

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

Our faith in Jesus, God's chosen Son, strengthens us to resist temptation.

PROMISE:

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Rom 10:13)

WORD:

Dt 26:4-10/ Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15/
Rom 10:8-13/ Lk 4:1-13

ORDERS:

- You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve. (Lk 4:8)
- You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test. (Lk 4:12)
- Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. (Rom 10:9)

DIRECTIONS:

- Give to God our utmost reverence by faithfully attending corporate praise and worship and doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.
- Fully trust the Lord in every circumstance.
- Soak yourselves in prayers and be immersed in the Word of God.



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Vulnerable Without Him

REFLECTION:

We need God. When we are faced with temptations in our everyday lives, how can we avoid it? How can we easily choose the right thing to do? By nature, it's difficult because we're only human, like what we always say. We can't do this alone. We need God.

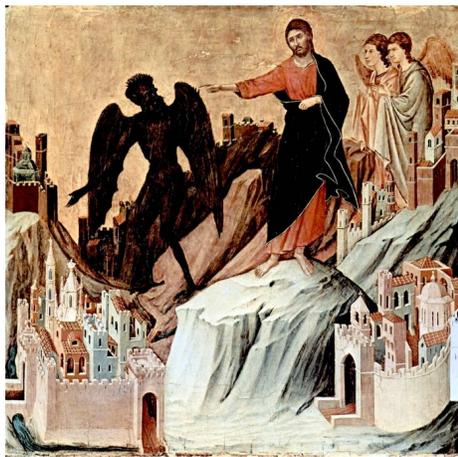
Have you ever experienced when you have been given a choice or situation and we regret our decisions afterwards. Then we realize if we only seek God's wisdom it will be a better choice to make. We need God.

In the gospel reading (Lk 4:1-13), "You shall not put the Lord, your God to the test."

Jesus is the only one who can resist the biggest temptations ever! Remember he was 40 days in the desert with no food. And when the devil was finished with every temptation and overcome all of it he departed from him.

Only we can overcome our trials and tribulations in life when we put our trust and faith only to God. (Ps 91:1-2)

Because he is the only one who has the power and might! We have to admit



to ourselves we feel so vulnerable without him.

God will give us the strength and grace we need to resist temptations. We often fail and make mistakes over and over again and sometimes we seek other solutions to our problems, and at the end when we have exhausted our own resources and we still feel that nothing is

quite right. We need God.

As we start our Lenten journey let us wholeheartedly receive Jesus in our heart.

To reflect on his cross for our salvation -

Let us always persevere in our prayers.

Let us love God above all things and love our brothers and sisters as he commands.

Together let us all worship the Lord our God and him alone shall we serve. (Lk 4:8)

His promise to us: "For one who believes with the heart and confess the name of the Lord he will be saved." (Rom 8-19)

Our Community Pre-Lenten Retreat

"We can think of Lent as a time to eradicate evil or cultivate virtue, a time to pull weeds or plant good seeds. Which is better is clear, for the Christian ideal is always positive rather than negative." - Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

Many members of the community came excitedly (after years of isolation and lack of in-person meetings) to the Queenship of Mary Church in Plainsboro, NJ to listen to the words of wisdom of Fr. Gerry Paderon, our retreat master. Fr. Gerry expounded on the Gospel reading of Mt. 16:21-23. This is the first prediction of the passion and serves as a corrective to an understanding of Jesus' messiahship as solely one of glory and triumph. However, Jesus foresaw that His mission would

entail suffering and death but Peter refused to accept this prediction and Jesus saw this satanic attempt of Peter to deflect the God-appointed course to which He rebuked Peter by saying, "Get behind Me satan for you are an obstacle to Me. You are thinking of man, not of God."

The Transfiguration follows the above passage where Jesus took three of His disciples up to the mountain where His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. I had a student once who labeled this as the bleach story because everything became dazzling white. Again the number 3 came into play here when Jesus, Moses, and Elijah appeared before

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God's Blessings

Birthday

Rolly Salomia	3/6	Gil Ocena	3/8
Rey Inid	3/7	Elma Pontipiedra	3/10
Edgar Arabit	3/8	Melo Mabutias	3/10

Anniversary

Eric & Luz Mecenas	3/4
Dino and Josie Rivera	3/8
Cesar & Rosalie Angeles	3/10



A Christian Prayer for Peace in Our Time

O God, author and giver of peace, in whose image and likeness each of us has been created with a human dignity worthy of respect on earth and destined for eternal glory,

Listen to the cry that rises from every corner of this fragile earth, from our human family torn by violent conflict:

Give peace in our time, O good and gracious God, that peace which, as your son Jesus Christ told us and as we have experienced in these days, is a peace which the world cannot give.

To world leaders, grant the wisdom to see beyond the boundaries of race, religion, and nation to that common humanity that makes us all your children and brothers and sisters to one another.

To those who have taken up arms in anger or revenge or even in the cause of justice, grant the grace of conversion to the path of peaceful dialogue and constructive collaboration.

To the innocent who live in the shadow of war and terror, especially the frightened children, be a shelter and strength, their haven and hope.

And to those who have already lost their lives as victims of human cruelty and chemical warfare, open wide your arms and enfold them all in the embrace of your compassion, healing, and everlasting life.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Mary, Mother of all and Queen of peace, pray for us.

Our Father...
3 Hail Marys...
Glory be...
AMEN.

Lent



Dear Brothers and Sisters, Lent is a favorable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (kairós), let us do good to all" (Gal 6:9-10).

~ Pope Francis

Last Week's Prophecies

- My child, pray for the gift of Wisdom so that you may see all situations and all circumstances from My eyes so you may live your lives with understanding, with patience, and with compassion.
- It's a joy that you never abandon your assembly. But I am still your God that seek your heart. Look into your heart and you will see, and your faith will save you.
- I've given your eyes to see the beauty, to see the love. I've given you your mouth to give Me praise, to thank Me. Use both of them, only for My Glory.
- My child, your heart is only half-open. Open it wide so I can fill it with my goodness, and this goodness, you are to share it to the world so that they may know that I am the good Father who provides for this.

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Peter, James, and John. When they disappeared, Peter suggested for them to build 3 tents for them (again the number 3). The account of the Transfiguration confirms that Jesus is the Son of God and points to the fulfillment of the prediction that He will come in His Father's glory at the end of the age.

The second part of Father's talk was on Luke 6:45b. "From the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks." Good words will justify; bad words lead to damnation. Words that proceed from evil hearts cannot be good.

Father also touched on discernment. Discernment is a process of surrendering to find prudence (good judgment, careful and practical intelligence) and wisdom (comprehensive understanding of what is right). There are 6 guidelines for good discernment:

1. openness to the Spirit
2. have courage - do not fear
3. interior freedom - tranquility of the heart to submit to a higher authority
4. have the habit of prayerful reflection
5. have priorities straight
6. don't confuse ends with means

All throughout the talk, Father exposed the Blessed Sacrament so the presence of Jesus was lovingly felt. Hearts and minds were open and there was better understanding and assimilation of the topics covered. The almighty presence of the Lord uncluttered the minds of everyone in attendance and all were receptive to God's words. Benediction ended the day and receiving God's graces and blessings capped the most rewarding, pleasing, gratifying, and enjoyable day. Praise God for His bountiful blessings poured out on everyone!!!