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## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



## A Sabbath Thought

Our tradition has handed down to us a list of the *right* things to do during this season of Lent. But we must avoid the great temptation of Lent: to do those right things for the *wrong* reasons.

# About Today's Bible Readings

#### **DEUTERONOMY 26:4-10**

As a thanksgiving for the rescue from Egypt, Moses developed a ritual offering for first fruits of the land to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

## R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

#### **ROMANS 10:8-13**

For Paul, the belief in Jesus and confession of him as the Lord is the basis of salvation.

#### **LUKE 4:1-13**

Satan tempts Jesus in the wilderness. But Christ always seeks to do the Father's will, and the temptations come to naught.

### **ENTRANCE RITE (JOEL 1:14)**

- V. Proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the elders, all who dwell in the land,
- R. Into the house of the Lord, your God, and cry to the Lord!
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### Tract (Recited in place of the Alleluia during Lent)

- V. It was I Who made the earth, and man and beast on the face of the earth, by My great power, with My outstretched arm; and I can give them to whomever I think fit.
- R. The earth is the Lord's and all it holds, the world and those who live there.

## THE GOSPEL (LUKE 4:1-13)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone. "Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

## Worship Services

## SUNDAY March 10th

First Sunday of Lent Anniversary of the Institution of the PNCC 9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Distribution of Ashes to those unable to be present on Ash Wednesday. Stations of the Cross following Mass. The Second Collection will be for the National Church Center.

## SUNDAY March 17<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM - HOLY MASS

Stations of the Cross following Mass.

#### LENT

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. I hope that everyone is ready to begin our solemn Lenten journey as we follow our beloved Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ along the path of His Passion. Please be diligent in your daily prayers and meditations during this Lenten Season. Remember also to try to abstain from meat on Fridays as a form of penance in honor of our Lord's passion and sacrifice. A blessed and prayer Lent to all.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross after Mass each and every Sunday starting today and leading up to Holy Week. I hope that everyone will plan on staying after Mass to join together in prayer and reflection and that you urge your families, friends and neighbors to attend as well. This is a beautiful and moving form of worship and it helps to focus our thoughts and prayers on our Lord and Savior as we reflect on His Passion and Death.

#### **FOOD DRIVE**

Once again we will be gathering donations of non-perishable food items for distribution to those members of our community who find themselves less blessed than ourselves. This is an excellent way to fulfil our Lenten obligation of almsgiving. Please leave your items in the Narthex. Remember that Christ said, "Whatever you do for the least one of my brothers, you do it for Me."

#### In Memoriam – Leon Fornal

On Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Leon Fornal passed to life eternal at the age of 89. He was known as "The Polka King" for his radio program. He was a true friend to our parish as he announced all of our events and activities on his show. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. And may he rest in peace.

#### INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health of Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Ruth Pivovarnick, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Father Senior Gregory Mludzik, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Father Senior Ed and Ann Ratajack, Tom Goff, Roger Seliga, Milton Keiles, Claire Armstrong, David Gavenda, Dorothy Zytczak and Michelle Freer. Our Father...

## ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST

Today, March 10, 2019, at 10:00 AM we will hold our annual Breakfast commemorating the Anniversary of the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church and the Church of Our Saviour Parish. This will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

## TICKETS WILL BE: ADULTS = \$10.00

CHILDREN (under 12) = \$3.00

I hope that everyone will be able to join us as we give thanks to the Lord for His gift of our beloved Church and Parish. Please invite family, neighbors, friends and acquaintances. The more the merrier!

# Today's Hymns

Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord! The Hymns below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books.

## **Opening Hymn**

#1 - Hymn Of Faith

## Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 - Come, Thou Creator

## Offertory Hymn

#94 - People, My People

## **Post Communion Hymn**

#113 - When I Survey The Wond'rous Cross

## Recessional Hymn

#114 - Forty Days And Forty Nights