

First Sunday of Lent March 10, 2019

The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.
— Romans 10:8



ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	March 11 † Charley Borg
Tuesday 8:00 am	March 12 † Assunta Sant
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	March 13 Communal Service
Thursday 8:00 am	March 14 † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri
Friday 8:00 am	March 15 † Jessie Borg
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	March 16 † Colleen Wales † George Falzon
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	March 17 † John De Luca People of the Parish The Maltese Society

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

Sunday Collection March 3, 2019

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,740.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,260.00
Church Project	\$ 977.00

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Dear Parishioner,

Lent is the penitential season of the Church year. It began on Ash Wednesday (March 6th) and will end on Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is called the Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Lord’s passion and death on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and ends with evening Prayer of Easter Sunday. Then, the joyful Easter Season of 50 days begins.

Traditionally, the Lenten Season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

So as we enter into the season of Lent, may your loving participation in the liturgy enable you to live more deeply the life emptied on Calvary and risen on Easter Sunday.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Charito Suan
Pastor

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The Maltese Society meeting will be on Wednesday March 13th at 6:30 pm in Cantwell Hall.

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the St. Elizabeth Parish Family
Invite you to a

Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation

“Create in Me a New Heart”



Saturday, March 23rd
Starts at 9:30 am
Followed by Lunch

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Pray for our Beloved Deceased
In your prayers this week, please remember
the repose of the souls of our deceased
parishioners, especially:

Cleofe Pierantoni
“Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...”

Construction has begun and is in full swing (weather permitting) on our Grotto project. Please avoid using the chapel entrance if at all possible, if not please use extreme caution due to uneven surfaces (at your own risk) in the construction area.