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MARCH 9, 2025



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."  
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:  
You shall worship the Lord, your God,  
and him alone shall you serve."  
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

## NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 9, 2025



### Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

*Here is the SIXTH thing to know about the Jubilee Year of Hope*

**6. Expect an influx of pilgrims in the Eternal City.** Italy's National Tourist Research Institute projects 35 million visitors in 2025, nearly triple its 13 million visitors in 2023. Pilgrimage is a "fundamental" part of jubilee events, Pope Francis said in "Spes Non Confundit."

"Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life," he wrote.

He noted that jubilee pilgrims are likely to visit Rome's Christian catacombs and its seven pilgrim churches – the basilicas of St. Peter, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Lawrence, Holy Cross and St. Sebastian – destinations St. Philip Neri popularized in the 16th century with a 15-mile walk. Twelve other Roman churches, including the Sanctuary of Divine Love in southeast Rome, are designated "jubilee churches" intended as gathering spots for pilgrims during the jubilee.

**A Jubilee of Hope**

***"Hope does not disappoint"***

***Pope Francis***

# GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 9, 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

Luke 4:1-13

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— Father John Muir

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• **FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS-6 P.M.**

**“Trust, Surrender, Believe and Receive”**

**“LESSON: We are all called to a continual conversion of the heart. Preparing to receive the Eucharist helps us to see ourselves as we really are. Receiving the Eucharist gives us the strength and courage needed to continually seek this conversion of the heart. Commit yourself not just to receiving Jesus in the Eucharist frequently but receiving Him well.”**



**JOIN US EVERY LAST SUNDAY FOR  
DIVINE MERCY SERVICE AT 3 P.M.**

**AND**

**EVERY SATURDAY IN THE ST.  
KATHARINE DREXEL ADORATION  
CHAPEL 9 A.M. UNTIL 2:30 P.M.**

**JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU**

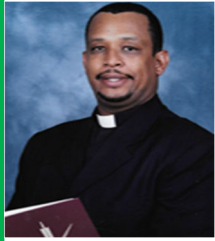
**Making a Spiritual Lenten Journey  
By Deacon Larry Calvin**

When we think of Lent the first and only thing some people believe is that Lent is a time to give up something, e. g. smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, eating candy etc. But Lent is more than giving up something, Lent is a time to do something. I have developed a list of ideas that you can do during your Lenten journey.

- 1. Go to weekday Mass.**
- 2. Go to confession at least once during the season of Lent.**
- 3. Get up earlier than anyone else in your home and spend the first 15 minutes thanking God for the gift of life and offering your day to him.**
- 4. Read a passage of scripture every day.**
- 5. Attend the Stations of the Cross at least once during Lent.**
- 6. Pray the Rosary every day during Lent.**
- 6. Fast at least one day during Lent.**
- 7. Perform a charitable work by volunteering at St. Vincent De Paul, Unity for the Homeless, visiting someone who is ill or homebound.**
- 8. Read a book by Pope Francis or about one of the Saints.**
- 9. Spend time with your family and pray together or discuss your spiritual journey.**

**May the Holy Spirit be your guide and have a blessed and spirit-filled Lenten journey.**





**REV. HENRY J. Davis SSJ**

Lord, God, whose mercy and faithfulness are never-ending and unending, we beseech you now to look with favor upon your servant, Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ. We ask you please rain down your graces and blessings upon him in abundance for the healing of his body, his mind, and his spirit. We ask, if it please you, Lord, to restore him to full health, that you might be glorified once more to witness him presiding at your Eucharistic table and shepherding again the faithful flock that you have entrusted to his pastoral care. We know that you have invited all your faithful ones to partake of your suffering by sharing in your cross and bearing daily our own crosses with grace and dignity, so we implore you that his acceptance of this cross might bring your glory. We know that through his priestly ordination he declared his willingness to drink whatever chalice the Father might call him to imbibe. Our trust in you is complete, as we make this prayer through, with and in Christ, you Son, our loving, merciful and obedient Savior. Amen



**FEBRUARY WINNER  
VICKIE HOOKER**

**Tickets are available for the March drawing.**

**HELP SUPPORT THE CHURCH!  
PURCHASE A TICKET OR TWO FOR  
THE MONTHLY DRAWING. TICKETS  
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**TICKET SELLERS ARE:  
4:00 P.M.— JUDD WILLIS  
LINDA ANDREWS  
7:30 A.M. ANGELA RATTLER  
10:00 A.M. GLADYS STEVENSON**

**1st Sunday of Lent / March 9, 2025**

**First Reading:** ‘We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry.’ (Dt 26:7)

**Psalm:** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

**Second Reading:** For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)

**Gospel:** Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

**Readings for the week of March 9, 2025**

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

# LENT and Letting Go



Let go of bitterness.  
Embrace forgiveness.



Let go of jealousy.  
Embrace gratitude.



Let go of anger & hate.  
Embrace charity.



Let go of pride.  
Embrace humility.



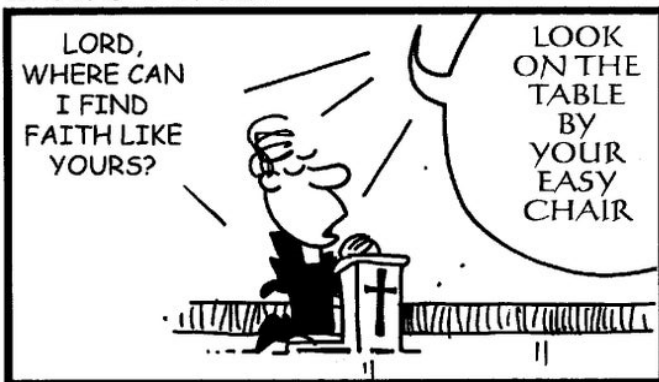
Let go of lust.  
Embrace purity.



Let go of sins.  
Embrace GOD.



## 1st SUNDAY OF LENT



**In loving memory of our loving husband, father, & grandfather LASALLE RATTLER, JR., we miss you, Your loving wife, Angela, daughter, son-in-law and grandsons**

**In memory of my dear friend, Nadine Laurent, Love, Angela**

In Memory of Alvarez and Onelia **RODRIQUEZ**

**DECAY REMEMBRANCE**

In Loving Memory of **Granny & Papa,** Love Kelly & Kids

**Mr. & Mrs. Selma & Donald Nicholl** by their children

Mrs. Monica Reeves, Nicole & Larry, Jr. by Husband & Father, Larry, Sr. Reeves, Sr.

**Terrance & Osborne "Mike" Demas** by their family

**Brian DeCuir,** In loving memory, By **Abbie Fazande**

**Victor Duvernay, Jr.** Memorial by lifelong friend, **Abbie**

**In Memory of Paul, Jr. & Patricia Johnson** By the Family(825)

**In Loving Memory of My best Friend, Dina M. Lemus** (Ms. Mike) *Missing and loving you,* **Thais**



*In Memory of* **PATRICIA & PHILIP HEBERT, SR.**




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**In Loving Remembrance of our parents and sisters,** Henry Butler, Delphane Butler, Madel Butler and Patricia Butler. *"Eternal Rest grant unto their souls, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them."* *Missing and Loving you,* **Paul, Matthew, Robert, Frederick and Wanda**

**In Loving Memory of Michael A. McKendall** **LYA Deborah** 22025

*Protection and Prayers for* **Fr. Dominic Njoku, SSJ** by Mom, Ms. D and Sis

**IN MEMORY OF THE FAVRE FAMILY**

*In Loving Memory of our ancestors; Severin, Demas, Washington, Nicholl & Grant Families* 



*Louis "Big Lou" Carre, Jr.,* by Demas Families

**PRAY FOR US**

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – WHAT THE DEVIL DOESN'T HAVE**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: The devil knows that Jesus is human, so he uses all the best tricks he has for getting humans to break. The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives. But how can we resist? We're only human. What do we have that the devil doesn't have?

**What the Devil Doesn't Have** The devil knows all the rules. The devil knows all the Bible verses. He probably knows them better than you do (certainly better than I do).

He knows them so well that here, in today's Gospel, he thinks he can outsmart the Son of God. He thinks he can out-argue him.

See, the thing you need to know about the devil is that he could have a master's degree in theology. Maybe even a doctorate. But have you ever met a master's student, or even a doctoral one, who doesn't have a particular passion for what they're studying? I sure have.

The devil didn't rebel against God because he didn't understand God's will. He rebelled because he understood God's will perfectly — and he didn't like it.

The devil knows that Jesus is human, and so in today's Gospel he employs all the very best tricks he has for getting humans to break. Physical hunger. Insecurity and a desire for power. The yearning to appear learned and wise. The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives.

It doesn't work with Jesus, because, of course, Jesus is not just human. He can feel temptation, but he will not submit to it. But how are we supposed to do the same? We're not divine. We're just human.

Well, here's the thing. We may be only human, but as Christians, we have a secret weapon. (No, it's not a master's degree in theology. Some of you may have that, but it probably doesn't make you holier.)

We have a love of what the devil has renounced — those things belonging solely to God. Truth. Joy. Humility. Sanctifying sacrifice.

***Let the love of those things carry you through this Lent, and beyond.***

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.**

Stanley Cuillier, Jr. by family, Joseph & Yvonne Bechet, **memorial** by son; Barry, Valma Narcisse, memorial, by family, Pauline Cuillier, Memorial, by Cuillier Family, People of the parish

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

**7:30 a.m.**

Armand P. Mercadel, Sr., **memorial**, by wife and family, People of the parish

**10:00 a.m.**

Kaci PennPeople of the parish

**Monday, March 10, 2025**

Irene Dunn, memorial, by Donna Dunn

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

Angela Patterson, healing, by 7:00 a.m. daily mass parishioners

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

Dorothy Sims Saulny, memorial B'Day, by daughter

**Thursday, March 13, 2025**

Sick and shut ins of the parish

**Friday, March 14, 2025**

In Honor of the Most Sa-



**\*SICK & SHUT-INS  
PRAY FOR THEM**

Sheryl Allen, Ethel Ancar, Kim Baptiste, Lydia Barrow, Warren Bastien, Jennifer & Walter Bonam, Niley Bieniemy, Cheryl Brown, Joycelyn Brown, Shirley Brown, Lavinia Chambers Charlotte Butler, Michael Condiff, Sybil Condiff, Lorraine Condoll, Lawrence & Phyllis Cuillette, Doris Cuillier, **Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ, V.F.**, Laura Davis, Barry Delaney, Alcide Delille, Vernon Dobard, Leo Dobard, Myrtle Dorsey, Wilfred Duplessis, Bernice Ferdinand, Audrey Fleury, Emelda Fortune, Marcel Fortune', Ashleigh Francis, Rosie Francis, Vanessa Galle, Yvonne Guidry, April Hampton, Maria Hebert, Jewel Hunter, Assunta Jackson, Delores Jett, Avery Johnson, Gwendolyn Lampkin, Aaron La Cabe, Jr., Lurlyn Lacour, Mary LeBlanc, Cheryl Lucius, Jacquelyn Lucius, Oliver Lucius, Harold Luke, Louise Maldonado, Lisa Mallery, Kermit McGuilles, Carolyn Mercadel, Joshua Mercadel, Phyllis Mercadel, Una & Nolan Millet, Raymond V. Morrell, Joseph Narcisse, Angela Patterson, Corey Peters, Angela Frick Rattler, Semella Rawles, Michelle Robair, Cynthia Robertson, Kenneth Thompson, Sr., Rochelle Saunders, Gloria Scott, Judith Simon, Douglas Smith, Lorraine Smith, Rochelle Saunders, Shirley Ward, Gerard Willis, Garielle Winfield, Joseph Triggs

**Please, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Lagarde at 504-945-8931 to remove/add your family member to this list.**

**GOD BLESS**



**PRAY THE  
ROSARY**



**SANCTUARY CANDLE IN  
HONOR OF  
JOSEPH & YVONNE BECHET**



**PRAYER**

**FASTING**

**ALMSGIVING**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS/  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1) Phoebe McElveen
- 2) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 3) Natasha Leon
- 4) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 5) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 6) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 7) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 8) Joseph Dean
- 9) Bernice Ferdinand
- 10) Louis Cushenberry, Jr.
- 11) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 12) Karen Johnson
- 13) Bernadette Magee
- 14) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 15) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 16) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 17) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 18) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 19) Wanda Pouncy, Nicholas Condiff
- 20) Todd James
- 21) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 22) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 23) Irwin Lagarde, Sr., Teri Brown, Jessica Garnett
- 24) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 25) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 26) Jacquelyn Lucius, Wayne Lee
- 27) Signora Durette, Dwayne Barnes,
- 28) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 29) Ida Lewis
- 30) Wilfred Adams, Elizabeth Harding
- 31) Phillip Reed

**GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**



## MISSION STATEMENT

Continuing the legacy of our establishing founders, The Josephites, whose exclusive apostolate is to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in the African American Community. We, the Faith Community of Corpus Christi-Epiphany Roman Catholic Church are called and sent by Christ, to live gratefully the life God has given us, and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet. We conduct our mission in a spirit of Faith, Service and Community, thus allowing us to become closer to God as we bring God closer to others.

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| ◆ Altar Society                  | Fatima Rosary Group         | Knights of Peter Claver |
|                                  |                             | Junior Daughters        |
| ◆ Bereavement                    | Finance Council             | Lectors                 |
| ◆ C.C.D                          | Garden                      | Legion of Mary          |
| ◆ Church Environment             | Holy Name of Jesus Society  | Liturgical Movement     |
| ◆ Counters                       | Knights of Peter Claver #60 | Men in Christ           |
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| ◆ Music Ministry                 | RCIA                        | Sodality of the BVM     |
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| ◆ Society of St. Vincent de Paul |                             |                         |
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**Adoration:** Saturdays in St. Katharine Drexel Chapel (Building D) 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

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