Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church Iglesia Católica San Juan el Evangelista

MARCH 12, 2017 — SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 12 DE MARZO DE 2017 — SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio dia

HORARIO LITURGICO

CONFESIONES (Sábado)..... 4:30 p.m. o por cita

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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Hello all!!!

I hope your Lent is progressing wonderfully.

For the pastoral message this week, I wanted to talk about the scripture account of Christ spending 40 days in the desert, all the while being tempted by the devil.

Christ was human and felt everything we would have felt had we spent 40 days in the desert. I could not imagine fasting for 4 days straight...one is long enough...but 40 days!!! That's a long time. There are so many truths in that incident in Christ's life. Many different things God is teaching us.

One of them for sure has to do with from where we draw our strength.

The devil, in each of his temptations of Christ was using his (the devil's) same old tricks that usually trip us up. But to each of his usual temptations, Christ has a great response.

What are the usual tricks?

The first has to do with an OVER-RELIANCE on food or stuff. The devil tries to tempt Christ to turn stones into bread. Can you imagine how hungry Christ was after all that time? He was probably dreaming about his mom's cooking!

And yet Christ rejects the temptation. 'Man does not live on bread alone'

The devil tries to tempt with an OVER-RELIANCE on self as well. All Christ has to do is bow down to the devil and the devil promises him unlimited power on the earth. Again very tempting. With that authority, Christ could have satisfied any need he ever had. He could have provided money and security to all his loved ones and they would have no more worries through that power the devil was offering.

But Christ says no. 'Worship God alone'

The devil also tries to tempt with an OVER-RELIANCE on the angels. The devil tells Christ that if he were to throw himself off the mountain, the angels would save him. Christ responds, 'you shall not put God to the test.'

In each of these temptations the devil throws at Christ, there is an underlying temptation running through them all. It has to do with the temptation to rely on anything and everything other than God. Temptations to rely on food/stuff, ourselves, or even others.

We similarly are tempted to find our security (and thus, our happiness) in these three things as well. We are tempted to rely too much on stuff (you name it...food, cloths, cars, homes, etc), on ourselves (our talents, our title, our physical strength), and even on others (but remember the bible says 'rely on God alone' and 'trust God alone').

Especially in our current era, when we are so successful with medicine, with science and technology, we can idolize humanity and what humanity can do. We can even make idols out of our children or spouses/girlfriends/boyfriends. But an overreliance on these things has a false bottom.

A big part of Lent is remembering who we rely on to provide for us and how we can fulfill the deepest longings within us. That which cares for us and fills us is not stuff, it's not ourselves and it's not even others. It is only the Almighty.

I am amazed at how quickly I am reminded of my weakness whenever I attempt fasting. Fasting is very difficult and as such, is very humbling and helps us to see how much we rely on God's provision. It's one of the best outcomes of fasting...and is why it's recommended during Lent.

Christ shows us the way. It's not always the easiest way in the short term, but it's the true way. And it is better to be in the truth, even if it's harder than to fall for the devil's temporary illusion of satisfaction.



Lenten Fish Dinner - Sponsorship Opportunity Thank you—Gracias –Updated

Thank you to the following parishioners who generously have donated to **the Lenten Dinners**. Julie & Lloyd Mercer, Cornelio Chavez, April Painter, David Stull, Theresa Civitelli, Sharon Lucas, Sheila Morris, anonymous, Diane and Tom Yates, Beverly Draper, Juan Plumey, Edgar Dominguez, Elena Chavez de Penarrieta, John & Sean Stewart, Beverly & Lee Williams, Bob & Carole Trent, Lalo Macias and Anonymous making this a grand total of **\$2,940. THANK YOU SO MUCH**



St John Lenten Dinners

The Lenten dinners are doing awesome thanks to you. Thank you so much to all who came and helped, and we still have **five** more Fridays for all to join in. We still need You. **We** especially need

volunteers after the dinners to help clean up. Come and give us a hand, bring your favorite dessert, promote our Lenten dinners, tell your family and friends. We hope to see you here.

Cena Cuaresmal de Pescados en San Juan

Hasta ahora hemos tenido muy buena aceptación y suceso con nuestras cenas cuaresmales, pero todavía nos faltan mas viernes por participar. Por lo tanto lo necesitamos a UD. Venga y denos una manito ya sea en la cocina o al final con la limpieza. También no se olvide de promocionar nuestras cenas a sus amigos y familiares. LOS ESPERA-MOS.

The SJP drawing is this Thursday, March 16th after the 8:30 am Mass. You are welcome to join us. For information call Diana Young 647-5665.

Thank you for all the cards, calls and especially the prayers as I recuperate from surgery. Please keep the prayers coming as I still have a long way to go. A special thank you to my good friend, Pauline Sorensen for bringing me Communion every week. I truly appreciate her visits and being able to receive Communion. Carole Trent

The Knights of Columbus gives you a chance to win tickets to the Nascar Cup race on 4.30.17 at the Richmond International Raceway. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. All proceeds to benefit the good works and projects in our community of the K of C Father James Scanlon Council of St. John and St. Patrick parishes. Drawing to be held on 4.23.17. Tickets are available after mass each Sunday in the commons area