

TEMPTATION'S FACES

In the movie Oh God, You Devil the roles of both God and Satan were played by George Burns. This completely baffled the humans. But as "God" pointed out, the face of evil has long tried to look like God, act like God, sound like God—or at least fulfill all our expectations of what God is like and desires. This is the aspect of Jesus' human nature that Satan attempts to prey upon in today's Gospel. It is in our human nature to seek the easy or surface answers; it was this part of Jesus' true human nature that was tested in the desert dryness that immediately followed his plunge into the Jordan's baptismal waters. Our surface expectations of God are in miracle-working, power and glory, the intervention of supernatural beings on our behalf. But all of these things can be accomplished by the might of evil as well. Jesus takes us deeper and shows us that, even when we're at our weakest (as he would have been in the desert after his forty-day ordeal), we need to be relentless in seeking the true presence of God's word, giving our worship to God alone, testing ourselves and not God. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

All Friday's of Lent are days of Abstinence of meat for (14 years and over).

A.D. A. ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2008

The 2008 ADA passed the halfway point. To date 31.13% of our parishioners has contributed \$11,862.00 toward our goal of \$44,770.00. We are very grateful for their support early on in our campaign. As was mentioned during last weeks ADA Appeal, many of our parishioners benefitted from the various Diocesan Ministries. This is our once a year opportunity to show the Diocese our support. And don't forget - every dollar received over our ADA goal is returned to our parish.

LENTEN WORKSHOPS

During the season of Lent, our Religious Staff will be conducting Lenten Workshops beginning Tuesday, February 12th in the C.C.D. building at 7:00PM. The classes will be held on the following evening dates: February 12 - English, February 19 - Spanish, February 26 - English, March 4 - Spanish, March 11 - English



ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Any baptized Catholic who is dangerously ill due to sickness, injury, or old age may receive the Anointing of the Sick, even though there is no apparent danger of death. The sacrament should be received when the sick person is best able to profit from it, and not be delayed until the person is at the point of death. The elderly who are in a weakened condition are encouraged by the Church to receive Anointing, even though no dangerous illness is present. On Saturday, March 8th, during the 5:00 P.M. evening Mass we will have the anointing of the sick. For those who fulfill the requirements.

PRAY FOR THE SICK + OREN POR LOS ENFERMOS

Alberto & Socorro del Alto, Natalina Andreini, Alice and Becky Avelar, Marlene Aza, Carmen Bondi, Ann Fitzgerald, Alice Garcia, David Garcia, John Germaine, Mark Holmes, Yvonne Kuzinich, Lilian Macri, Josephine Martino, Joseph, Jerome, Jeffrey, Violeta, Magsuci, Frank Pacheco, Joseph Piazza, Blas Ramos, Louise Cava Rodolfa, Benedetto Rossallo, Clifford Sciba, Frank & Pearl Sunseri, Alice G. Torres, Pordina Toschi, Edith William, Aatha Youn If you wish to add your name in our sick list, please call the rectory office. Thank you.

Liturgia Della Settimana * Lecturas De La Semana READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday/Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46 Tuesday/Martes: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday/Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32 Thursday/Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12 Friday/Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26 Saturday/Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48 Sunday/Domingo: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



COMMENTO ALLE LETTURE

Le letture sono ricchissime e fondamentali. Una grande storia: la creazione, la tentazione, il peccato, il male, la promessa (La lettura). La nostra vita personale è coinvolta in questo procedere delle cose (Il lettura). Gesù intraprende una nuova vittoria su Satana e sul male, e questa novità è per tutti gli uomini chiamati a partecipare alla sua vita. Documentiamo questa nuova possibilità di vincere le tentazioni che ci inducono al male oggi: il sostituirci a Dio diventando noi padroni del mondo, il potere, l'ingordigia... come se la felicità venisse dallo sfidare Dio e la natura, e non dal riconoscere che siamo suoi figli. Il tempo di Quaresima ci offre il clima e ci indica delle opportunità concrete, con le indicazioni suggerite dalla Chiesa e dalla nostra comunità...

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent we invite all our parishioners to join us every Friday at 7:00 P.M. for our traditional Tri-Lingual Stations of the Cross.

By praying and mediating on the Stations of the Cross it is one way of drawing us closer to Christ by making us realize that we too have to suffer like Jesus.

ATT: PRESENT AND FUTURE ALTAR SERVERS!

Fr. Leonardo will be having two meetings for all our present altar servers and those who want to be one. On Saturday, February 16 and 23rd from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM in the church. Participation is mandatory at least in one of the meetings during which we will go over some polices about being altar servers.

EARLY C.C.D. REGISTRATIONS

During the month of March, we will be registering new students and returning students in our Religious Education Program. Whoever takes this early registration opportunity and pays their tuition in full will save \$10.00 off their regular tuition.

The tuition for families who are registered in the parish and using their Sunday Envelopes will be \$50.00 for one child and \$60.00 for two or more children. Tuition for non registered parishioners will be \$80.00 for one child and \$100.00 for two or more students.

All new students are required to bring a copy of their Baptism Certificate at registration. As a reminder to parents whose children will be receiving their First Communion this year, remember that your child's faith formation does not end after First Communion or return when it is time for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

INCOME TAX

Dear Parishioners, The parish has already mailed the Annual Income Tax Donation Record for the year 2007 this week. If you did not receive your Income Tax Donation Record please call the rectory. La Parroquia les ha enviado en relación de sus donaciones de la Iglesia que pueden ser incluidas en sus declaraciones de Income Tax. Si no la recibistes por favor llamar la rectoría.

IMPUESTO

Your donation counts!!!



Tú donación cuenta!!!

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Sunday, February 10 First Sunday of Lent 5:00 PM †Audrey O. Cancilla †Dolores Spada by Carmen Bondi 8:30 AM †Joe Kuzinich †Lena Lirati †Orazio D'Agostino by Wife 10:00 AM †Monica & †Ricardo Medrano Gomez 11:30 AM †Dolores Spada by 11:30 Choir †Serafin Bautista by Children 1:00 PM †Antonio Fasano †Giuseppe Andreini †Betty Della Maggiore 6:00 PM †Guadalupe Solano Guerrero Monday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes 7:30 AM †DeMattie & Ferrari Families In Thanksgiving Our Lady of Lourdes & Special Intention Tuesday, February 12 Lincoln's Birthday 7:30 AM †Dolores Spada Wednesday, February 13 7:30 AM †Catalino Lumbad †Serafin Bautista, 1yr. Death Anni. by Children Thursday, February 14 Valentine's Day 7:30 AM All Souls Friday, February 15 Abstinence 7:30 AM †Dolores Spada by Pat D'Agostino 6:30 PM All Souls Saturday, February 16 7:30 AM All Souls Sunday, February 17 Second Sunday of Lent 5:00 PM †Benny Di Salvo by Teresa Mancino †Dolores Spada by Pauline Ciraulo 8:30 AM †Joe Kuzinich by Barbara Tardio †Andres Ruiz †Dolores Spada by Rose Santonocito 10:00 AM †Jose & †Gloria Valencia y †Isabel Causor 11:30 AM People of the Parish 1:00 PM †Rosario Di Vitorio †Mary & †Cristofolo Russo †Caterina Orlando 6:00 PM All Souls

LENTEN SACRIFICE BOX

Lent is a time of to look into our lives and soul and say how can I become a better adult, parent, child, student and catechist. Without a prayer and being active at Sunday Mass, our spiritual life is dull. As Catholics we have to be witnesses to each other and be strong in our faith. During this Lenten Season please take an active role in our religious celebrations.

This year each student and catechist and parishioners received a "Lenten Sacrifice Box". As was stated all the proceeds will go toward the education of our Scalabrini Seminarists in: United States, Mexico and Guatemala. Once your "Lenten Sacrifice Box" is full you can return it in the C.C.D. Office, or to the religious staff.

HOLY CROSS ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Our parish branch of the ICF is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Wednesday, February 20th, at 6:00 P.M. Menu is Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Dessert, and Beverages. Everyone is invited. Donation is \$12.00 per person.

Lectors/Lectores/Lettori and Communion Ministers Sunday/Domingo/Domenica, February 17, 2008

5:00 PM (C) Pat Fifield (1L) Paul Arpin (2L) Christian Aguinaldo (M) Adolphi DeMattei 8:30 AM (C) Celia (1L) Ann (2L) Raquel (M) Mae 10:00 AM (C) Gloria Flores (1L) Juan Manuel Flores (2L) Ramon Lopez (M) Lupe Sanchez (M) Hermelinda Silva 11:30 AM (C) Julie (1L) Troy (2L) Rachel (M) Don 1:00 PM (C) Francesca Buon Marito (1L) Virginia Sacchi (2L) Maria Landino (M) Armando Bottelli 6:00 PM (C) Veronica Rico (1L) Martha Quintero (2L) Vincent Rico (M) Lupita & Salvador Hernandez

LAS CARAS DE LA TENTACIÓN

En la película Oh God, You Devil el comediante George Burns protagonizó el papel de Dios y el de Satanás al mismo tiempo. Esto desconcertó por completo a los humanos. Pero como "Dios" señaló, la cara del mal siempre ha intentado parecerse a Dios, actuar como Dios, sonar como Dios; o al menos, cumplir nuestras expectativas sobre cómo es Dios y qué es lo que desea. Este es el aspecto de la naturaleza humana de Jesús del que Satanás intenta alimentarse en el Evangelio de hoy. Es parte de nuestra naturaleza humana buscar las respuestas fáciles o superficiales; esta parte de la verdadera naturaleza humana de Jesús fue la que se puso a prueba en la sequedad del desierto luego de su sumersión en las aguas bautismales del Jordán. Nuestras expectativas superficiales sobre Dios yacen en el poder de obrar milagros, el poder y la gloria, la intervención de seres sobrenaturales a nuestro favor. Pero todas estas cosas también se pueden lograr por el poder del mal. Jesús nos guía hacia un lugar más profundo y nos muestra que, incluso cuando somos más débiles (como lo era él en el desierto luego de su suplicio de cuarenta días), debemos ser implacables en la búsqueda de la verdadera presencia de la palabra de Dios, rindiendo alabanza sólo a Dios, poniéndonos a prueba nosotros mismos y no a Dios. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

CAJA DE SACRIFICIO CUARESMAL

La cuaresma es el tiempo para examinar sus vidas y almas y ver como podemos ser mejores, parroquianos ,papas, hijos(as), estudiantes y catequistas. Sim oración y participación activa en la Misa, nuestra vida espiritual se vuelve apagada. Como Católicos tenemos que ser testigos los unos a los otros y fuertes en la fe. Durante este tiempo de Cuaresma favor participar en las celebraciones religiosas.

Este ano cada estudiantes, catequistas y parroquianos recibirá una "Caja de Sacrificio Cuaresmal" y todas las ofertas serán enviadas para la educación de los seminaristas Scalabrinianos en los Estados Unidos, en Mexico y en la Guatemala. Así que la "Caja de Sacrificio Cuaresmal" este llena, favor regrasarla a la oficina de la Catequesis.

AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA

Todos los Viernes de la Cuaresma son días de Abstinencia de carne para (14 y mayores).

EL VIACRUCIS

Es un peregrinaje, en el cual conmemoramos las escenas mas importantes de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo en Jerusalem. Invitamos a los parroquianos todos los Viernes durante las Cuaresma a las 7:00 P.M. para rezar juntos y acercarnos mas a Cristo para prepararnos a vivir la Pascua.

TALLERES CUARESMALES

Durante la cuaresma, habrá talleres cuaresmales en Inglés y Español que comienzan el Martes, 12 de Febrero en el edificio de C.C.D. a las 7:00PM. Las clases serán llevadas a cabo el la noche: Febrero 12 - Inglés, Febrero 19 - Español Febrero 26 - Inglés, March 4 - Español y March 11 -Inglés.

ATENCIÓN: MONAGUILLOS PRESENTES Y NUEVOS REUNIÓN MUY IMPORTANTE!

El P. Leonardo tendrá dos reuniones para todos los monaguillos (as) y los que desean ser monaguillos (as). El Sábado, 16 y 23 de Febrero de 9:30 - 10:30 AM en la Iglesia. La participación es obligatoria por lo menos a una de las reuniones, durante las cuales se les dará las reglas para ser monaguillos (as).



NOTICIAS DE CATECISMO

Durante el mes de marzo estaremos inscribiendo nuevos estudiantes y estudiantes que seguirán el programa de Catecismo. A los que se inscriban en marzo se les dará un descuento. El descuento sera de \$10.00 de su pago normal.

APELACIÓN DIOCESANA

Hasta la fecha, nuestros parroquinos han contribuido 31.13% han hecho su compromiso Diocesano y hemos colectado \$11,862.00. Estamos muy agradecidos con su ayuda en los principios de la campaña. Ésta es nuestra oportunidad de demostrar a la diócesis nuestra ayuda. Y no olvidar - cada dólar recibido sobre nuestra meta del ADA se vuelve a nuestra parroquia. Para alcanzar nuestra meta del ADA que es de \$44,770.00. Necesitamos la participación de todos los miembros de la parroquia. Los sobres y los folletos del compromiso para esta Campana los pueden encontrar en la parte posterior de la Iglesia.