



Lenten Confession - 17 & 24 March (Sunday)

Guest priests will be coming for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

They will be available from

Time: 10am – 12 noon, & 1 – 3pm

Venue: Room A, B, & C.

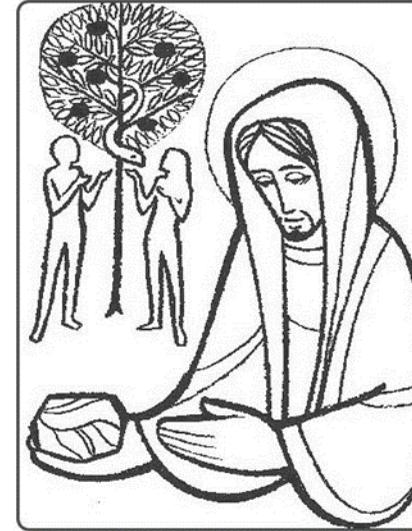
Please avail of the chance to purify our hearts in preparation for the Holy week and Easter, and know the joy of God's love and forgiveness.

Lent – Stations of the Cross



During the season of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross in the parish every **Wednesday** and **Friday** after the 6pm Mass.

1st Sunday of Lent



Gospel-Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "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." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

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Eucharistic Celebrations

Weekdays: 7:45 a.m., 12 noon & 6:00 p.m.

Anticipated Sunday Masses: Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sundays: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Tagalog Masses: 1, 2:30 & 4:00 p.m.

Sunday School Mass at St. Joseph's College, 7 Kennedy Road, Hong Kong 9 a.m.

INTRODUCTION TO THE MASS

The temptation of Jesus in the desert is a great reminder that temptations in our lives can be overcome if we go to Jesus and choose to remain with him. Today, the first Sunday of Lent, is National Migrants' Day. Jesus' cross portrays very well the sacrifices and fortitude of migrants for the sake of their families. Let us pray for the millions of overseas Filipino workers, migrants, and their families, that they may remain faithful and becoming instruments of the Good News. For the times we have fallen into temptation and sinned we ask our Lord for forgiveness... ***I confess...***

HEADINGS FOR READINGS

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 - Offering the fruits of the land in thanksgiving, the Israelites praise God.

Romans 10: 8-13 - Paul urges us to put our faith in Jesus who suffered and died for us.

Luke 4: 1-13 - Jesus is tempted in the desert.

SCRIPTURE NOTE

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel.

We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son. Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights.

He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food. As Israel quarreled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care. When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf.

Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings.

Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty, the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification.

Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. "Call upon me, and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle.

This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the LORD . . . and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

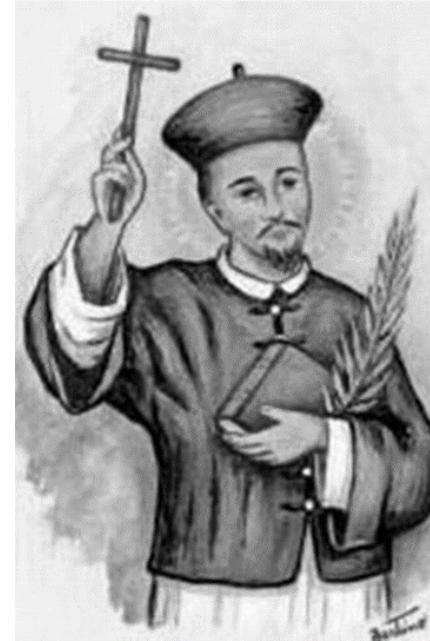
Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us. (Scott Hann)

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WORD
by name
is Jesus Christ

Calendars

Tuesday, March 12: Saint Joseph Zhang Dapeng

Joseph converted in 1800, and later made a house into a small school for religion. He worked as a catechist and altar service. During anti-Christian persecutions, Joseph went into hiding, but continued his catechist work. In 1814, he was betrayed by his anti-Christian brother-in-law, and was arrested. He declined to denounce Christianity, and so was killed for his faith.



Friday, March 15: Saint Clement Mary

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Clement came from a poor family in Moravia and joined the Redemptorists in Rome during a pilgrimage. Sponsors paid for his education. He was a missionary to Poland working with the poor and building schools. Later he founded a Catholic college in Vienna, Austria. Known as the second founder of Redemptorists, Clement helped revitalize German religious life. He died in Vienna in 1820.

