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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 14, 2021 Year B



Driven to the wilderness

Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did, using the methods Jesus employed. Jesus conquered his tempter, the devil by prayer, penance, and timely use of the word of God. Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him speaking to us through the Holy Bible, and by practicing self-control to subdue our evil tendencies.

Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by: a) participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days in the week; b) setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; c) reading some Scripture, alone or, better still, with others. d) setting aside some money we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment, or clothes and giving it to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society; e) abstaining from smoking, alcohol, and other evil addictions; f) receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and participating in the “Stations of the Cross” on Fridays; g) visiting the sick and those in nursing homes and doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy every day in the Lent. Let us use Lent to fight daily against the evil within us and around us by practicing self-control, relying on the power of prayer, and seeking the assistance and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Joke of the week

A husband was struggling to make ends meet at home on one salary. Then one day he had to confront his wife with a receipt for a \$ 250.00 dress she had bought. “How could you do this?” “I was outside the store looking at the dress in the window, and then I found myself trying it on,” she explained. “It was like Satan whispering in my ear, “You look fabulous in that dress. Buy it!” “Well,” the husband replied, “You know how I deal with that kind of temptation. I say, ‘Get behind me Satan!’ His wife replied, “I did that, but then he said, ‘It look fabulous from the back too!’” (<http://frtomysomilies.com/>).

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, Judiel Teodoro, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Leanne Branchflower, Carmela Bovezza, Giovanna Gamberale, Elda Taranto, Maurizio Pierazzi, Vanessa Borg, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann

Recently deceased: Wladyslaw Stopa, Rosa Lattanzio, Peppino Amoroso, Antonio Francione, Lisa Toatoa, Doris Sorrentino, Marucuzzo Bianca, Valerie Weaver, Alex Henderson, Shirely Leal, Laura Della Valle, David Morrison, Tom Moore, Giovanni Natale, Myrtle Burke.

We pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Elena Mariani, Fred Peake, Sebastiano Barresi, Laura Della Valle, Jonas Montealegre, Di Camillo Family, Rocco Liberato, Margaret Verzin, Youssef Nagebie Lebnan, Christopher Robinson, Filippo Orifici, Antonio Comito, Rita Vaina, Shanie Liyanage, Joyce De Silva, Mille Weerasinghe, Sherine Adolphus, Pietro Capparelli, Salvatrice Maria Grosso

We especially pray for all the deceased whose names are on the Church pews & the

Letter from Archbishop Comensoli re Vaccine Program

A letter from the Archbishop regarding the Vaccine roll out. Paper copies are available in the church foyer— or see the link below.

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/a-letter-to-the-faithful-regarding-development-of-a-covid-19-vaccine/#more-8597>

Mass times

Weekday:
 Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am
 Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm

Weekend:
 Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm
 Sunday 9.00 am ; 10.30 (Italian mass)

Rosters for weekend masses Feb 27/28:

Lectors:
 Saturday 6.00 pm : J. Capparelli
 Sunday 9.00 am : M. Raymond

Bus drivers:
 Saturday 6.00 pm : J. Butera

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday Mass. (catholic.org)

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