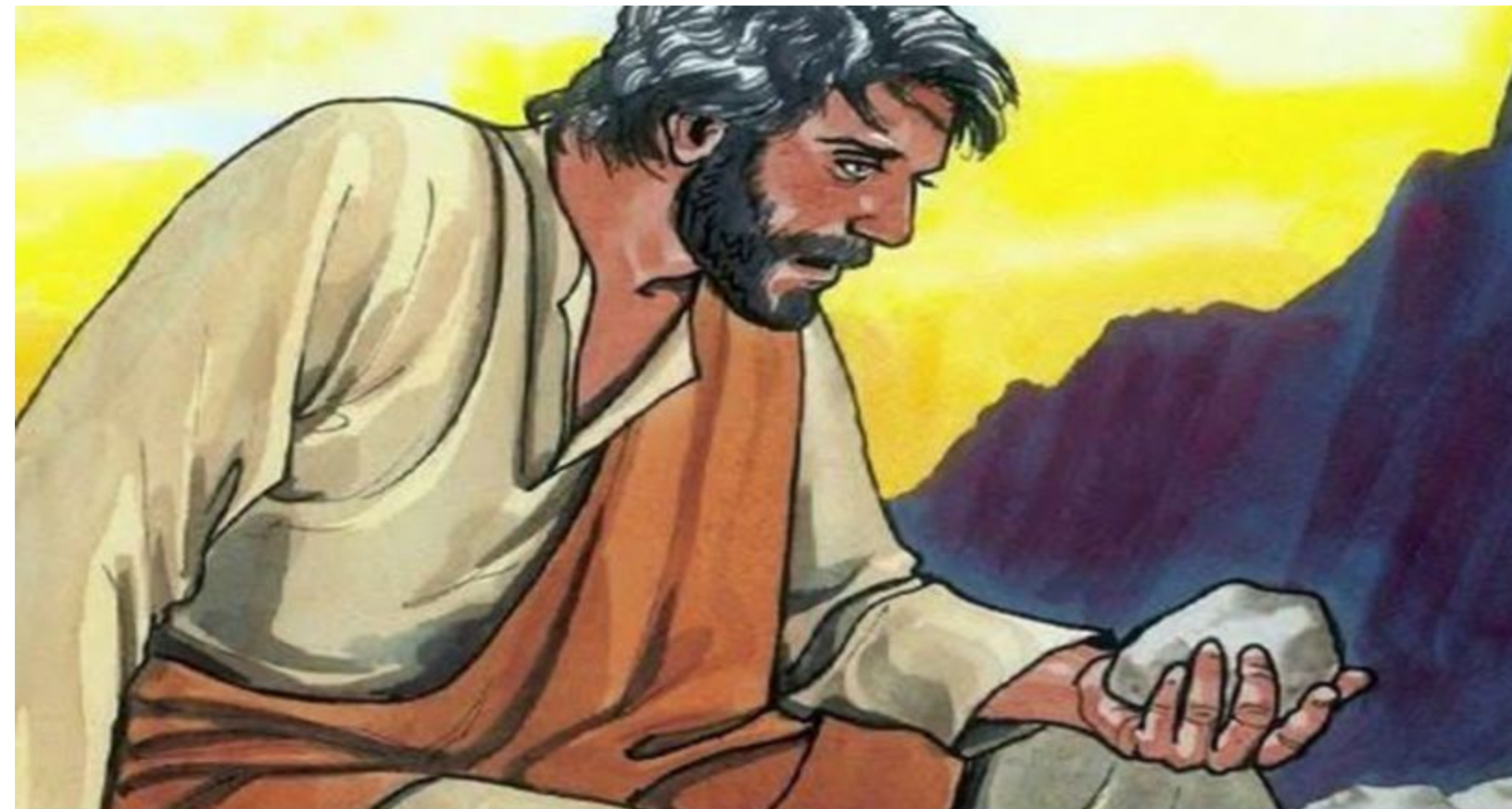
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TEMPTATION OF JESUS *The 1st Sunday of Lent, 2020*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1ST, 2020

MONDAY 3/1:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY 3/3: SAINT

KATHARINE DREXEL, VIRGIN
(USA)

IS 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Mt 6:7-5

WEDNESDAY 3/4: SAINT CASIMIR

Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32

THURSDAY 3/5:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3,
7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

FRIDAY 3/6:

Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

SATURDAY 3/7: SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY

Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Mt 5:43-38

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

-8:30 AM WEEKDAY MASS-

ST. BONAVENTURE

-12 NOON WEEKDAY MASS-

ST. BONAVENTURE

-5:00 PM SATURDAY MASS -

ST. BONAVENTURE

-10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS-

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

-12 NOON SUNDAY MASS -

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

-5:00 PM SUNDAY MASS-

THANKSGIVING FOR

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

REQUESTED BY BEATRICE HEMENG

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FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 7:30 PM

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR CHURCH

FEBRUARY 28TH - LED BY THE PRIESTS

MARCH 6TH - LED BY THE CHOIR

MARCH 15TH - LED BY THE ROSARY SOCIETY

MARCH 20TH - LED BY THE YAM & YOUTH

MARCH 27TH - LED BY THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

APRIL 3RD - LED BY THE MEN'S MINISTRY

First Saturday Devotions

at St. Benedict The Moor

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020 @10:00 AM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ROSARY,

CONFESSION AND

HOLY MASS AT 11:00 AM



Pastoral Letter

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“ If you are the Son of God turn this stone into bread”

Jesus has fasted for forty days and he is very hungry. He is in dire need to satisfy the basic human need for survival that is good. He has the power to use it for his own survival. To change stone into bread. Jesus refuses to use his power to serve himself. He is aware that God has given him power. But this power is not for himself but for others. He is to serve others. He has to give up his life as a ransom for many. Jesus realizes that to use his power to satisfy his own needs is an abuse of power. And after all life is more than food. There is more to life than food. Human life doesn't depend solely on food but rather on God and his word. The word of God gives life eternal.

All of us have a certain power or authority, be it in our places of work, families, or even in our interpersonal relationships. How do we use our power and authority? Do we use our positions of power to satisfy our own selfish needs or we use whatever authority we have to serve others.

Sometimes we may find ourselves entrusted with the material resources for others. Whatever is placed under your care, remember that material resources do not belong to you. You are just a caretaker or a stewards of what belongs to others.

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...If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down...

The second temptation of our Lord is desire for honor and applause. Show yourself how great you are, show yourself how important you are! Let people see you are honored by God's angels. These are the temptations that we're going on within the hearts of our Lord. But he became aware that there's no need to search for honor or prestige. And no need to put God to the test.

From time to time we are also tempted to seek for honor, and recognition. We strive to be praised and recognized. Jesus teaches us that there's no need really to seek honor and prestige. What God demands from us is a spirit of humility that does not dare to put God to the test.

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.... “ all these kingdoms of the world in their magnificence , I shall give you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me”

The last temptation our Lord faces is riches. To have possessions, to own cities, real estates, imagine you possess all the skyscrapers of Manhattan. But getting all these at the expense of bowing and worshipping evil. In a way Jesus is tempted to have riches and possessions by all means even evil means. At this point Jesus rebuked Satan and chased him away. Riches and possessions seem to be the greatest temptation that the devil used to get his followers. These are the people who can commit all sorts of evil to enrich themselves. If they are to steal so as to be rich, they will steal, if they are to cheat, they will cheat, if they are to kill so to be rich they will kill. They are capable of committing evils because they have put God aside and worship the devil who is the master of all evils. The temptations of Jesus are the temptations that all human beings do face in our lives. We need to seek the grace and wisdom from God so that we may be able to detect these temptations and be able to resist them. This season of lent is the ideal time to ponder into these temptations. This is the time we are encouraged to fast to show that we do not live on food alone. We will share our material resources by giving alms, to show that we are not slaves of our material wealth. We will pray to show that we are worshippers of God alone.

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YAMS PRESENTS

PAINT NIGHT!



Saturday
March 21, 2020 **\$35**

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM, CLASS STARTS AT 8PM
 SIP WINE, RELAX AND CREATE ART!
 TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH A YAM MEMBER
 OR ONLINE AT YAMPAINTRIGHT.EVENTBRITE.COM
 PROCEEDS GO TO ST. BONAVENTURE-ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR CHURCH
TICKET MUST BE PURCHASED BY MAR. 14TH

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING:

Charles & Ethel Adams, Teresa Addai, David Bluford, Ethel Boyd-Journette, Helen Broady, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Bernadette Creswell, Lotess Cright, Rose Marie Dorvilly, Cynthia Fairly, Carolyn Green, Joyce Hunt, Vida Isles, Dolly Jankee, Lucy Johnson, Jean Monterio-Pringleau, Joanne Moore, Kevin Newton, Richard Newton, Tarrant Palmer, Edna Pryce, Gwen Pruden, Katherine Randall, Santos Rodriguez, Viola Simon, Evelyn Washington, Virginia Wilkes, Mary Williams, Steven Wilson, Mauva Torrel, Sheila Vassar...

To add a person's name for prayer please call the Rectory. Names will remain in the bulletin for 3 weeks unless the Rectory is notified.



Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words,
 Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude,
 Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope,
 Fast from worries and trust in God,
 Fast from pressures and be prayerful,
 Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy,
 Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others,
 Fast from grudges and be reconciled,
 Fast from words and be silent, so you can listen.

MichelleDeRusha.com

--Pope Francis

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
Thank You!
for your sacrificial gift to our Parish

February 29, 2020

5:00 PM Mass (Sat)	\$ 267.00
10:00AM Mass (Sun.)	\$ 1,050.00
12 Noon Mass (Sun.)	\$ 1,005.00
5:00PM Mass (Sun.)	\$ 768.00
8:30 AM Ash Wednesday	\$ 210.00
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday	\$ 150.00

(Total: \$3,450.00 for week ending 2/21/2020)
 Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$6,000

Reminder please indicate the dollar amount on your tithing/offering envelope.

ACA 2019 is closed

Goal \$ 27, 947
 Paid \$ 26, 508.60
 Balance paid from the parish \$ 1,438.40

Please support The Annual Catholic Appeal 2020 with Faith and Good Works
Goal: \$28,993.00

To pledge... You can also text (917) 336-1255.
 Remember anything over the parish goal comes back to our parish!



Please help our parish by making your payments *towards your pledge to*

Generations of Faith

Total Pledged to Date: \$500,810.00
 Paid to Date: \$192,542.00

Lenten Journey of Faith
Why Catholic?



Explore how we nurture our relationship with God in prayer and how God communicates with us.

In Small Groups learn new forms of prayer, learn to overcome difficulties we experience in prayer and take a deeper look at the Lord's Prayer.

Coordinator: Debra Hamilton: 917.747.0876

