

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

**THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**



Temptation

Dear Faithful of St. Michael,

May our Lord Jesus Christ be praised through all of our actions and may His peace dwell within our hearts! I hope and pray that this Lent has had a good beginning for you.

Today's gospel passage gives us many good insights about the nature of the devil's temptations and how we can conquer them by following Christ's example.

The first thing to remember about a temptation is that to experience one, is not yet sinful. Sin is in the will; it's in what we choose to do or choose not to do. The Council of Trent, following the teachings of Peter Abelard and St. Thomas Aquinas, taught that temptation comes from either the world, the flesh, or the devil. When faced with temptation, I would challenge you to see it as an opportunity to grow in virtue by opposing it with all your strength and have recourse to our Lord Jesus Christ who showed us how to fight them.

On the part of the tempter: 1) he comes to Jesus when he perceives Him to be weak. Our Lord had fasted for 40 days before the devil comes to Him, he waits till Jesus is hungry and he tempts Him with bread, he appeals to the cravings of the flesh. 2) The Second temptation is one of power and authority as well as identity. Jesus was taken to the pinnacle of the temple, "If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down..." Christ was being tempted to prove His power and authority over creation as well as His identity as the Son of God. For us this temptation manifests in doubting God's existence or presence in our life. We are tempted to despair or even tempt God if we don't get what we want, or we act as though God was not watching nor concerned. The 3rd and final temptation is for prestige, honors, wealth, and comfort. Fulton Sheen called this temptation for Christ a 'shortcut to the cross.' "I will give all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them if you will only fall down and worship me." In other words, "You don't have to die for your message to spread, You can have all the influence in the world for one small price." It makes you wonder how those in authority get to be where they are...

To overcome these temptations Christ gives us an example to follow. 1) Live not for your passions and appetites but be zealous in practicing your Faith. "We live by every word that comes from the mouth of God." 2) "Don't tempt the Lord your God." Bear your trials patiently, when faced with challenges to your faith and in your life, take a step back and discern what higher lessons you can learn from it. 3) In all temptations have recourse to the worship of God. Whenever faced with a moral question or temptation of any kind, have recourse to prayer. Only in Him will we find peace and happiness. Anything that disturbs our peace of mind will ultimately lead us to misery. Another lesson Christ teaches us in regard to temptation is the necessity of fasting and a knowledge of God's law. If we aren't practicing the virtue of temperance the devil doesn't even need to tempt us, we're already lost. Persevere in virtue, always!

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LITURGY SCHEDULE MARCH 6-12

SUNDAY: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM LOW MASS
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

MONDAY: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, D

7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: FERIA/ST. JOHN OF GOD

7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: EMBER WEDNESDAY/ ST. FRANCES OF ROME

7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: FERIA/40 HOLY MARTYRS

7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: EMBER FRIDAY

4:30 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
5:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 PM LOW MASS

SATURDAY: EMBER SATURDAY/SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
9:00 AM LOW MASS

CONFESSIONS

MON-THURS: 7:25 - 7:40AM
FRIDAY - SUNDAY:

45 MIN BEFORE MASS
OR BY APPOINTMENT

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **Confessions Monday Evenings** - During Lent we will have an additional confession time from 5:30 pm 7:00 pm.



Temptation of Christ in the Desert

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

8:00 am - Low Mass

10:15 am - Solem High Mass

Monday in Holy Week

7:45 am - Low Mass

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Confessions

Tuesday in Holy Week

7:45 am - Low Mass

Wednesday in Holy Week

7:45 am - Low Mass

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm - Solemn High Mass

Adoration till Midnight

Good Friday

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Confessions

2:00 pm Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday

10:00 pm Solemn Liturgy followed by vigil mass

Easter Sunday

8:00 am Low Mass

10:15 High Mass

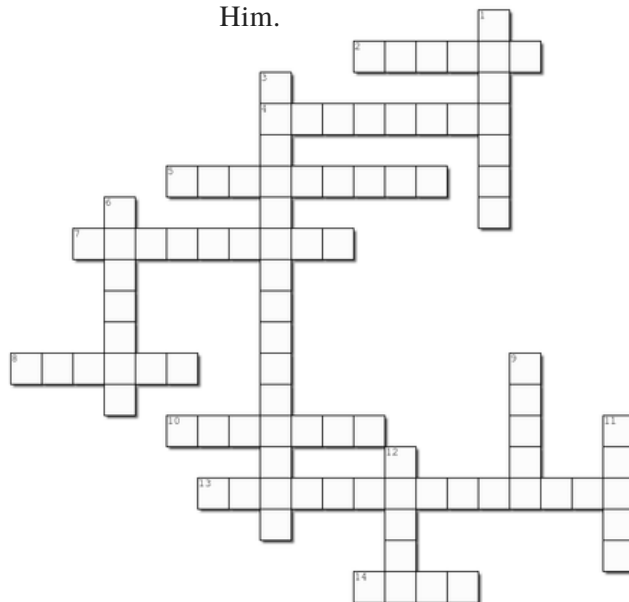
- Fr. Josef Bisig FSSP, one of the founders of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter will be here to give a few lectures on the founding of the Fraternity and how to be faithful to the Magisterium of the Church while being absolutely faithful to Christ especially when they seem to come into conflict. He will give us two talks:

Friday, March 18, at 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 19th at 10:30 am

- Monday, March 7th, is the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas and is a 2nd class feast in the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

- Thank you to all who participated in the 40 hours devotions last week. I know that our Lord was pleased with our efforts to honor Him.



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Across

2. Doctor of the Church and teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas
4. A sub-virtue of Justice that renders to God that which is His due.
5. A place for souls to be purified.
7. Jewish elders who conspired to execute Jesus.
8. Patron of the Universal Church.
10. Apostle of the Emerald Isle.
13. The 'Blessed' sight of God. (2 words)
14. The last apostle to die.

Down

1. Roman mystic who had a vision of St Alexis's life. Feast March 9.
3. Great Doctor/Father of the Church, pope from 590-603. (3 words)
6. Archangel of the Annunciation.
9. The first apostle to die.
11. A clear statement of command from an Ecumenical Council..
12. The bosom of Abraham.

*"Thus says the Lord:
'Return to Me with
your whole heart,
with fasting, and
weeping, and
mourning; rend your
hearts, not your
garments, and return
to the Lord, your
God.'"*

JOEL 2:12

EPISTLE OF THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Nello Scatena

rb David Scatena

Pro Populo

Monday: 7:45 AM

Priest's Intention

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

Sandy Noll

rb Nancy Noll

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

Jim Gillenkirk

rb Gillenkirk Family

Thursday: 7:45 AM

+Trish McGovern

rb Jack McGovern

Friday: 6:00 PM

Sarah Pheasant

rb Michael & Mary Pheasant

Saturday: 9:00 AM

+Evelyn Tereshko

rb Sica Family