

February 26, 2023: 1st Sunday of Lent

“Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.”

Matthew 17:01

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus’ baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God’s promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus’ temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted. Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus’ rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test.

Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God’s protection and faithfulness. As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God’s word alone will suffice; God’s promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

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We’ve begun the desert season of Lent, recalling the 40 days in the desert that Jesus subjected himself to; and like Him we are fasting and praying and fending off the temptations of the devil. Just as Jesus came out of the desert refreshed and ready to begin His ministry, so too we are called to minister.

Our scripture readings today remind us of the rebirth we gain as we walk each step of our Lenten journey nourished by God’s Word, by His understanding of all that we are going through each day, and with His hand in ours when we stumble. Isaiah foreshadows Jesus’s teaching and our vocation as Christians by telling us to feed the hungry, and to tend to friends or strangers who are in pain: “The Lord will give you plenty, even on the parched land.” (Is 58:11) God will feed us in our Lenten desert and all the days that come after.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 10 am.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, **closed to public.**

Bible Study:

Bible study will resume on Sundays at 7pm.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Post-poned until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

February 18th – February 19th, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1874.00
Building Fund	25.00
St. Vincent De Paul	10.00
Envelope Cost Contribution	20.00
In Memorium	75.00
Mass Stipend	10.00
CMIC	45.00
Development & Peace	130.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor
Wed. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor
Thu. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor
Fri 7 pm	Late Annie Griffin
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Mike George Sr. & Wilson Kean
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 4	
Linda Tarbett	Barbara Neville Elizabeth Carew
March 5	
Victoria Murphy	Calvin Gillis Brian Sparkes
Communion to the sick – Barbara Neville	

CONDOLENCES: We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of the late Fr. Jim Robertson. We are grateful that we were blessed with him as our Parish Priest. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. Let us remember Fr. Jim, his family, and friends in our prayers. May he rest in peace.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible study on Sunday is cancelled for this week.

COFFEE TIME: Our Parish Outreach Committee will continue coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and also welcome new members.

PARISH OUTREACH: This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

LENT: The season of Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During this time, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as we recall our Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the year. Through forty days of closer attention to God’s Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lent shows us how baptism and penitential themes are related. We are encouraged to make the most of this season of preparation.

RECEIPTS AVAILABLE: Receipts are available for pick up at the parish office. Due to disruptions in the office, mistakes could be possible. Receipts will be available at church. If there are any errors, please contact the parish office and we will try to resolve the problem.

LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISER: Our ladies are selling tickets on \$1000 cash. The draw will take place on March 31st at Sacred Heart Church after mass. If you wish to purchase ticket, please contact members of the ladies group.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Will be held on **Friday, March 3 at 2:00 pm** at Humber United Church at 88 Clarence Street. We are reminded to pray for the many people who are touched by cruelty and injustice in the many war-torn countries.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The ladies’ group are looking for volunteers to help sell tickets at Dominion on the following dates: Thurs Feb 23, Sat, Mar 4, Thurs, Mar 9, Fri, Mar 10, Sat, Mar 18 and Thurs, Mar 23. We are also asking parishioners to take as many tickets as you can to sell to family and friends. Tickets will be available to sign out before each weekend Mass in the front porch. Together we can make this a success. Contact Veronica at 639 7216 if you are able to help in raising funds for our parish.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: A movement of solidarity: established in 1967, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity of the Catholic Church in Canada. We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political, and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice. With the help of 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, Stand for the Land focuses on people’s defence of their territories in Colombia and Honduras.

WINTER CARNIVAL BRUNCH: Brunch will be held at **All Hallows Parish on Sunday, Feb 26th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm** and will consist of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, homemade beans, toast, juice, tea or coffee. Price is \$10.00. Takeout will be available.

4 YOUTH: The season of Lent is closely associated with fasting and abstinence. Just what exactly does that mean? Fasting means eating one full meal and two light meals a day, with no eating between meals. Abstinence means not eating any meat. In Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Although all Fridays are days of abstinence you can choose to do special acts of charity or piety instead. Many people choose to give up something for Lent, usually something they enjoy a lot. You can give up chocolate or sweets or desserts or complaining or negativity or bickering with your family. You might even decide to give up some of your screen time (TV, computer, video games, cell phone, etc) What are you giving up for Lent?

