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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

LOW MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:30 AM

SUNG MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM

Wednesday mid-week Mass at 10:30 am



8:30 am Low Mass

and

10:30 am Sung Mass

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Genesis (2.15–17; 3.1–7)

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"? The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14&17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion
wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: "Against you only
have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight".

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me
not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open
my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

A reading from the letter to the Romans 5.12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

Sung Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory

R. Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

R. Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory

The Gospel of Matthew (4:1-11)

The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." ' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **R. Praise to you, O Christ**

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

On the First Sunday of Lent, we are taken into the wilderness with Jesus. After his baptism, after the voice from heaven, the Spirit leads him into a place of hunger, silence, and testing. Lent begins not with noise but with truth. In the desert, the tempter invites Jesus to grasp, to prove, to control. But Jesus refuses. He chooses trust over spectacle, obedience over power, surrender over self-assertion. The wilderness reveals what fills the heart. Lent asks us gently but firmly: what do we rely on? And will we allow God to shape our hunger into deeper trust and faithful love?

NOTICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

The next Youth Group meeting (High School age) is on Saturday February 28th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Our next young adults group (20-35) is this Thursday February 26th at 7 pm.

Join us for our Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday March 7th from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Come and prepare your hearts for Easter.

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