



MARCH 10, 2019
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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REFLECTION

Forty Days:

Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Lent

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel.

We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son. Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights.

He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food. As Israel quarreled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care. When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf. Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings.

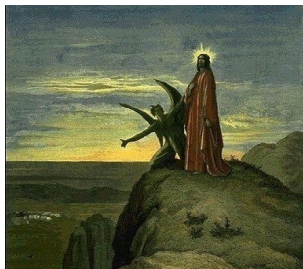
Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty, the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification.

Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. "Call upon me, and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle.

This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the LORD . . . and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com



DID YOU KNOW?

WHY IS THE NUMBER FORTY SIGNIFICANT?

Lent recalls the forty days of our Lord's fasting in the desert, which He undertook before entering into His public ministry. We read in the Gospel: "Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry" (Mt 4,1-2). Like Moses, who fasted before receiving the tablets of the Law (cf. Ex 34,28) and Elijah's fast before meeting the Lord on Mount Horeb (cf. 1 Kings 19,8), Jesus, too, through prayer and fasting, prepared Himself for the mission that lay before Him.



Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 9 TO MARCH 16, 2019

SAT. MAR. 9TH	5:00 PM	-Holy Souls in Purgatory
SUN. MAR. 10TH	7:30 AM	-Benjamin, Cecilia & Jeffrey Lugos †
	9:00 AM	-David Heys†
	10:30 AM	-Mary Galea †
	12:00 PM	-People of the Parish
TUE. MAR. 12TH	8:30 AM	-Mr. & Mrs. Felix's Family and Deceased Members
WED. MAR. 13TH	7:30 PM	-Tom Bermingham †
THU. MAR. 14TH	8:30 AM	-Special Intentions of Georgina Da Costa
FRI. MAR. 15TH	7:30 PM	-Francesco Lavecchia †
SAT. MAR. 16TH	8:30 AM	-Daryl Ann Akrey †



OUR SICK:

Kerrie-Lynn Leonard, Afaf Farag, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Lilia D. Perez, Jennifer Young, Angie Cantor, Glenda McNeil, Naty Germain, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Jean Schofield, Irene Bituin, Robin Crapper, Leonisa G. Albaran, Ginette Ferlatt, Rasheeda DeFranca, Sr. Cecilia Marie Ching, Sr. Theresa Ching, Innes Potgieter, Mario Tan Jr., Nicanor Gocado, Daniela Alario, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Kerrie Leonard, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Carmen Humbel, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Peter Pacione, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Maureen Dempsey, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Joshua Bolingot, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Clera Uy Cruz, Mary Loretta Nofall, Marie Herrera, Frank McPhearson, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Loren Lea Hodgeson, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Tony & Nelie Sicat, Teofilo Mondala, Duverney Family, Anthony de la Isla, Leonard Rodrigues, John Jarman, Anne O'Callaghan, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Deacon Gerald Godsoe, Ellen Jarman, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Nida Carandang, Marie McPherson, Marina Jose, Rasheeda DeFranca, Vicki Scallon, Frances Schober, William Schober, Rita Ropke, Marie Dignum, Maria Anna Diandra Rivera, Natalina Fernandes, Umbelina Felix, Anita Gouveia, Erlinda Balita, Colleen Balgobin, Joan Crowley, Webster Paul, Ela Sicat-Angeles

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

Saturday May 4th, 2019 - Canada and USA
 The New Evangelization Summit (NES) is a world-class conference that inspires thousands of Catholics to be engaged in the new evangelization. St. Boniface is planning to be a Host Site for the Scarborough region for this event.
 ...details to come.

2019 DONATION ENVELOPES

There are still many donation envelopes waiting to be retrieved by their owners. Please call or pick up your box from the church office. Remaining donation envelope boxes will be reassigned to new parishioners.

OSG ST. BONIFACE PRAYER GROUP

There will be no OSG Prayer Group meetings during the month of March. **The meetings will resume again Thursday evening on April 4, 2019.**

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TAX RECEIPTS



All donation tax receipts have been mailed out. If you have not received yours, please contact the church office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Please pick up your St. Vincent De Paul Society 2018 tax receipts. The basket is located at the back of the church by the main entrance. Thank you for your generous donations.



THANK-YOU!

A great big thank-you for everyone's support for last week's pancake Sunday. It was wonderful to see all who came down to the hall.



Archdiocese
of Toronto

Cardinal Collins has confirmed his attendance to participate in the 2019 March for Life in Ottawa this May. His Eminence encourages all those who wish to support the cause of life to join in solidarity on May 9, 2019 in Ottawa.



CONFESSIONS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS THROUGH LENT

Confession and Stations of the Cross will be available through-out Lent.

Friday evenings, come and be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God.

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

7:30pm - Mass

8:00pm - Holy Hour with Divine Mercy and Confessions

The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. Persons 18 years or older abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the **age** of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (Persons with medical conditions are ex-



GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP

The Good Shepherd Prayer Group which meets Saturday evenings from 6:00pm-8:30pm, will be taking a break during these wintery months.

The meetings will begin again on April 6, 2019.



Bereavement Peer Support

There will be no meetings in the month of March.

Next Bereavement Peer Support meeting will be: Saturday April 20, 2019 @ 3:00pm-4:00pm St. Stephen's Room (Downstairs from the side entrance on Markanna Drive)

New members are welcome!



LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

The Liturgy of the Word with Children program is on Sunday's at the 10:30am Mass. Geared towards children in Kindergarten and Grades 1 - 6

March 10, 2019

GOSPEL THEME: JESUS FACES TEMPTATION
Luke 4:1-13



SCHOOL MASSES

Parents & community members are welcome to join our parish schools as they celebrate their school masses;

- St. Agatha School: Fri. March 22, 2019 at 9:15am
- held at the school
- St. Nicholas School: Tues. March 26, 2019 at 9:15am
- held in the school

All are welcome!

NEXT EDGE NIGHT

When? - Tuesday March 19, 2019

Time? - 7pm to 8:30pm

Where? - Church Hall

For? - Grades 6, 7, and 8

What is Edge?

EDGE is a Youth Ministry for those in grades 6,7, & 8. A way for them to learn about their Catholic faith in a way they can understand and relate to while still keeping them engaged!

Information and registration forms will be available in the schools and in the parish office. You can contact the parish office at 416-261-5983 or by email: st.boniface@rogers.com

Next Edge Nights; (1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month)

Tuesday April 2, 2019 - 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Tuesday April 16, 2019 - 7:00pm to 8:30pm



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The following 5 sessions will be held in the church hall.

March 23, 30 - April 6, 27

Morning Session 10am-11am

Afternoon Session 3:30pm-4:30pm

