



“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.”

MATTHEW 4:1



Jesus for the Win

MIGUEL DULICK

The account of the temptations could be presented as a comical play. Pope Francis insisted, “Don’t talk to the devil!” Indeed, Jesus does not engage in dialogue with Satan, much less any negotiation or any business. Stones become bread? Jesus may have fasted for forty days, but he’s had plenty to eat—“every word that comes forth from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Nor will Jesus “test” his Father by jumping off the “parapet of the temple” (like the bell tower of a gothic church). (See Matthew 5-7.) You don’t play God, and you don’t play *with* God. Satan really beclowns himself with the last temptation—promising the whole world if Jesus would just take a knee? No one would fall for that, would they?

Except—most of us. We’d do the bread; we’d do the jump; we’d definitely do the world! Look at the first reading, from Genesis. Adam and Eve give up paradise for a piece of fruit! It’s a sad story because Eve does chat with the serpent, answering questions, allowing for a different point of view. But, as they say on Facebook, Satan “destroys” her! And Adam, too. If they didn’t sew fig leaves for each other, the whole story would be unbearable. Even as they realize their sin, there is a little tenderness.

Saint Paul explains it clearly. Sin entered the world, but with Jesus Christ, there is an “overflow” of grace for the many. (See Romans 5:15.) And that’s what Lent is about—a flood of grace. ●



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Reflect

What grace do I pray for this Lent—for myself and for someone who is struggling?



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Mass Schedule – Forsyth

First Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule – Hysham

Sunday at 8:30 AM

Sunday at 12:30 PM

Office hours: By appointment – call 406.853.5252 or come to the rectory.

Religious Education: Contact Diane Wyrick for Forsyth at 406.351.2845 and Amber for Hysham at 406.342.5448.

Confession: Saturdays @ 2 PM.

Baptism: Adults and children under 7 (please contact Father Rob.)

Anointing of the Sick: If you are having surgery or are sick, please contact Father Rob to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

Funerals: When anticipating or planning a funeral, please contact Father Rob before finalizing the arrangements.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered and be listed in the bulletin, please contact Father Rob.

Homebound & Sick: If you or someone you know can no longer attend Mass due to physical inability, please contact Father Rob or Diane Wyrick at 406.351.2845 or Rosemary in Hysham at 406.740.1457 to receive Holy Communion and Anointing.

Immaculate Conception Prayer Chain: For requests, call Cherie Hesper at 406.351.9048.

Mass & Liturgy Schedule:

Sunday	02/22	8:30 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Healing Prayers for Yvonne Smith from Frank Smith.
Sunday	02/22	12:30 PM	Mass in Hysham for the People of the Parish.
Tuesday	02/24	5:15 PM	Mass in Forsyth for Jeff Wigen from Jon & Carol Wigen.
Friday	02/27	9:00 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Poor Souls in Purgatory from Jon & Carol Wigen.
Saturday	02/28	4:00 PM	Mass at the Nursing Home for Kathy Walker from Gary Walker.
Sunday	03/01	8:30 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Erin Becker from Gary Walker.
Sunday	03/01	12:30 PM	Mass in Hysham for the People of the Parish.

- † Rosary every Monday at 8:15 AM, Tuesday at 4:45 PM and Friday at 8:30 AM.
- † Religious education for children Sunday at 9:30 AM.
- † Bible Study in Forsyth is Friday morning after Mass.
- † CCD & Sacramental Prep Classes on Sunday morning. Questions: Please contact Diane Wyrick in Forsyth and Amber in Hysham.
- † Mass times at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Colstrip Sunday 10:30 AM.
- † CCW meeting the 2nd Sunday after Mass.

Announcements:

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent at 5 PM in Hysham and 5:15 PM in Forsyth. Immaculate Conception will have a soup supper following.

The first K of C Fish Fry is Friday, February 27th at Immaculate Conception in Forsyth.

Everyone is reminded that CCW has a prayer chain, a powerful way to have many people praying for your needs. If you have a request, call or text Cherie Hesper at 406-351-9048 or email to cheser1948@gmail.com. if you wish to be part of the chain, let Cherie know.

Finance Update: Last Sunday Collection: 02/15/2026

Immaculate Conception – Forsyth		St. Joseph – Hysham	
Loose Cash	119.00	Loose Cash	0.00
Loose Checks	505.00	Loose Checks	220.00
Envelope Cash	40.00	Envelope Cash	10.00
Envelope Checks	905.00	Envelope Checks	465.00
Other (Bathroom)	470.00	Other	10.00
Cathedraticum Assessment	0.00	Building Fund	0.00
Special Collection	0.00	Special Collection	0.00
Capital Campaign	0.00	Capital Campaign	0.00
Current Operating Fund	0.00	Current Operating Fund	0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 2039.00	TOTAL:	\$ 705.00

Forsyth & Hysham Ministry Schedule for next Sunday: 03/01/2026

Forsyth:			
	Time	Service	Names
	Mass at 8:30 AM	Eucharistic Ministers	Ryan Silvis & Albert Martens
		Cross Bearer	Ryan Silvis
		Lector	Cherie Hesper
		Ushers	Doug & Cherie Hesper
		Gifts	Doug & Cherie Hesper
		Col. Counters	Ryan Silvis & Dan Murnion
		Sacristan	Lorelei Schick
Hysham:			
	Mass at 12:30 PM	Eucharistic Ministers	Renee Zent & Rosemary Olson
		Lector	Mary Mitchell

Dear Padre,

I was taught that it is a requirement to fast at least one hour before receiving Communion. However, I've seen donuts out before Mass begins and hear candy wrappers being crumpled around me. This seems disrespectful to me.

It is important to use the correct words when describing a particular action. In this case, “requirement” does not really capture the full meaning and understanding of what the Church teaches. A better understanding is that it is a discipline and a practice of the Church to ordinarily observe the eucharistic fast for one hour before receiving holy Communion. If you are of a certain age, you may remember that there have been changes regarding the eucharistic fast. A “requirement” might suggest that the fast is integral to the sacrament itself. It is not.

The second part of your question seems to be a matter of perception. Based on your perception, you judge something to be not quite right. But, consider that there are many reasons why hospitality may be set up before Mass. The crumpling of wrappers could be something other than what you identify. Regardless, you are not required to assume the burden of policing what is taking place at Mass. It is much better to participate, celebrate, and be grateful for the sacrament that we gather to experience as a community of faith. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Is 55:10-11	Jon 3:1-10	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Ez 18:21-28	Dt 26:16-19	Gn 2:1-4a
Mt 25:31-46	Mt 6:7-15	Lk 11:29-32	Mt 7:7-12	Mt 5:20-26	Mt 5:43-48	2 Tm 1:8b-10
						Mt 17:1-9

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today, signs of hope are increasingly found in care homes, communities for minors, centers for listening and acceptance, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work!

MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, ROME, JUNE 13, 2025