

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
1st Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday, February 21, 2010
11:00 am**

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The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect

Moses told the people: "The priest shall then receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the Lord, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given me.' And having set them before the Lord, your God, you shall bow down in his presence. Then you and your family, together with the Levite and the aliens who live among you, shall make merry over all these good things which the Lord, your God, has given you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91: 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 13-15

R: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

R: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways.

R: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Upon their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the asp and the viper; you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

R: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him.

R: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Reading II

Romans 10: 8-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ

What does Scripture say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach)." For if you confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Faith in the heart leads to justification, confession on the lips to salvation. Scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." Here there is no difference between Jew and

Greek; all have the same Lord, rich in mercy toward all who call upon him. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel

Luke 4: 1-13

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, where he was tempted by the devil. During that time he ate nothing, and at the end of it he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to turn into bread." Jesus answered him, "*Scripture has it, 'Not on bread alone shall man live.'*"

Then the devil took him up higher and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. He said to him, "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms; the power has been given to me and I give it to whomever I wish. Prostrate yourself in homage before me, and it shall all be yours." In reply, Jesus said to him, "*Scripture has it 'You shall do homage to the Lord your God; him alone shall you adore.'*"

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem, set him on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for Scripture has it, 'He will bid the angels watch over you'; and again, 'With their hands they will support you, that you may never stumble on a stone.'" Jesus said to him in reply, "*It also says, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'*"

When the devil had finished all this tempting he left him, to await another opportunity.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit **Temptations in This World**

[Luke 4: 1-13]

The Word of God for this 1st Sunday of Lent calls us to a change of heart, to resist temptations, and to feed on the bread from heaven in order to focus on the right direction in our Journey to the "Promised Land of the living."

The journey to the Resurrection has to go through a struggle against evil.
The three temptations of Jesus in the desert by the devil show the reality of evil!

Evil in this world is real. Evil dresses in many different garments. It penetrates even our innermost existence. As we analyze the three temptations in the desert from today's Gospel, we see that the tempter suggests to use the power to limit the human being to a consumer of material things only. Jesus' response "not on bread alone shall man live" teaches us two things: (1) material nourishment, however necessary it may be, is not enough for man; and (2) if a person is wholly preoccupied with hoarding his material hunger, there is a real danger that he will forget the other hunger for the eternal.

Jesus Christ's victory over Satan was no once-and-for all victory. He won the battle, not the war. The war will be over with Christ's victory when He finishes the walk through human history, being available for everyone who would need His help in the struggle with the evil.

The Gospel today shows us the three temptations that Jesus Christ won as the pattern of temptations that His followers would eventually encounter. But they have to realize that the winning point always is with the advantage of being united with Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ came to this world precisely for these reasons:

- to win the war with the evil one for those who want to be saved,
- to heal us from the wounds of sin,
- to restore us to the state of Children of God

Lord Jesus, be with us when we have to struggle against the evil that is in us, that is in others, and that is in our world.

Amen.

The Communion

Welcome to participation in the Holy Eucharist. By receiving Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be baptized, should not be conscious of grave sin, and normally should fast for one to two hours. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession.

We always welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions separating us.

Announcements for February 21, 2010

*Nominations of candidates for the officers, trustees, and auditors of the parish must be received **no later than the end of coffee hour today**. If you have not yet done so, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee (Father Madej, Mary Ann Greenfield, Maureen Navatka, and Richard Zalewski). Any active adult member of Holy Cross parish in good standing may nominate a candidate for any of the officer positions [parish chairman, parish vice chairman, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer], for trustees, for auditors (3 needed), for parish tribunal (2 needed) and for next year's nominating committee. (All nominees must be members in good standing in the parish.) Thank you.*

The annual meeting will be held next Sunday following Holy Mass and coffee hour. Please plan to attend this important meeting of our parish community.

Due to the annual meeting in New York Mills on Sunday, March 7, Holy Cross will have Holy Mass on **Saturday evening, March 6 at 5:00 pm**.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 22	George Washington's Birthday
Wednesday, February 24	6:00 pm Choir practice FEAST – MATTHIAS, APOSTLE
Thursday, February 25	5:30 pm Weight Watchers meeting
Sunday, February 28	Lent 2 Intention: +Anna Shelly Requested by George and Laura Sabotka
	10:30 Bible Study for children
	11:00 Holy Mass
	12:15 Coffee Hour
	12:45 Annual Parish Meeting

Saturday, March 6 Holy Mass @ 5:00 pm

**Saturday, March 20 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner
4:30 – 7:00 pm**

Saturday, April 17	Ham dinner	4:30 – 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 18	Swieconka dinner following Holy Mass	
Saturday, May 15	Meatloaf dinner	4:30 – 7:00 pm

Monthly Financial Summary

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
February 7	\$535	\$642	-\$107
February 14	\$522	\$642	-\$120
TOTAL	\$1057	\$1284	-\$227