



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	4 th March
28 th	Feb	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
1 st	Mar	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
			6.00pm	Mass	Sunday	5th March
2 nd	Mar	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
3 rd	Mar	Fri	9.00am	Mass – Healing Mass	9.00am	Mass

1st Sunday of Lent

Year A

26th February 2023



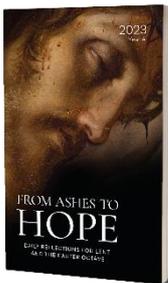
Original Deception

The Spirit of God was mysterious with Jesus both before and after his wilderness experience. Jesus fasted for forty days. The purpose of this testing is to glorify God. How? By obeying His Father's will, and defeating the power of the devil; He shows them that God's word has the power to fight against temptation. After the wilderness experience, the devil knew Jesus was hungry and he tempted him. There is no indication of how much longer He could go without food, but His mind was sharper than ever; and He was robust in climbing up to the top of the temple. Jesus took this opportunity to teach humanity about His Father's will and the power of God's word. The word of God is the ultimate weapon. It is stronger than all of the devil's temptations. The devil tempted Jesus three times, and each time, Jesus quoted Deuteronomy to answer him. In quoting the Old Testament verses, Jesus confirms the validity of the Old Testament; and that strengthened Moses' teaching. It seems that most temptations are from a similar mould: they have doubt about the existence of God. They contain vainglory, and the promise of an instant reward. Vainglory and reward are the baits, the devil employs to lure people. Two out of three temptations, the devil casts doubt in Jesus' mind. Jesus affirms His Father's existence. This truth is undeniable. Each time, Jesus announces the bounty of God's love, and His unswayable love for the Father. We need to be crystal clear about this teaching because when doubt creeps in, a person tends to make himself a god; follows his own will, and yearns for vainglory. In the statement *'If you are the Son of God'*, the devil admits God exists, and that Jesus is God's Son, whose power is miraculous, and unlimited. The devil knows that Jesus is God's only Son, and yet he pretends to say that he

might not be the right one. The devil deceives himself, because elsewhere, he once lamented, *'Jesus, you come to destroy us before time, we know who you are,' Mt 8:29.* We are sure that all temptations aim to deceive the people. The devil failed to make Jesus doubt the existence of God, but this ploy seems to work well in the modern world. Every time we doubt the existence of God, we know that it is the work of the devil, who casts doubt in our minds about the existence of God. The third temptation proves that the devil is incapable of telling the truth. He promised to give Jesus all the kingdoms of this world. God creates the world. God owns the world, and yet the devil promises to give God what he doesn't own. He has no right to do so. His promise is an empty promise; because he can't give what he doesn't have. We know God owns the universe, because when Pilate made a claim that he had the power to set him free. Jesus told Pilate, *'You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above,' Jn 19:11.* Each time we are tempted, we need to learn from Jesus. Put God as our first priority in life, and use God's word for inner strength. Bread provides food for our physical needs, but not for our spiritual life. The word of God enriches our spiritual life, and that is our real need. When we are fed with God's word, we are truly alive, and happy, and understand the purpose of life. His second answer, Jesus told the devil he must submit, and worship the true and living God. Jesus made it even clearer when He told him and his followers that they worship false gods; namely the gods of wealth, power, and fame, and being a god of their own. Jesus warns us that there can't be two, but only one true and living God, and that is His Father. All other gods are man-made gods.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION



From Ashes to Hope

This Lenten Resource booklet will nourish and nurture your prayer, spirituality, and discipleship each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. The daily reflections only require 5-10 minutes to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead you into a deeper questioning and examination of your daily life as you are invited to move into an encounter with the person of Jesus. The small book is easy to carry and read, while commuting or sitting at home. Cost is \$5.

Available from the piety stall or parish office.



Guided Retreat

Find the presence of God at this weekend-long, guided retreat at the breathtaking Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (Ormiston), as we explore the topic of "Walking in life's garden with God: encountering and responding to God." Date: 6pm Friday 24

March - 1pm Sunday 26 March. Cost: \$425. Find out more or register your group now at santateresa.org.au/news-events.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

6 th	Apr	Thu	7pm-10pm	The Lord's Supper - no 9am Mass - Washing of Feet, 7pm - Vigil until 10pm
7 th	Apr	Fri	10am	The Adoration of the Cross - school hall
			3pm	The Veneration of the Cross - school hall
8 th	Apr	Sat	6pm	Easter Vigil
16 th	Apr	Sun	9am	Divine Mercy - school hall
3 rd	Jun	Sat	3pm	Sacramental program lessons begin
2 nd	Aug	Wed	7pm	Confirmation
20 th	Aug	Sun	10am	1 st Communion & Multicultural Mass - school hall

Responsorial Psalm

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation

Be reconciled to God, now is the acceptable time.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

PASTORAL MATTERS



Prayer for the Sick

Lin Merrian, Marj Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, Almira Ann James, Finley McHardy, Nyaweir Ring, Kylie Herbert, Tony Ryan, Elisapeti Pati, Amanda Harding.

Reborn in Eternal Life 27th February – 5th March

Mavis Goonatillee, Mary Waterson, Jim Lennon, Norman Canada, Rimantas Grigutis, Sr. Eileen O'Sullivan RSM., David Leslie, Graham Harper, Fr Brian Horton, Unborn Child, James Sullivan.

Reading – 2nd Sunday of Lent, 5th March 2023

1 st Reading	Gen 12:1-4
2 nd Reading	2 Tim 1:8-10
Gospel	Mt 17:1-9



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 19th March 2023
Please keep in touch with the Parish Office as the current restrictions may change at any time. Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Recently Deceased Vicenta Basubas, Martin Folkes.



Loop System The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

WEEK 4 ROSTERS - THIS WEEK – 26th FEBRUARY 2023

Flowers	No Flowers	Cleaning	Tien & Nhu	Yard	n/a
1 st Reading	5pm Peter Aiavao 7am Joan Sitcheff 9am Vaoiva Family	2 nd Reading	5pm Owen Ross 7am Anna Timu 9am Paulo Lauvao	Ciborium	5pm Julie Aiavao 7am Cameron Auld 9am Elaine Walters

WEEK 1 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 5th MARCH 2023

Flowers	No flowers	Cleaning	Jim Walsh	Yard	n/a
1 st Reading	5pm Angela Vu 7am Jane Brischetto 9am Fruean Family	2 nd Reading	5pm Peter Aiavao 7am Louise Qualischefski 9am Teofilo Lauulu	Ciborium	5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald 7am Joan Sitcheff 9am Elaine Walters

Ministers should arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass, or their role will be reassigned on the day.

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Columbarium & Memorials



The columbarium is ready to book. Niches cost \$2500, plus cost of plaque. The sandstone memorial columns are also available for bookings. Plaques on the memorial column start at \$250 for 25 x 40mm, with up to 75 letters. Decorations and pictures incur additional costs. Please contact the parish office.



SUMMIT23 is a three-day gathering of all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 18th to 20th May. The summit is a key step in the **implementation phase of**

the Plenary Council and Archbishop Mark will be sharing his priorities for the coming years. Find out more or register at: brisbanesummit.com



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