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No. 8 – First Sunday of Lent – February 21.

CHURCH BULLETIN

Twenty five years on Sheppard – Where to now?

Readings: 📖 Deut 26.4-10 📖 Rom 10.8-13
📖 Lk 4.1-13

Responsorial Psalm: "Be with me, Lord,
when I am in trouble."

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ☩ egyházközségünkért
☩ Fábíán Márta (Vancouver) és Balogh Margó (Edmonton) felgyógyulásáért – Imre és Márta
☩ +Mária nővéréért – Kristóf Jutka
☩ +Telekesi Gézáért – felesége és gyermekei
☩ +Derényi Erzsébetért és +Jenőért - családjuk
☩ +Lovrics Úrvölgyi Andrásért – Lajos és Ili
☩ +John Noe-ért – Derényi család
- 10:30** ☩ a Házások Klubjának tagjaiért
☩ Gecse Ferencné Mária 80. születésnapjára, hálából - családja
☩ +Kósa Charles-ért
☩ +Hummel szülőkért – Jákó és Venczel családok
☩ +szülőkért – Radocsay család
☩ +Zelena Józsefért és +Máriáért – család
☩ +David Lopes-ért, Edna Joseph-ért, +Molnár Erzsébetért és +nagyszülőkért
☩ +Horváth testvérekért – Zoltán és családja
☩ +Lengyel Endréné Irénéért – Raffy Éva
☩ +Raffy Istvánért – felesége, Éva
☩ +Szilvássy Jenőért - testvére
- 12:00** ☩ Kiss Dani születésnapjára, hálából – mama és családja
☩ +Gentry Béláért – családja
☩ +Jenőért – fia, Tamás
☩ +Ilonáért – leánya, Magdolna
☩ +Rékai Katiért és +Takács Vincéért – Hári Piroska
☩ +dr. Záhonyi Józsefért – fia és családja
☩ +Ernest-ért – Éva és családja
☩ +Némedy szülőkért – családjuk

Monday (22); *The Chair of St. Peter the apostle*

7:30 special intention for Julia Lee - Joanna
8:00 for the recovery of Ronald and Erika

Tuesday (23); *St. Polycarp*

7:30 for fathers' intention
8:00 for fathers' intention
7 p.m. for the members of our CWL

Wednesday (24);

7:30 (1) special intention for deacon Joseph Lee – Joanna
(2) for +Araceli Consebido
8:00 for fathers' intention
7 p.m. for the members of our congregation

Thursday (25);

7.30 for the conversion of atheists and non believers
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Friday (26);

7.30 for Paul and Etelka
8.00 for the recovery of Ronald and Erika

Saturday (27);

7.30 for fathers' intention
8.00 for +Katalin Balogh – husband
9:45 Hungarian School mass

What is your goal for this Lent? What grace do you ask for? What do you do to get closer to God during these blessed weeks of Easter?

More Powerful than Satan

Fr. Phil Bloom

Each year at the beginning of Lent we hear how the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert, where Satan tempted him. This Gospel reminds us of something many people would rather not face - the reality of the devil. People will sometimes say, "I don't believe in some guy with horns and red tights, walking around with a pitchfork." Well, I am not particular how someone imagines the devil. The Gospel accounts do not give any description on how he looks, but they do describe his activity.

The Gospel has plenty to say about the devil - or to put it more exactly, the evil spirits, the demonic powers. Because they are spiritual beings, we normally do not see them, but they are real as ultraviolet rays or microwaves. We know about them not by seeing them, but by their effects, by the things they do. The Gospel describes their activity and it is not a pretty picture.

Today we hear how the devil tried to use his power against Jesus himself. We see a progression of temptations. First, sensual pleasure, then worldly recognition and finally despair. In each case Jesus overturned the devil's power.

In past years I have talked with you about the way in which Jesus overcame Satan, how he uncovered the devil's deceit. This year I would like to stress something else. Maybe I have taken it for granted because it seems so obvious, but it has dawned on me there is something here which people can easily miss. Jesus overcame Satan because He possessed a greater power. He is the only Son of the Father. He is armed with the Holy Spirit. He is true God from true God. He is more powerful than Satan.

I stress that point because we tend to ignore an important fact: the difference between us and Jesus. He is the Creator; we are fallen creatures. In our self delusion, we start thinking we can confront the demons on our own. The truth is you and I are no match even for the lowliest demon. It would be comparable to someone like me going against a kick boxer. Even the most poorly trained kick boxer could have me on the floor, flat on my back in a matter of seconds. Just so, even the smallest demon could bring you or me down - if we try to deal with him on our own.

Consider the way a wolf attacks a sheep. You would think the quickest way to bring down a sheep would be to attack its legs and make it stumble. But reportedly that is not the wolf's normal method. He goes for the neck. And when he sinks his teeth into the neck, the sheep cannot bleat. It cannot make a noise to call for the shepherd. The devil does something similar. He wants to first disable our voice so that we do not call out to the Lord.

Have you ever noticed that when you try to set aside a time to pray, that something always comes up? All of a sudden, you remember some chore or some person you should talk to or better yet, you want to just take a quick look at the TV or the Internet. Or perhaps you begin thinking about a snack you have in the cupboard. The devil will do almost anything to keep you from praying. Many families tell me about the trials they go through on Sunday morning, getting ready for Mass. Do you think that these things are just a coincidence? Not at all. The devil wants to attack at the throat, to take away your voice - so that you will not call out to the Lord.

Sometimes people ask why God allows the demons to attack us so much. I wish I knew the answer to that question. I do not. I do not know why God allows the demons to attack us, but I can at least make a guess. I think he does it for the same reason he allows anything bad to happen to us. He allows it for the sake of a greater

good - namely, that we will turn to him. Sometimes we have to hit bottom before we recognize we cannot do it on our own.

There is something else. *Whenever we give in to a temptation, it takes power from us, but when we resist a temptation, we take power from it.* The devil wants to take power from us, to make us impotent, but when - with the Lord's grace - we resist him, we gain strength. The more strength, the more power we have, the more we have to offer to God through Jesus.

I have talked quite a bit about the devil, more than I like to. I want to conclude by stressing that we do not have to be afraid of the devil. *St. Augustine said that since coming of Christ, the devil is a chained power.* In fact, Augustine compares the devil to a dog tied to a post. He can only harm us if we get within his range.

Stay away from certain temptations. Flee from them. Run to the one who overcame all the attacks of the enemy.

By his death and resurrection, Jesus has shackled the demonic powers. When we are tempted, we need only turn to Jesus. As the Lord says to us in today's Psalm: *Because he clings to me, I will deliver him... He shall call upon me - and I will answer him.*

Announcements

❖ **COINS FOR LIFE, Campaign Life Coalition.** Would you or your family put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes and pennies during the next 8-10 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a culture of life? Containers will be handed out at the back of the church next week. You are asked to return containers and contents on the weekend of Apr. 11th. Remember that every penny helps. Make it a family project. Remember that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land!

❖ **Regis College**, the Jesuit Faculty of Theology at the University of Toronto, is hosting an **Open House** on Saturday March 6, 2010 from 10:00am - 3:00pm. All are invited to learn about the College's programs in lay formation, spiritual direction, biblical studies and general theological education. The day includes a free mini-lecture series and a light lunch. For registration details, visit <http://www.regiscollege.ca/openhouse>, email: inquiries@regiscollege.ca, or telephone 416-922-5474x238.

❖ **Providence Healthcare Foundation. Free education session: "Caring for the Caregiver".** If you are a primary caregiver for a loved one or a Power of Attorney, this session is for you. Find out why taking care of yourself is just as important as caring for your loved one; where to access community resources; the key responsibilities of a POA; information about Long-term Care and Critical Illness Insurance. **Details:** Thursday, February 25; 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Providence Hospital – Montcalm Conference Centre, 3rd Floor. (Providence is at 3276 St. Clair Ave. E., corner of Warden & St. Clair Ave.) Register by: Monday, February 22 to Meredith Scott at (416) 285-3666, Ext.4032.