



“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.”

MATTHEW 4:1



Jesus for the Win

MIGUEL DULICK

The account of the temptations could be presented as a comical play. Pope Francis insisted, “Don’t talk to the devil!” Indeed, Jesus does not engage in dialogue with Satan, much less any negotiation or any business. Stones become bread? Jesus may have fasted for forty days, but he’s had plenty to eat—“every word that comes forth from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Nor will Jesus “test” his Father by jumping off the “parapet of the temple” (like the bell tower of a gothic church). (See Matthew 5-7.) You don’t play God, and you don’t play *with* God. Satan really beclowns himself with the last temptation—promising the whole world if Jesus would just take a knee? No one would fall for that, would they?

Except—most of us. We’d do the bread; we’d do the jump; we’d definitely do the world! Look at the first reading, from Genesis. Adam and Eve give up paradise for a piece of fruit! It’s a sad story because Eve does chat with the serpent, answering questions, allowing for a different point of view. But, as they say on Facebook, Satan “destroys” her! And Adam, too. If they didn’t sew fig leaves for each other, the whole story would be unbearable. Even as they realize their sin, there is a little tenderness.

Saint Paul explains it clearly. Sin entered the world, but with Jesus Christ, there is an “overflow” of grace for the many. (See Romans 5:15.) And that’s what Lent is about—a flood of grace. ●



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Reflect

What grace do I pray for this Lent—for myself and for someone who is struggling?



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DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Sat.	Feb. 21st	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros & + Joao Veloso, Birthday in Heaven
Sun.	Feb. 22nd (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello + Manuel Medeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade, + Jose Soares Oliviera, Maria de Lourdes Lima + Manuel Eduardo Costa + Nyal & Josephine Clinton St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon.	Feb. 23rd	7:30am	Lucia Ferraz, Happy Belated Birthday
Tues.	Feb. 24th	7:30am	
Wed.	Feb. 25th	7:30am 12:10pm	+ Paul Scaife
Thurs.	Feb. 26th	7:30am 12:10pm	Penny O'Bierne, Happy Belated Birthday
Fri.	Feb. 27th	7:30am 12:10pm	
Sat.	Feb. 28th	6:30pm	+ Altina deMelo Pacheco
Sun.	March. 1st (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Special Intentions of Bishop Wes Special Intentions of Natalie Yokell + Marshall Yokell, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garrafa, + Mr. & Mrs. Gil Mello & family, Souls in Purgatory Couples for Christ & Family Ministries St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : February 28th & March 1st, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	C. Powell	K. Scarth	M. Pacheco F. Maxwell	J. Placedes
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FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

7pm 1st Friday of the month

St. Anthony's Church

11am 1st Saturday of the month

St. Patrick's Church

7pm 2nd Friday of the month

St. Joseph's Church

11am 3rd Saturday of the month

Stella Maris Church

7pm Last Wednesday of the month



PASSIONIST HOUR:

Come and join Fr. Dandy and the Passionist congregation, on the **last Friday of the month at 6pm**, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

Spend some time to get to know them, and their spirituality.

They look forward to seeing you!



ADORATION: Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: **9:00am** – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration – **10:15am** - Benediction

LECTIO DIVINA: Mondays at 7:30pm via Zoom. Please contact Franz Wohlmut on, fgwohlmuth@logic.bm to join. Meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

ATTENTION:

Please be advised that during the winter season St. Theresa's Cathedral will be locked at **4pm from Monday to Friday.**



FOCUS: Jesus is the obedient Son.

Throughout the Old Testament, the Scriptures use metaphorical language to speak of Israel as God's son. Yet like us today, the Israelites persist in disobedience, straying from their Father's will. God thus sends Jesus, who is tempted in the desert to disobey God. Jesus' example of obedience reveals what true sonship requires.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Feb. 14th & 15th	\$4,477.00
Electronic offering:	Feb. 14th & 15th	\$655.00
2026 Collection to Date:	Week 8	\$38,392.00

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
February 22nd—28th, 2026
Donation Given for Two 7 day Candles
No intention



BAPTISMS:

We welcome **Elisse Maisie Ferrer Tuazon**, child of Mark Thazon & Janice Ferrer, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, this **Sunday, February 22nd, 2026.**

Welcome to the Church Family Elisse!

12:10 MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Please be advised that during the season of Lent, the **12:10pm Mass** at St. Theresa's will be celebrated from **Monday to Friday.**

The **Stations of the Cross** will be held at the Cathedral for Fridays during Lent at **11:40am & 6pm (English)** and **4pm (Portuguese).**



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please be advised that on the **4th Sunday of Lent, March 15th, 2026**, there will be a special Lenten Retreat Day for our Portuguese community.

We will host Fr. Vando Marques Gomes who is the Parish Priest of St. Helen's Parish in "Little Portugal" in Toronto. Fr. Vando will preside the 10am Mass and then will be available for confessions from 3:30pm to 5:30pm at St. Theresa's.



TO ALL OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS (new and existing):

We invite you to attend, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral, the orientation/refresher/workshop scheduled on the following dates and times for 2026:
Eucharistic Ministers (EM): Wednesday, March 4th at 6pm
Lectors: Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30pm
Liturgical Commissioning (EMs & Lectors): Sunday, March 22nd at 11:30 am mass

Kindly ensure that your contact information is updated should there be any changes, and please indicate the Mass time at which you wish to serve as a Lector and/or Eucharistic Ministers in the schedule."



THE BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,



"I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor." Pope Leo XIV made that invitation at the heart of his message for Lent 2026. The Pope sees this liturgical season as an opportunity to place the mystery of God back at the center of our lives. Every journey of conversion, he said, begins by letting God's word touch our hearts, so that we may renew our commitment to follow Christ in the mystery of his saving passion, death, and resurrection. Christians can cultivate inner openness to listening, as God does, by growing in awareness that the poor challenge our lives and economic systems, as well as the Church.

The Pope then turned to how fasting helps open us to the deep desire for justice, which he said frees us from complacency. Then he pointed to an under-appreciated form of abstinence, which is refraining from hurtful words. He said, "Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. If we do so, we will let words of hatred give way to words of hope and peace."

The Pope concluded his 2026 Lenten Message with a call for Christian communities to become places where those who suffer find welcome. "Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others."

For the official text of the Pope's message for Lent go:

<https://tinyurl.com/59ja82k6>

Have a restful weekend and a blessed first week of Lent!

Bishop Wes

MEN OF GOD MONTHLY GROUP:

The next Men of God Monthly Group meetings will be held on **Tuesday, February 24th, 2026.**

We hope to see you there!



SANTO CRISTO FUNDRAISER DINNER:

Commissao Senhor Santo Cristo will be hosting a Fundraiser Dinner on **Saturday, February 28th at 7:30pm** at MSA Auditorium.

Ticket prices are \$45.00 for adults and \$25.00 for Children 12 years old and under. If interested in purchasing tickets you can contact Mario on 525-0074.



ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

The Gift Shop have beautiful cards available, for all of your special occasions.

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Dear Padre,

I was taught that it is a requirement to fast at least one hour before receiving Communion. However, I've seen donuts out before Mass begins and hear candy wrappers being crumpled around me. This seems disrespectful to me.

It is important to use the correct words when describing a particular action. In this case, “requirement” does not really capture the full meaning and understanding of what the Church teaches. A better understanding is that it is a discipline and a practice of the Church to ordinarily observe the eucharistic fast for one hour before receiving holy Communion. If you are of a certain age, you may remember that there have been changes regarding the eucharistic fast. A “requirement” might suggest that the fast is integral to the sacrament itself. It is not.

The second part of your question seems to be a matter of perception. Based on your perception, you judge something to be not quite right. But, consider that there are many reasons why hospitality may be set up before Mass. The crumpling of wrappers could be something other than what you identify. Regardless, you are not required to assume the burden of policing what is taking place at Mass. It is much better to participate, celebrate, and be grateful for the sacrament that we gather to experience as a community of faith. ●



GREGORY SHERITZ

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>
Lv 19:1–2, 11–18	Is 55:10–11	Jon 3:1–10	Est C:12, 14–16, 23–25	Ez 18:21–28	Dt 26:16–19	Gn 2:1–4a
Mt 25:31–46	Mt 6:7–15	Lk 11:29–32	Mt 7:7–12	Mt 5:20–26	Mt 5:43–48	2 Tm 1:8b–10
						Mt 17:1–9

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



JIM WEST

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today, signs of hope are increasingly found in care homes, communities for minors, centers for listening and acceptance, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work!

MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, ROME, JUNE 13, 2025