

First Sunday of Lent
February 14, 2016

Salesian Perspective

Isn't it good to be reminded again that Jesus was tempted by Satan?

The Scriptures tell us: Jesus is like us in all things, but sin. We can be tempted to say: "Of course, he didn't sin; Jesus is God." But that thinking denies the truth that the Scriptures take such care to present to us: Jesus is Son of Man, as well as Son of God. Jesus' temptations remind us that Jesus is human like us. They also help us to understand how Jesus dealt with temptation. That gives us a model for our own experiences of Satan.

As we take time to reflect on today's Gospel account, it becomes obvious that Jesus learned to keep his attention focused on his Father's love for him. His great desire was to respond to that love by doing his Father's will.

After his long fast in the desert, Jesus is hungry. Satan encourages him to use his power – change stones into bread. Jesus responds: "bread is temporarily filling, but there's more to my life than eating." Doesn't Satan present us with the same temptation at times? Something we need would make us feel good right now. Jesus is reminding us to ask a question: is there more to my life than this need? Is this immediate desire calling me to be more dependent on God's loving care for me?

Then Satan tempts Jesus with power and glory if he's willing to compromise his Father as God. Jesus responds: "I have one desire in life -- to serve my Father's love." Often enough Satan presents us with opportunities for some kind of power and glory if we're willing to compromise our values. Jesus reminds us to look into the eyes of God when we're trying to make decisions in our daily living.

Finally, Satan tempts Jesus to test God's care for him. And Jesus tells Satan: "My Father's word is enough." How easy it is for us to try and control God's care for us: "If you'll just give me this sign, I'll know you're looking out for me." Jesus tells us: trust in God's providence for you; God doesn't lie.

As we continue our Lenten journey, preparing ourselves to celebrate the great events of our salvation, we could benefit greatly by some prayerful reflection on Jesus' responses to Satan's

temptings.

Jesus shows us where we can find the source of strength we need when we are tempted: our God's abiding presence and care for us.

Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS, is the Executive Director of the De Sales Spirituality Center.

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 343 The Glory of These 40 Days
(No Gloria)

Psalm Response: "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble."

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

Offertory: # 586 All That Is Hidden

Communion: # 342 Turn to Me

Recessional: # 639 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

Reading for today's Mass are found in the Glory & Praise at number 757

1st Reading ~ Deuteronomy 26:4 – 10

2nd Reading ~ Romans 10:8 – 13

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 4:1 – 13

Mass Intentions for the Week



So that they and their families may be remembered in prayer by the community.

✠ **In memory of Bob Martini**

Requested by Barbara Martini

Explaining the Catholic Faith

TODAY... Fr Fred will continue with the program of **Explaining the Catholic Faith**. It will take place at the rectory following the 9 am Mass. There will be a CD presentation followed by a discussion. **All are welcomed** even if you did not participate in any of the last episodes.

Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear; rather, look upon them with strong hope that, as they arise, God, whose child you are, will deliver you from them.

- St. Francis de Sales

Altar Servers

We need **volunteers for our Masses**. If you know you can help to assist at the Mass please step up. Thank you.

THE COLOR PURPLE. LENT: The liturgical color is purple, which not only represents the sovereignty of Christ but also his suffering and death. Before his Crucifixion, Jesus was mocked for calling himself King. (Mark 15) by being striped, then wrapped in purple cloth (historically an expensive dye for royalty). This sacrificial season of Lent calls for priest to wear this color to indicate penance and preparation.

WHAT IS THE INDULGENCE?

Like any Jubilee Year, a person can receive a plenary indulgence for the Year of Mercy. A plenary indulgence removes all of what is called “temporal punishment” due to sins that have already been forgiven. Sin and evil are real. Every sin, large or small, is in some way a rejection of the-best-version-of-ourselves and a rejection of God. “Temporal punishment” is the natural consequence of that sin, the necessary purification following forgiveness of sin.

AH! MERCY, THAT IS THE NAME OF GOD.

GIVING TREE MEMORIALS



Do you want to share in the GIVING TREE? A donation of \$500 will purchase a leaf which has 4 lines to list an inscription. It is quite fitting that the new “GIVING TREE” has taken root in the vestibule of our church.

*Any questions please contact Dave Kelmer
252-986-2719.*

Connect with our Parish!!! "LIKE" *Our Lady of the Seas Catholic PARISH*

~ Mass Schedule ~

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am

Friday 4:00 pm (Ocracoke)

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

MASS ON OCRACOKE MAY TEMPORARILY BE SUSPENDED DURING THE WINTER MONTHS DUE TO WEATHER. PLEASE CALL 252.995.6370

Sacrament of Penance every Saturday during Lent starting at 4:45 pm

Mercy:
the bridge that connects
God and man,
opening our hearts
to the hope
of being loved forever
despite
our sinfulness.



-Pope Francis

The Sacrament of Penance

The Diocese of Raleigh, in keeping with the custom of the universal Church, has a laudable tradition during Lent of paying particular attention to the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, providing for the celebration of the Sacrament, both individually and communally with individual confession, penance and reception of absolution. The faithful should be clearly and positively encouraged to receive this sacrament during Lent.

Fr Fred will minister to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays, starting at 4:45 pm, to provide sufficient opportunities for the faithful to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Penance.

Register today for our free video Bible study!

<http://www.bibleandthevirginmary.com/streaming>

For a limited time, enjoy free streaming of The Bible and the Virgin Mary. Watch the Mary of doctrine and devotion come alive in a powerful new way! The study starts on Ash Wednesday, so don't wait!

Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

www.desales.edu/salesianMOOC

Tom Dailey invites us to consider: As part of the DSU 50th anniversary celebrations, Tom thought it would be appropriate to “give beauty back” to the world...by sharing something of the Salesian treasure for FREE.. So they are offering for the first time ever, a Salesian MOOC! Tom Dailey’s dream is to get 1,00 people from around the world to join in this adventure during Lent of 2016.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9ziADJMK3A>