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FIRST SUNDAY OF THE LENT (C)

We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors and friends who are celebrating with us.

Mass Times & Intentions this Week

SUN 06/03/2022 MASS: 9.00am, Frank & Philomena Fernandes RIP, Joachim Rebello (RIP), Reuben's birthday, Levit & Carlos Pereira –RIP, Lionel Pereira –Bthdy & good health, Prisca D'cruz (RIP) 11.00 am Mrs. Josephine Madden, Zena Jones –Thksvg, Madeline Mendy -Birthday Thanksgiving & long life, Thanksgiving to Jesus. 6.30pm: People of the Parish	
MON. MASS - 9.30 am Reuben's birthday,RIP Pa Lawrence E. Latinwo & H Souls int	TUES. No Mass (Office Hours – Church is open).
WED. MASS - 9.30 am Helen Wheatley int, RIP Kevin Mc Niece & Holy souls int, RIP Protacio Lumangtad & Holy souls. RIP Simon, Edwin Gracias & Holy Souls int,	THURS. No Mass (Office Hours – Church is open)
FRI. Adoration at 12.00 & MASS at 12.30pm Andrew Lourdes Pereira – RIP, Fatina (int Souls), RIP Abelardo Calsado & departed family members, RIP Kochappan Antony & all Souls int., RIP Gervasio Colaco & Holy Souls, RIP Victor & Ruby Fernandes, RIP Euripide Salfano & Andrej Maruszczak, Juse M Castanha & H Souls	SAT. No Mass
SUN 13/03/2022 MASS: 9.00am Philomena Fernandes - RIP, 11.00 am , 6.30pm:People of the Parish	

MINISTRIES:

Readers for today

9am Mass: John McN, Daryl M
11am Mass: K Adoh, Vicky Jarra
6.30pm Mass: Maria M, Simon M

Next Sunday

9am Mass: Millie A, Anabel M
11am Mass: M Cheturai, G Koenig
6.30pm Mass: Simon M, Ruby J

Eucharistic Ministers today

9am Mass: Sr. Pauline, Alice S
11am Mass: Irene Agnes
6.30pm Mass: Jean Pierre

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers

9am Mass: John McN, Natalina S
11am Mass: Jessica, Mathew
6.30pm Mass:

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LENTEN REFLECTION

Welcome to the Season of Lent! Lent is the time of grace. St. Paul calls it the favourable time; this is the day of salvation (2Cor 5:20-6:2).

In the Gospel, we read the account of the temptations of Jesus on the first Sunday of Lent. We see how Jesus; the Son of God was tempted by Satan. This indicates that as Children of God we are not free from the attacks, the assaults of evil and of Satan. Our relationship with God and our knowledge of God are all attacked by these assaults.

Sometimes, the devil leads us into an illusion that dehumanizes us and deprive us of God's love and our salvation. The devil promises us happiness; however, we end up getting sadness and suffering from him. It is very difficult to withstand the attacks of the devil as found in these temptations and our other temptations. Jesus shows us the way to defeat the devil and overcome temptations by willingly accepting suffering and relying on God's promises rather than submitting to the devil's deception.

Jesus fixed his gaze on God. Jesus is the High Priest who knows about our weaknesses: "For we have not a high priest who cannot sympathise with our weaknesses, but a high priest tested in our likeness in all things except sin" (Hebrews 4:15).

Why do we start Lent with stories of temptation? Because we face temptation everyday and unless we anchor our lives in Jesus Christ, we will fall. In Jesus, we are more than Conquerors (ROM 8:38).

HAPPY SUNDAY! - FR FRANCIS

THE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BIDDING PRAYERS:

Reader: Wash me more and more from my guilt.

Response: and cleanse me from my sins.

Please Pray for: the Sick and Housebound Parishioners.

Those who died recently and all departed parishioners - RIP.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:
Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:' 'My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me.' 'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.' **The word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 90(91):1-2,10-15

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **The word of the Lord**

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Church Notices:

We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors and friends who are celebrating with us.

RCIA: RITE OF ELECTION today 6th March, we congratulate all the Elects and welcome them in our midst. We thank the parents, God parents and Sponsors for supporting them. Let us keep them in our prayers as we journey together towards Easter. Please let us keep them in our prayers.

Parish Feast of St. Ethelbert: We thank all who celebrated our Parish feast with us last Sunday. May God bless all Parishioners, Friends and Visitors and keep us together in His love.

We Congratulate the newly Baptised Children, their parents and God parents.

Fridays of Lent: Adoration 11.30am, Stations of the Cross 12noon, Mass 12.30; Kerala Community – Fri 7.30pm, & Goans – Fri 6.30pm.