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Founded in 1928

No. 11 - 1th SUNDAY OF LENT - March 13, 2011

CHURCH BULLETIN

2011 - YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Readings: Gen 2,7-9.16-18.25.3,1-7.
 Rom 5,12-19 Mt 4,1-11.

Responsorial Psalm: „Have mercy, O Lord,
for we have sinned.”

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

9:00 özv. Drávec Ottónéért – Rita
for +Nancy Lee - Patricia Lim
+Bernád Lajosért – felesége
+Fischer Frigyesért és +Nagy Ilonáért – Rita
elhunyt szeretteiért – Ilonka és családja
+William Kovacsicsért - Magdics család
+Vida Katarináért - Magdics család

10:30 az egyházközségért
Krisztina sikeres műtétjéért – édesanyja
János felgyógyulásáért – H.M.
Kaczor Lajosért – Fodor család
Belső Tibor felgyógyulásáért – nővére és családja
+Leblanc Aladárért – friends and family
+Kain Pálért és Máriaért – Juhász család
+Károlyért - Mária
+Agárdi Sándorért – Fodor család
+Agárdi Sándorért – felesége Éva és családja
+Szórádi Antóniaért – fia és családja
+Pintér Jánosért – leánya és családja

+Bilanics Irénkéért és Antalért – Szóradi család
elhunyt barátokért – Farkas Sándor és Teréz
+Juhász és Kiss szülőkért – Juhász Sándor és Márta
+Mohácsyné Lechner Erzsébetért – családja
+édesanyjáért – családja
+szüleiért – Léránt Etelka
+Bátori Miklósért (Nyíregyháza) –
öccse Ferenc és családja

12:00 for +Mrs Eileen Novotny - Doreen
+dr. Papp Gáborért (Cleveland) – szeretett családja

Monday (14)

7:30 for +Nancy Lee - Patricia Lim
for +Fr. Alexander Takács – his sister, Yolanda

Tuesday (15)

7:30 for +Nancy Lee - Patricia Lim

Wednesday (16)

7:30 for +Nancy Lee - Patricia Lim
7 PM Etelkáért és Pálért

Thursday (17) Saint Patrick

7:30 for +Nancy Lee - Patricia Lim
for David Colaco, on his birthday

Friday (18) Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

7:30 for +Nancy Lee - Patricia Lim
for the repose of the soul of +Patrick Jeganathan

Saturday (19) Saint Joseph

7:30 for +Nancy Lee - Patricia Lim
in honor of St. Joseph - Csányi Margit
for her +father and +brother – Marika
for her +parents – Marika
for +Matthew Meagher – his wife, Marie Meagher

First Communion: Vas Hermina

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 27. Anniversary of the consecration of our church Luncheon. For tickets call 416-638-3355.

❖ **Salt + Light Television Lent Programming:**
Lectio Divina - James 1:19-2:13. Today, 8:30pm & 12:30am ET. Lectio Divina is a prayer, a divine reading, a personal encounter with God in Sacred Scripture. Each month Archbishop Thomas Collins leads the faithful through a specific piece of scripture.

On the Road to Jerusalem. The Mountain Experiences of Life. March 22, 8:30pm & 12:30am ET / 5:30pm & 9:30pm PT. On the Road to Jerusalem is a six part series hosted by Archbishop Terrence Prendergast that helps prepare our hearts for Easter, taking us on a reflective biblical journey each week.

A Hand of Peace: Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust. March 26, 8:30pm & 12:30am ET / 5:30pm & 9:30pm PT. The documentary that explores the debate over the wartime Pope and his alleged silence during the Nazi Holocaust. Featuring interviews with historical scholars, leaders in the Jewish community and those who personally knew Pius XII.

Witness - Rev. Dr. Peter Coughlin. March 27, 8:00pm & 12:00am ET / 5:00pm & 9:00pm PT. Father Thomas Rosica, CSB, hosts an in-depth discussion with Fr. Dr. Peter Coughlin, Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Oakville, Ontario and National Director of the Charismatic Renewal for English-Speaking Canada.

❖ *"The guiding principles for our rich tradition of Catholic stewardship emphasize the importance of sharing time, talent and treasure with those around us. **Ultimately, our lives are defined by how we've used the gifts we've received.** We need to be active and engaged in our society, sharing the blessings we have, as best we can. That involvement can take many forms, one of which is charity. In our region, we have the chance to exercise Catholic charity in a truly meaningful way through ShareLife, our annual charitable appeal. Please consider supporting ShareLife, the annual fundraising appeal of our Archdiocese, during this Lenten season."* — Most Rev. Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. 1st ShareLife Sunday – April 3, 2011. **Together, we can work WONDERS!**

Temptations and Trials

Fr Ernest Munachi Ezeogu, C.S.Sp.

The African lion and the wild cat look so much alike, yet they are different. An ancient African theory explains it this way. The same lioness gives birth to numerous cubs some of which are truly lions at heart and some of which are not. How does the mother lion know which is which? Months after the birth of the cubs, just before they are weaned, the mother lion leaves the den and then, in an unsuspecting moment, she jumps into the den with a thundering roar as if she was an enemy attacking the cubs. Some of the cubs stand up and fight back the presumed enemy while others flee the den with their tails between their legs. The cubs that hold their ground to face the danger prove themselves to be real lions. Those that run away prove to be mere wild cats, false lions. As testing distinguish true lions from the false so also does it prove true Christians from false ones.

In today's gospel reading we see Jesus being subjected to testing in the desert. He stands his ground and gives the enemy a good fight, thus showing that he is truly the Son of God. No child of God can go without trials, because this is the means to distinguish between a true and a false child of God. As Ben Sirach advises, **"My child, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for testing"** (Sirach 2:1).

Somehow we can understand, and are more comfortable with, the idea of testing or trial than with the idea of temptation. The fact, however, is that testing or trial or temptation are one and the same thing. In fact they all translate the same Greek word *peirasmos*. When we see the situation as coming from

God, who would like us to pass the test, we call it a test or trial. And when we see it as coming from the evil one, who would like us to fail, we call it temptation. But both trials and temptations are experienced by us in exactly the same way: as a situation where the principle of evil (the devil) and the principle of good (the Holy Spirit) in us are vying for our allegiance and whichever one we vote for wins and becomes the master of our lives until we can reverse the decision.

Jesus is given three tests. The first one, to turn stones into bread, has to do with how we use our God-given gifts, talents and abilities. The temptation is for us to use our gifts to make a living for ourselves. But Paul tells us that spiritual gift are given to the individual **"for the common good"** (1 Corinthians 12:7). Jesus would later on in his ministry multiply bread to feed others. But he would not do it to feed himself. Do we see our talents and abilities, our jobs and professions, as a means to serve others or simply as a means to make a living for ourselves?

In the second test Jesus is tempted to prove that he is God's son by jumping from the pinnacle of the Temple and letting the angels catch him as was promised in the Scripture. Though Jesus fully believes the word of God, he would not put God to the test. This contrasts sharply with the case of a college student in Nigeria who claimed that he was born again and to prove it he jumped into the lion's cage in the zoo because the Bible promises that nothing can ever harm God's children. Maybe his soul is in heaven today but his body provided a special lunch for the hungry lions that day.

In the third temptation the devil promises Jesus all the kingdoms of the earth if only Jesus would worship him. Jesus wants the whole world to acknowledge him, of course, but would he achieve that by worshipping a false god? Can we pursue our goals by any means whatsoever? Does the end justify the means? Jesus says no. He remains steadfast and faithful to God, rejecting the short-cuts offered by the devil. In the end he attains an end more glorious than that offered by the devil: **"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me"** (Matthew 28:18).

Today, let us realize that as God's children we too are under constant testing. If you do not know it, then try to answer these questions: Will you keep believing in God whether or not you get that one thing that you have always been praying for? Would you still believe that God loves you if you or your loved one contracted a shameful disease that has no cure, and God does not give you healing in spite of all your prayers? Do you sometimes put God to the test and say: "If you do this for me, then I will serve you, but if not, I will have nothing more to do with you." Jesus shows us today that to serve God is to surrender ourselves to Him unconditionally and in all situations.