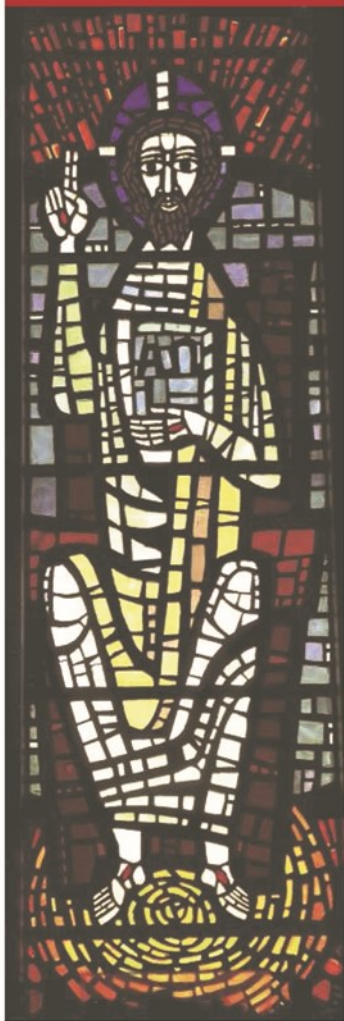


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First Sunday of Lent, Year C

March 6, 2022

Readings: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Journey through Lent 2022

An Invitation from God

Lent begins with an invitation from God: "Come back to me, with all your heart" (see Joel 2:12). Our Lenten journey is our response to God's invitation.

Lent

Lent is a time for spiritual spring cleaning. We clean out the clutter that has accumulated in our lives to make more room for God and one another. Our repentance during Lent is to be individual and private as well as communal and public.

Lenten Practices

Catholics are encouraged in Lent to participate in three religious practices: fasting and abstinence, prayer, almsgiving. The purpose of our Lenten practices is to discipline ourselves to be attuned to the activity of God in our lives.

Fasting

Fasting is making do with less food. When we fast we're more alert and open to the activities of God in our lives.

When do we fast?

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast. During Lent, fasting means that we eat only one full meal with no food in-between meals. It is understood that if one eats three meals a day the two other meals should not total one full meal.

Abstinence

To abstain is to refrain from eating meat as an act of penance and sacrifice.

When do we abstain?

Catholics in the United States abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. This does not include abstaining from eggs and dairy products. All Catholics 14 and older are bound by the law of abstinence.

Prayer

Prayer is described as the raising of the mind and heart to God or conversing with God. Lent is a time to make a conscious daily effort to pray more and with greater regularity. Some common prayer practices:

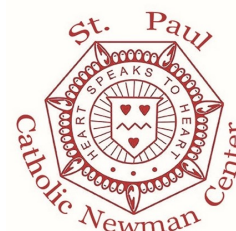
Sunday Eucharist

The celebration of the Eucharist is considered the source and summit of Catholic prayer. Some Catholics even choose to celebrate Mass more often than just on Sunday during Lent.

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Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a parish committed to serving the academic community and all those who choose to be part of our parish family. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.



Daily Prayer

Lent is a time to pray as an individual, as a family and as a faith community. Set aside time daily for your own personal prayer time and space.

Pray with the Bible

Choose a quiet place and allow yourself some quality time to pray the Good News.

Almsgiving

Almsgiving is much more than giving money to the poor or to your favorite charity. The aim of giving alms is to right the wrong distribution caused by greed or power or whatever else.

- **Time:** To give freely and generously of our time is a healthy practice of Lenten almsgiving.
- **Talent:** Everyone has been blessed by God with talents. Lent is a time to both inventory the talents we have and to make use of them for others.
- **Treasure:** How do you share your treasures, both the things you own and the money you earn?

LENTEN EVENTS

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent beginning March 4 at 6:00pm

Confessions

Thursdays from 4:00pm to 5:45pm (except Holy Thursday)

Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00pm

Chrim Mass

Thursday, April 7 at 2:00pm - Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Holy Thursday

April 14 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (incense)

Good Friday: Day of Fast and Abstinence

April 15 - Reading of Passion and Communion at 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

April 16 - Mass at 7:00pm (incense)

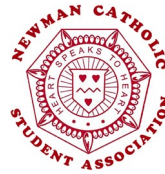
Easter Sunday

April 17 - Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am (incense), and 11:30am (incense). **No 7:00pm Mass.**

Peace and Love,



Deacon John



Campus Ministry News!

Week of March 6—13

Young Adults Bible Study

We meet every Monday at 6:00pm. We engage in biblical reflections and conversations to strengthen our identity as followers of Christ. It is a space where you will also find other young people who desire to learn and grow with you. Come join us! We will meet inside the Student Lounge.

Wednesday Student Night

Looking for a community to grow in your faith and meet other college students? Join us this week for dinner and a prayer activity inside Cardinal Newman Hall beginning at 6:00pm. Afterwards we will have our Student Lounge open to provide a space for studying or picking up school materials!

Recap of Last Week's Ash Wednesday

We would like to thank all you for participating in our Ash Wednesday services. It was heartwarming to see our community come together in preparation for this Lenten season. As a reminder, please reach out to our Campus Ministry team if you would like to be involved or looking for ways to support us! Our contact information is provided down below.

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Church Contribution Statements

If you did not receive your contribution statement via email or mail, please pick up your contribution statement at the front desk. If you received it via email, it will not be printed at the front desk. If you would like to receive your future contribution statements via email, please give your email address to the office. Thank you.

Job Opportunity: Parish Administrator (Parish Life Coordinator)

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center (SPCNC) seeks a Parish Life Coordinator to manage the operations of our Parish. Our mission is to reach out to and serve college students as well as to serve the faithful who have chosen to be a part of our vibrant parish community. Requires five years' experience in management including supervising others, and a bachelor's degree, preferably in management or a related area. For more information visit our website csufnewman.com or text / call Dave Meyer at (559) 269-0002.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 6

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

7:30am Mass for Dominic F. Aiello Chapel
 9:30am Mass for John Godburn Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Eugene J. Donoghue Jr. Chapel
 11:30am RCIA Rite of Sending Chapel
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

Monday, March 7

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

8:00am Mass for Allan Kennedy Chapel
 8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study Library
 11:00am Sweeden Funeral Chapel
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII

Tuesday, March 8

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 12:00pm Christian Meditation Community Room
 6:00pm Faith, Family & Friends CNH & Chapel

Wednesday, March 9

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

8:00am Mass for Joseph H. Aiello Chapel
 6:00pm Scriptural Rosary Community Room
 6:00pm College Night CNH 101
 6:30pm PAIN Cafeteria

Thursday, March 10

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 10:00am Shoemaker Funeral Chapel
 4:00pm Confessions Chapel
 5:30pm The Hero Within CNH 101
 6:00pm Mass for Matthew A. Aiello Chapel
 6:30pm Women's Guild Cafeteria
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Community Room

Friday, March 11

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

8:00am Mass for Teresa M. Aiello Chapel
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross Chapel

Saturday, March 12

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

5:00pm Mass for Maria Luisa Robles Chapel

Sunday, March 13

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

7:30am Mass for Magdalena Berman Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Sandy Ullmann Chapel
 10:00am HS Confirmation Class CNH 101-103
 11:30am Mass for David Quezada Chapel
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

February Contributions

2021		2022	
Feb. 7	\$20,593.06	Feb. 6	\$32,474.82
Feb. 14 ACH	\$ 9,225.50	Feb. 13 ACH	\$22,038.14
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Feb. 28	\$12,199.66	Feb. 27	\$13,059.34
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Prayers:

◆ Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:

Sr. Ana Rosa Guzman, Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Kristal Lowe Limon, Jessica H., Abigail Love, Gary Payne, Linda Alvarez, Marianne Coons, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Laura Willers, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, John and Kathy Brechmann, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC, Dick and Jan White, Randy Trejold, Jose Murillo, Jose Guadalupe Solorio, Tommie Huettmann, Melvin Helm family, Don Dallas Family, Sr. Joanne Bauer, Deacon Steve and Angie Taylor, Deacon Jim Rooney, Jan Fusselman, Nyla Zender, Brittany Baeza, Alma Alba, Deacon Rick DeLeon and Family, JoAnn Myers, Monica Baker (Lucido), Scott Alston, Daniel Xavier Huidor, Deacon Kelly Canelo and Family, Jo Carol, Debbie Ross, Tom Sommers, David Toll, Fr. Ricardo Magdaleno, Ernie Peterson, Susan Olson, Ken Barnes and Family, Mercedes Gallegos, Ramona Egan, Shannon Wong, Anastacia Sibal, Mary Yoakum, Jeff Ferramisco

To better serve our Faith Family we are updating our list of prayers. Names for the sick / special intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month. If deceased, names are only published the week they died. If you have someone who is in need of prayers please contact the office at 436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the "Prayer Intentions" tab.

Parish Information

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am

First Tuesday 6:00pm, Thursday at 6:00pm

Communion Services: Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 4:00pm to 5:45pm or call the office for an appointment.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm

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Faith, Family & Friends

Faith, Family & Friends is the Newman Center's Religious Education and faith formation program for EVERYONE of all ages - Children, HS Youth and Adults. All FF&F groups and class sessions meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. All Children's classes meet in Cardinal Newman Hall, Claretian High School Youth Group meets in St. John XXIII, and the Adult Group Session will meet in the Chapel. No registration is required to attend the Adult Sessions.

Family Life Ministries

Adult Religious Education and Faith Formation John Prandini invites you to join in on a series of classes to explore the *Sacraments of the Church - Past & Present*. During each session, we will view a short educational video on each Sacrament, followed by a discussion and Q&A session. It is open to all parishioners! Classes are on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Chapel. Class dates: March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29. No registration or fee is required.

Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group meets Monday mornings after Mass from 8:30am to 9:15am in the Library.

The Grief Support Ministry offers spiritual and emotional support to those who are coping with the death of a loved one. The next series of Grief Support meetings will begin on Monday, March 21st through Monday, April 11th. The meetings are held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Monday evenings in the Community Room. If you are interested in attending, please contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

Prayer Ministries

Christian Meditation meets weekly on Tuesdays at noon in the Community Room, for 20 minutes of silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. Christian meditation utilizes the mantra, "Maranatha" (a word in Jesus' own Aramaic language meaning, "Come, Lord Jesus") in order to quiet the mind and come to silence, meeting Jesus in the depth of our own being, beyond words or images. The group is a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Meetings are facilitated by Benita Lankford. For information email contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.



EKG Podcast

Sister Kathleen and Edgar Guzmán dialogue all things about faith. You're invited to dive into their clumsy conversations and journey together. Look up EKG or St. Paul Catholic Newman Center anywhere you listen to podcasts. If the previous sentence left you confused,

head to our website, scroll to the bottom of our page and you can find the play button there. Happy listening!

Women's Guild

All ladies of the parish are invited to our March meeting on Thursday, March 10 at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. Please join us as we plan for upcoming events.

Parish Registration

There are instances when, as a member of the parish, you must provide verification of membership at the Newman Center. This is necessary as it applies to the administration of Sacraments and the required record-keeping. For this reason, we ask you to please register as a member of the parish.

Verification (written) of membership in this non-territorial parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno may be provided for any baptized Catholic who fulfills any of the following:

- **registered in our parish database for a period of six months or more**
- **reference of regular parish involvement by a member of the parish pastoral staff**
- **identification as a regular member of our worshipping community (attendance at Mass on the Lord's Day) by a member of our pastoral staff**

Since we, unlike other Catholic parishes, do not have a specific territorial area, designated by parish boundaries, living in the vicinity of the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center does not automatically mean membership in this parish. (The territorial parish area in which SPCNC is located covers portions of Saint Anthony of Padua parish and Sacred Heart parish.) Hence, personal registration, active involvement and participation in worship and other activities on a regular basis are required to receive any documenting letter (e.g. for purposes of being a Catholic sponsor/godparent) of membership in SPCNC.

You can register at the front desk, or through our website: <https://csufnewman.com/about/online-registration>. **We also ask that you check in with us if you have moved, or updated any contact information so we can update our database.**

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RCIA

Sponsors Needed

God has blessed us with many people wanting to become Catholic. We have three candidates and eight catechumens in the catechumenate and another five in Inquiry. In two weeks these five inquirers will go through their Rite of Acceptance but have run out of sponsors. We desperately need another five sponsors. If you are a practicing Catholic and have received baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist, you qualify. If you are interested in serving as a sponsor and share your faith with these new candidates and catechumens, or if you have questions about sponsoring, please contact Charles Arokiasamy at rcia@csufnewman.com or 559-286-6372. Or leave your contact information at the front office and we will follow up with you. It is a lot of fun being a sponsor and you will find yourself learning many things you did not know about your own faith.



Interested in becoming Catholic?

If you have never been baptized or if you are baptized in another denomination but would like to become Catholic, please contact Charles Arokiasamy at rcia@csufnewman.com or 559-286-6372.

The RCIA process at the Newman Center is designed to be a safe and welcoming place to personally experience Christ and develop your personal relationship with Jesus in a supportive community. We don't throw a bunch of doctrines and rules at you. Instead we provide a place for you to explore and develop your faith journey with Jesus as a Catholic Christian.

Our Lenten Journey With Luke's Gospels

Our Lenten Journey with Luke – Week One. Luke's gospel, for the first Sunday of Lent, takes us on a journey with Jesus being led by the Holy Spirit into the desert where he is tempted by the devil for forty days. Notice our symbol, a dove, in front of the altar. Like Jesus, we are led by the Holy Spirit each day. May we be open to the Holy Spirit's promptings and pray for the grace to respond.

Electronic Funds Transfer

Sign up to make your donation to the Newman Center via electronic funds transfer. Have your Sunday contribution, second collection, and / or your special gift donation automatically made weekly or monthly with a credit card. **One can also schedule recurring online donations.** For more information call Carol at 436-3434.

Creation Care Tips

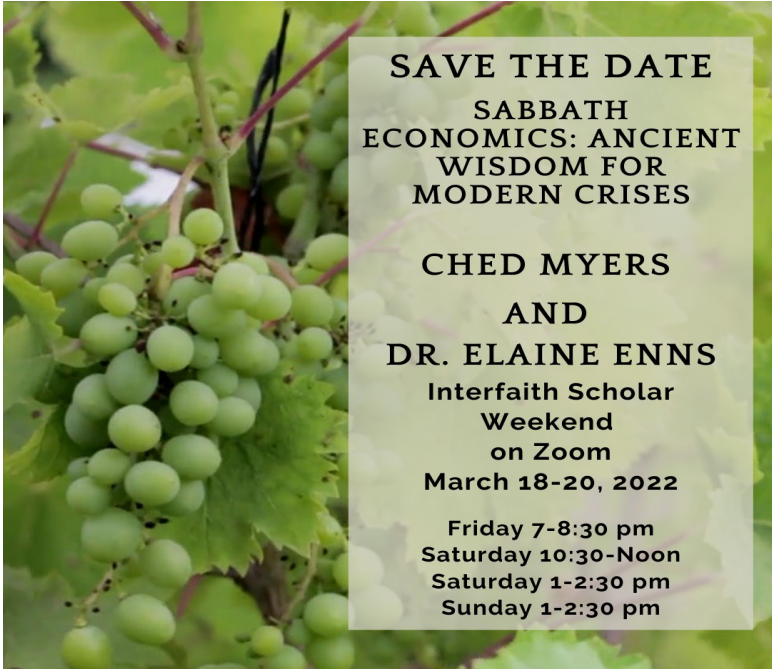
If you are looking for something to fast from this Lent, why not set yourself the challenge of fasting from buying anything new (except groceries and essential toiletries)? For six weeks vow to buy things second-hand, borrow, barter, trade, or do without. You may just discover that some things you thought were essential are not essential after all. You could also discover new channels for second-hand resources such as Freecycle or "Buy Nothing New" groups in your area that are committed to reducing the waste stream.

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: This Sunday's Gospel describes Jesus' temptation in the desert. Jesus was tempted with three things: satisfying the flesh by breaking his fast and eating the bread; becoming instantly famous by performing a super-hero act; and seizing power by making a pack with the devil. Jesus rejected all three temptations. Your challenge this week is to examine your own life to determine the temptations which the devil is placing in front of you. What do you need to say no to? What are you tempted to do which would cause others' lives to be lessened if you indulged in it?

Diocese of Fresno Job Opportunity

Real Estate Coordinator - Assist the Property Manager in the management of diocesan real estate including purchase and donation acquisitions, sales, leasing, title, CCR's, Easements, ROW's, taxes payments, tax exemptions, and municipal entitlements. Reports directly to the Diocesan Property Manager. For more information visit: <https://dioceseoffresno.org/employment/>



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Saturday 10:30-Noon
Saturday 1-2:30 pm
Sunday 1-2:30 pm

From Fr. Byron

The Gospel this weekend literally shows the fight between Jesus and the Devil. Initially, the Devil tempts him by offering food and power; Jesus counters him by quoting the Scripture. And then, the Devil dares to actually quote the very Scripture as well. "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

It blows my mind to think that the Devil can actually use the Scripture to get what he wants... and it pains me to admit that it still happens in our day and age. There are so many people out there who can use Scripture to get power, richness and their own agendas (ironically enough); the very three things the Devil tried to tempt Jesus with). Yet, just as Jesus hit the Devil with the power of Truth: "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test", that very Truth will make sure that things fall into place, the way God intends them.

There is one thing for sure in our lives; we will always be tempted. If the Devil dared to tempt Jesus, of course he is going to come after us. Yet, there is also another thing for sure. God is more powerful than the Devil or any evil. When temptation comes, remember who you are: God's. And let this truth guide your judgement and empower you also to say like Jesus, "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

Hikes with Mary

Save the Date: Our next *Hike with Mary* will be on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 8:00am.

Quinceanera

We are in the process of implementing a Quinceanera preparation and celebration process here at the Newman Center. This emerged as a pastoral necessity since we have had some families knocking at our door asking about this. We hope to have something in place in the upcoming weeks. You can always call the parish office for more information.

Ash Wednesday Thank You!

Last Wednesday was special; we were one of the few places in the Diocese that held Ash Distribution liturgies all day non-stop! The church parking lot was never empty throughout the day. Thanks to all the volunteers who volunteered to pray with people and impart ashes throughout the day. Thanks also to Karl Gurney for coordinating such wonderful liturgies not only here in the parish but also at Fresno Pacific University and Clovis Community College. Thanks also to Edgar and the college students who hosted a wonderful Ash Wednesday Mass with the Bishop. Thanks also to our wonderful decoration and liturgy committees for cleaning and decorating the church so beautifully. If you see them, please thank them and congratulate them for such amazing ministries.

PLC

Deacon John and I are part of a nationwide cohort to study the possibility and formation of Parish Life Coordinators (PLC). These are lay women and men who become the administrators of a parish or any other ministry (like a parish pastor). Deacon John is our Parish Life Coordinator here and he does it well! Please pray for the success of this program so that more people heed the call to be PLC. Also, pray for our own Newman Center as we are in the process of hiring our next PLC.

Rite of Election

Pray for the men and women who are joining the Church this Easter as they meet Bishop Joe this Wednesday for their Rite of Election. Say also a prayer of thanksgiving for our amazing RCIA Team who have brought so many people into the Church.

Claretian Youth

Attention Parents: We will have a Zoom meeting tomorrow Monday, March 7 at 7:00pm. Check your email for the meeting link. Youth: See you this Tuesday for our Claretian Youth. This month's theme: "Jesus and the Devil!" - Matthew 4.

5K: Running to the Empty Tomb

Our First 5K Run / Walk to the Empty Tomb will take place on Easter Sunday (April 17) at 6:00am. We will start off with a Dawn Prayer Service. To register or to volunteer please email me at: frbyron@csufnewman.com.

Easter Bunny

Speaking of Easter?? Can anyone help me find (or rent) an Easter Bunny costume? I will need it for the April 16-17 weekend. I would greatly appreciate it.

Saintly Quote

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." - Pope Francis

Have a Laugh (On hiatus during Lent)

Giving "First Fruits"

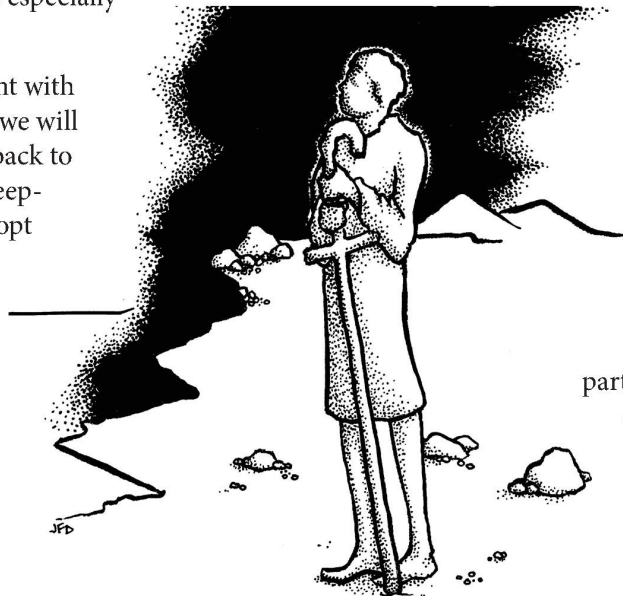
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Deuteronomy 26:4-10 - Thanksgiving for the Lord's goodness
- ▶ Romans 10:8-13 - The faith of the Christian
- ▶ Luke 4:1-13 - Temptation in the desert

The first reading is one among many in the Old Testament with a "first fruits" theme. Moses instructs the Israelites to give gifts of thanksgiving in response to all that God has done for them. He is very particular that they should offer "*the first of the fruit of the ground* that you, O Lord, have given me." This model of giving "from the top" is the basis of a "first fruits" theology.

For the ancient Israelites, this meant offering the first grapes of their harvest, or the first figs from their tree, or the firstborn goat or sheep of the spring. From a contemporary viewpoint, first fruits giving means *intentionally* giving of your time, talent, and treasure. It might mean literally giving the first fruits from your garden to a food bank, or buying school supplies for a child in need when you buy them for your own children. It might mean offering your guest bedroom as a place of hospitality for others, putting your car to good use by driving an elderly neighbor to doctor appointments, or volunteering to coach a local soccer team. As we move into Lent, thinking about how we share our gifts from a first fruits perspective is especially appropriate.

Often, we begin Lent with lofty plans for how we will re-orient our lives back to God, grow into a deeper prayer life, or adopt new habits of self-discipline or generosity. Maybe that's how Jesus felt after he was baptized and was "full of the Holy Spirit." Probably he was eager and



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"One believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved."

Sheepish Questions:
What temptations do I least want to face right now? Why?

motivated to begin the work he had been sent to do: preach justice and peace, heal the sick, and offer freedom to those "imprisoned" by so many factors in their lives. But then, instead of beginning his ministry immediately, he was led into the desert where the devil tempted him.

These 40 days of Lent can be a time of practicing humility. Like Jesus, we will experience plenty of temptations that come our way and we will need to fall back on God's grace to resist them.

Questions of the Week

- 1 In what area of your life might you be more intentional about giving of your "first fruits"?
- 2 What actions will you commit to for Lent this year, particularly in the areas of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?

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