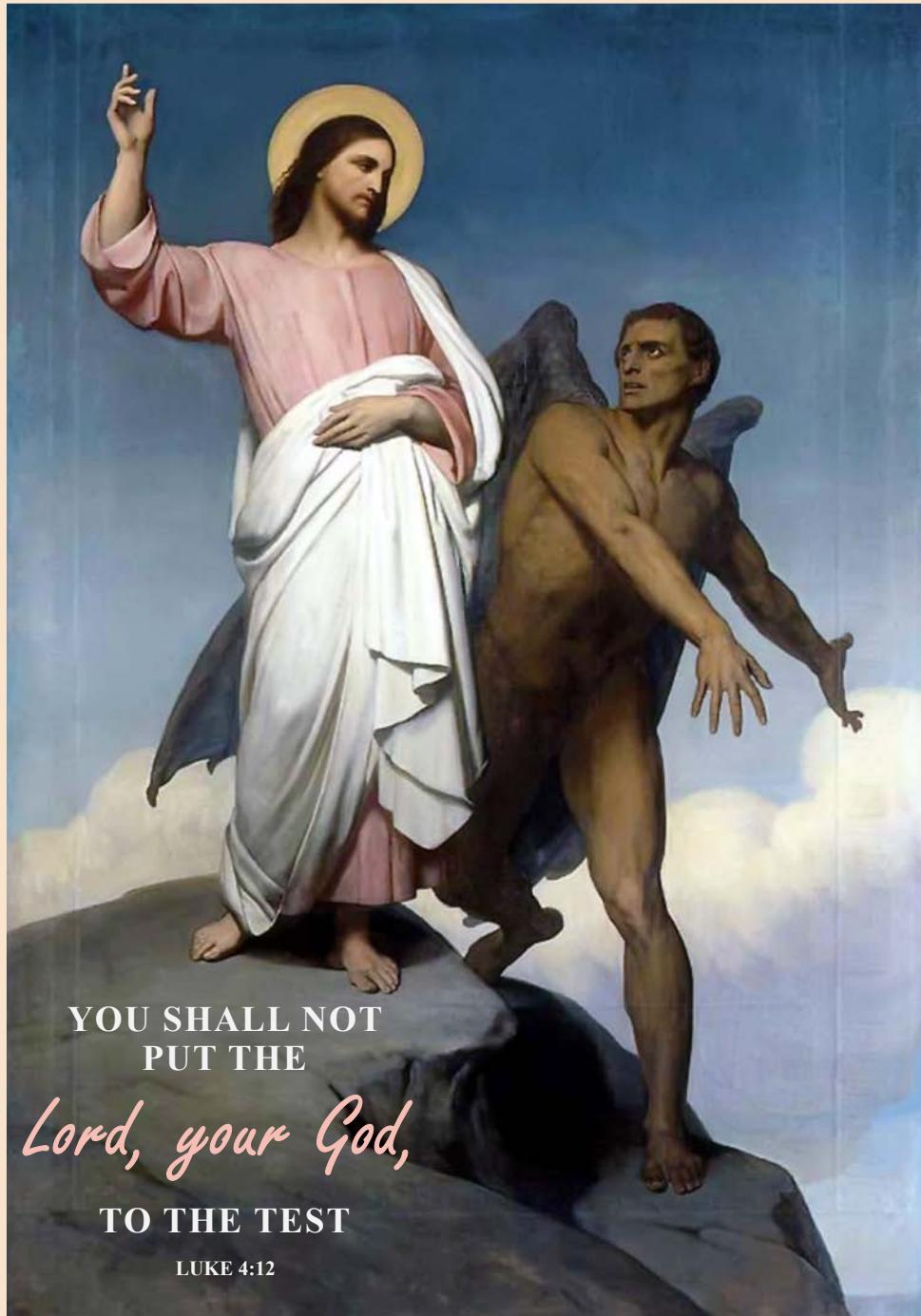


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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 6, 2022

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Join us for **Stations of the Cross** every Friday of Lent and Good Friday at 7 pm at St. Thomas Church.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

~ **FASTING** means only one full meal a day may be taken.

Two smaller meals can be eaten to maintain physical strength but together they should not equal another full meal in quantity. Snacking between meals is not permitted. Catholics ages 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

~ **ABSTINENCE** forbids the eating of meat or poultry. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged to abstain on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent and continue to oblige throughout their lives. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are urged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent they are able.

The Knights of Columbus Council 7460 are serving their famous **Lenten Fish Dinner takeout**, 5-7 pm every Friday during Lent in the school gym. This year will be takeout ONLY, no dining in. Prices are \$10 each Flounder (1 piece) or Shrimp Dinner (7 pieces) and \$15 for a combo of both (1 piece fish and 4 pieces shrimp). Dinners include coleslaw, potato salad, dinner roll, and accompanying sauces.

The Junior Catholic Daughters Association's **Rosary for Life** will be Sunday, March 13th at 11 am in St. Thomas Church. There are 170 babies in our Spiritual Adoption Program who are at 24 weeks. Let us pray for them and their parents and for our nation to return to a culture of life.

Registration for 2022-23 Faith Formation Classes has begun! Currently registered families in 2021-22 classes received a pre-populated Faith Formation Registration Form with an invoice in their March Family Formation packet or by mail. Classes begin in first grade as the Archdiocese of New York requires two years of instruction prior to receiving the sacrament of Communion. For information about the Faith Formation programs, contact Faith Formation Director Mary Ellen Tiernan at (845) 534-2547 (option 2) or metiernan@stmariannecope.com.

The recent St. Marianne Cope Outreach **Food Drive** was a major success thanks to the generosity of so many families. There was an outpouring of support that went on for two hours. To make a donation, please email outreach@stmariannecope.com and we will make arrangements. Thank you so much for the support. Many needy families and homeless will eat because of your generosity.

CDA Court St. Rita #264 applications for their annual \$1000 **Scholarship** are available in the vestibule of the church and can be downloaded at stmariannecope.com/catholic-daughters-of-america. Contact Mary Donahue (845) 534-8282 for information. Deadline is April 15th.

Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday Mass.



40 Days for Life is March 2nd - April 11th. For information, contact Wendy Woods at (845) 820-4366, newburgh40daysforlife@gmail.com.

2022 Orange County Synod: Pope Francis has asked every diocese in the world to convene their own synods to help their bishops prepare for the synod he will have with them in 2023. Cardinal Dolan has asked us to gather together in our own synodal listening sessions to reflect on the needs of the Church. The Orange County Synod will take place on March 12th at St. Joseph Parish in Middletown beginning with Mass at 8 am. If you are interested, email Father Doughty at pastor@stmariannecope.com.

The 2022 Cardinal's Appeal exists to fund the vast educational, charitable, and pastoral outreach of our archdiocese, all of which serve to make Christ known in the world. "Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?" is our theme for this year and Cardinal Dolan's episcopal motto. Learn more at: cardinal'sappeal.org/areas-of-support.



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

“THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED”

(JN 19:37)

*Pope Benedict XVI's address at the Angelus, given at St Peter's Square,
First Sunday of Lent, 25 February 2007.*

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

This year the Message for Lent is inspired by a verse of John's Gospel, which in turn refers to a messianic prophecy of Zechariah: "*They shall look on him whom they have pierced*" (Jn 19:37). The beloved disciple, present at Calvary together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and some other women, was an eyewitness to the thrust of the lance that passed through Christ's side, causing blood and water to flow forth (cf. Jn 19:31-34). That gesture by an anonymous Roman soldier, destined to be lost in oblivion, remains impressed on the eyes and heart of the Apostle, who takes it up in his Gospel. How many conversions have come about down the centuries thanks to the eloquent message of love that the one who looks upon Jesus crucified receives!

Therefore, we enter into the Lenten Season with our "gaze" fixed on the side of Jesus. In the Encyclical Letter Deus Caritas Est (cf. n. 12), I wished to emphasize that only by looking at Jesus dead on the Cross for us can this fundamental truth be known and contemplated: "God is love" (I Jn 4:8, 16). "In this contemplation", I wrote, "the Christian discovers the path along which his life and love must move" (n. 12). Contemplating the Crucified One with the eyes of faith we can understand in depth what sin is, how tragic is its gravity, and

at the same time, how immense is the Lord's power of forgiveness and mercy.

During these days of Lent, let us not distance our hearts from this mystery of profound humanity and lofty spirituality. Looking at Christ, we feel at the same time looked at by him. He whom we have pierced with our faults never tires of pouring out upon the world an inexhaustible torrent of merciful love.

May humankind understand that only from this font is it possible to draw the indispensable spiritual energy to build that peace and happiness which every human being continually seeks.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary, pierced in spirit next to the Cross of her Son, to obtain for us a solid faith. Guiding us along the Lenten journey, may she help us to leave all that distances us from listening to Christ and his saving Word.

Dear brothers and sisters, I ask you to accompany us with your prayer, which I willingly reciprocate during the recollection of the retreat, invoking the divine power upon each of you, your families, and your communities.

Benedictus PP XVI

Benedict XVI

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



Ecclesiastes is the 25th book in our Catholic Bibles. Book-wise, we are now in the second third of the Bible (it only took five months to get this far, and we've got 12 months to get the rest of the way!) The book is attributed to King Solomon (son of King David in the 10th Century B.C.) although the writing displays characteristics of the 3rd Century B.C. (Egyptian influences that would have been common then since Judea was a province of Egypt at that time).

The first eight chapters deal with Solomon's experiments in life. The last four chapters deal with his discoveries because of those experiments. The author is also nicknamed Qoheleth, the preacher. We see his wisdom as the book progresses along. "Under the sun" is a favorite phrase of the author. In this book we learn that nothing is new under the sun and that all is like chasing after the wind (ch. 1), that Wisdom is like the sun (ch. 2); that there is a time and season for everything under the sun (ch. 3); that two are better than one (ch. 4); that no one with money is ever satisfied, but that the laborer's sleep is sweet, and that naked we come into this life and naked we will leave it (ch. 5); that even the stillborn are in certain cases better off (ch. 6); that there is no non-sinner (ch. 7); that you'll never get to the bottom of everything under the sun (ch. 8); that the calm words of the wise are heard above the shouts of the commander of an army of fools (ch. 9); that one dead fly can spoil the scent-maker's oil (ch. 10); that both youth and the age of black hair are futile (ch. 11); and that God is first mentioned in this book only in the last chapter (ch. 12).

When you finish this book, you will have read 25 (34.2%—over 1/3!) of the 73 books of the Bible, yet 738 (55.3%—over 1/2!) of the 1,334 chapters of the Bible.

Permission granted by Rev. Robert J. Schrader (based on Timothy Schehr's book, *The Bible Made Easy: A Book-by-Book Introduction*).

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Mar 7: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

8:30 +Frank Sarubbe by Jerry and Kathy Sarubbe

Tues, Mar 8: St. John of God

8:30 +Clare McHugh-Moran by John Mulvey Sr.

Wed, Mar 9: St. Frances of Rome

8:30 +Marie and Ned Clifford by Fran Clifford

Thurs, Mar 10

8:30 +Nicholas Benavente by Nelly Lopez

Fri, Mar 11

8:30 +Nick Corea by Singwala Ireifej

Sat, Mar 12

8:30 +Nick Corea by Tom and Rosemary Relyea

4:30 +Paul Wood by Kammen family

Sun, Mar 13: Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 +Joseph Hussey by McNamara family

10:00 +Rose Scalise by Laura and Anthony Scalise

12:00 Pro Populo (for the people of the parish)

The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass—\$15.

READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading I — Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The offering of the first fruits of the land required by Moses came with the recital of the great events of Israel's history, which find their fulfillment in Christ.

Reading II — Romans 10:8-13

We confess faith in Jesus because God raised Him from the dead. There is no distinction made between Jew and Greek. Jesus is Lord of all.

The Gospel — Luke 4:1-13

The temptation scene makes it quite clear that Jesus is fully human. He begins His work in full obedience to His Father. He will not yield to any temptation to abandon that mission. In this instance He relives, so to speak, the desert experience of Israel. But unlike her, He stays loyal to God.

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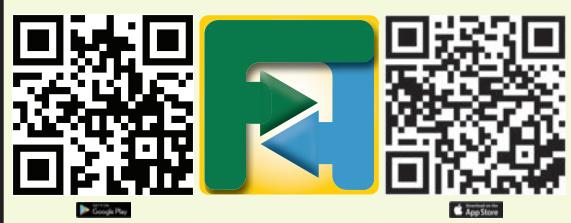
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