



“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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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Feb 21	6:15 pm	Jaime de Viveiros Furtado+
Feb 22	11:30 am	Bernardino Moura Moreira+
Feb 24	8:30 am	
Feb 25	8:30 am	
Feb 26	8:30 am	
Feb 27	8:30 am	
Feb 27	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Feb 28	6:15 pm	Manuel Moura+ and Tony+, Ermelinda+ Freitas and Son+
Mar 1	11:30 am	Maria de Lourdes+ and Herminio Soares Furtado+

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. If you can assist please let a member of the Parish Council know or call Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026.

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box Donations

Please use: BDA # 2000 6060 4767 11100 or
US # 8400 7847 30010

Cash donation - please use the SVDP envelopes and place in the collection baskets at the weekend Masses.

Any amount goes a long way to support those in need.

Lector's Workbooks

Lector's workbooks for the new liturgical year 2026 are available in the Sacristy.

Holy Rosary

Please note that the Holy Rosary is recited every Wednesday morning at St Patrick's Church at 10:00 am. All are welcome.

Bulletin - February 21 and February 22, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Feb 7/Feb 8	\$ 1,169.00
Feb 14/Feb 15	\$ 924.00

**Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank –
BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and
US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100.**

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment online – i.e., General collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times when you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank. Kindly **do not** place Canadian or British currency or any old Bermuda currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – first weekend of the month

St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

February 21 & 22, 2026

Counting: Pat Rodrigues & Gabby Tavares

Lector: 6:15 pm Pat Rodrigues

11:30 am Friday Club/CCD Children

Eucharistic Ministers:

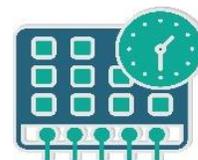
6:15 pm Levy Rodrigues

11:30 am Louise Vizen & Annabelle Saunders

Hospitality Ministers:

6:15 pm Jackie Tailford

11:30 am Friday Club/ CCD Children



February 28 & March 1, 2026

Counting: Pat Rodrigues

Lector: 6:15 pm Jackie Tailford

11:30 am Marie Stone

Eucharistic Ministers:

6:15 pm Pat Rodrigues

11:30 am Louise Vizen & Annabelle Saunders

Hospitality Ministers:

6:15 pm Jackie Tailford

11:30 am Denis Thornhill

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 neighbour." 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 centre 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

Important Message

Please be advised that on the 4th Sunday of Lent, 15th March 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 10:00am Mass and then will be available for confessions from 3:30pm to 5:30pm at St. Theresa's.

Lenten Services at St Theresa's Cathedral

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

On Fridays it will be preceded by the Stations of the Cross at 11:40am.

St. Anthony's Children's Mass

At this Sunday's 11:30am Mass, we are pleased to have our Children's Mass and the CCD children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year, will have their 'Belonging ceremony':

Amalia Almedia
Benedict Brown
McKenzie Carruthers
Izayah Correia
Cassian De Silva
Karter Da Costa Zuill
Eliza Grasso
Iris Grasso
Iain Mello
Isaiha Mello
Livia Tremblay
Thea Tremblay

Catechist: Mrs. Nelia Cabral

Helpers: Emily Correia & Lucas Frias



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. ●

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



GREGORY SHERITZ

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