



# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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**WELCOME!**

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
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### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (FEB. 26-27)

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Donation Online	\$1,565.00
Maintenance Fund	\$90.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$5,141.00</b>



### SPECIAL COLLECTION This weekend!

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Lent – C

### Homily by Father Peter Doan

The Gospel passage today is taken place right before Jesus began his mission campaign. Before beginning a campaign, a leader must choose the methods to be employed. The temptation story shows us Jesus choosing once and for all the method by which he proposed to win men and women to God. It shows him rejecting the way of power and glory and accepting the way of suffering and the cross.

Before we go on to think of this story in detail there is one point we must note. That even at this time Jesus must have been conscious of quite exceptional powers. The whole point of the temptations is that they could have come only to a man who could do astonishing things. It is no temptation to us to turn stones into bread or leap from a Temple pinnacle, for the simple reason that it is impossible for us to do such things. These are temptations which could have come only to a man whose powers were unique and who had to decide how to use them.

The first temptation was to turn stones into bread. This wilderness was not a wilderness of sand. It was covered by little bits of limestone exactly like loaves. The tempter said to Jesus, 'If you want people to follow you, use your wonderful powers to give them material things.' He was suggesting that Jesus should bribe people into following Him. And Jesus' answer found in the book of Deuteronomy 8:3 that 'No one will ever find life in material things.'

The task of Christianity is not to produce new conditions. Its real task is to produce new men and women through the conditions Jesus already produced, namely, do not cling on material things. Are we poor? We have a God who is born in a stable, who lies in a manger.

In the second temptation Jesus in imagination stood upon a mountain from which the whole civilized world could be seen. The tempter said, 'Worship me, and all will be yours.' This is the temptation to compromise. Jesus' answer is found in the Scripture (Deut 6:13,10), "God is God, right is right and wrong is wrong. There can be no compromise in the war on evil.' It is a constant temptation for Jesus to seek to win people over by compromising with the standards of the world. The tendency of the world is to see things in terms of grey; but the duty of the Christians is to see things in terms of black and white. There can be no compromise in the war on evil.

In the third temptation Jesus in imagination saw himself on the pinnacle of the Temple where Solomon and the Royal met. There was a steep drop of 450 feet into the Kedron Valley below. This was the temptation to do something sensational for the people. Jesus' answer is found again in Deuteronomy 6:16, 'No, you must not make senseless experiments with the power of God.' Jesus saw quite clearly that a sensational action would cause amazement for a short time; but he also saw that sensationalism would never last. The hard way of service and of suffering leads to the cross, but after the cross to the crown.

What do we learn from Jesus' temptations story?

1. It is important to note that the tempter is always looking for a point of contact or weakness. Once the devil realized that Christ was very hungry, he felt it was an opportunity to use Him. However, the good news is that the devil was wrong because Christ did not give him the chance to use Him. Hence, the devil cannot succeed with us, too, if we do not open avenues for him in our lives. We must not give the devil any chance this season and in our entire lifetime. We should put up signs in all our avenues: Road closed to devil! Or No chance for devil!
2. Jesus teaches us that no one should regard himself as proof against temptation. Jesus himself was tempted, who are we not to be tempted by devil?
3. Jesus shows us how we should deal with temptation and exhorts us to have confidence in his mercy, since he himself experienced temptation. It was as a man that he was tempted and as a man that he resisted. He did not act as God, bringing his power into play; if he had done so, how could we have availed of his example? Rather, as man he made use of the resources which he has in common with us, which is Scriptures. We should deal with temptation not with compromising but with Scriptures, with God's holy words.

Through the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, the devil will be overpowered once and for all. And by virtue of Christ's victory we are enabled to overcome all temptations.

# JESUS IS TEMPTED IN THE DESERT



Are you willing to join Jesus in the desert this Lent? In today's gospel on this First Sunday in Lent, Jesus goes to the desert to fast and pray and is tempted by the devil. Read about how we can better prepare ourselves to enter into these 40 days in the desert with Jesus and overcome temptations in our lives in Archbishop Etienne's reflection at [archseattle.org/lent](http://archseattle.org/lent). You'll also find Lenten fasting and abstinence guidelines, prayer suggestions, inspiration, encouragement and more.

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He Was Tempted, Mike Moyers/Ascension Press