Strength Against Temptation

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner
Don’t miss this traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, entertainment and raffle in the parish hall on Sat., March 14th, at 6:00 pm. You may bring an item to be raffled off to the parish office this week. Tickets are $25 per person and will be available next weekend after Mass or at the door.

March/April Envelopes
There was a delay in mailing out the March/April offertory envelopes. If you have not yet received yours, they should be arriving any day.

Pray for Our Sick...
Irene Hammond, Gale Keenan, Matt Van Scyoc, Martinez Family, Silva Family, Alice Blankenship, Bob & Evelyn Morales, Barbara Schofield, Rosanna Opperman, Louis Mikkleisen, Dennis Rightmer, Mike Mulligan, Jeff Lachance, Terry Wisler, Steven Kensrue.

Women’s Club News
All ladies of the parish are warmly invited and encouraged to join us on Tues., March 10th, at 11:30 am in the hall. We enjoy a salad-bar lunch, and friendship. Bring a neighbor! Please use the sign-up sheet near the church entrance if you plan to attend. Hope we see you there!

Lenten Opportunities
Lenten Fridays
6:00 pm– Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm– Lenten Meal
7:00 pm– Stations of the Cross (Español)
Reconciliation
Saturdays, 4:00 pm (except April 11);
Thurs., March 26th, 6:00 pm
Rosary & Daily Mass
Monday-Friday 8:30 am Rosary, 9:00 am Mass or Communion Service
Scripture Study
9:30 am– Wednesday

A Note of Thanks…
RISE, a non-profit organization in SLO County that serves both victims of intimate partner violence and sexual assault/abuse and their loved ones, wishes to thank Santa Rosa members for their kind donation of $500.

Parish Offerings
Plate Collection (Feb. 22-23): $2,903.00

Pancake Breakfast- “Thank You”
We are very grateful for our Men’s Club members for preparing the delicious pancake breakfast last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who attended, and participated in the raffle. Congratulations to the out-of-town winner who won the iPad. The breakfast netted $885 and the raffle $1,617. Proceeds go toward our youth confirmation retreat.

Spring Forward!
Daylight Saving Time begins next Sun., March 8th. Don’t forget to set your clocks forward one hour.

Lenten Movie Special
HARRIET
This 2019 film celebrates the life of abolitionist and political activist Harriet Tubman, who escaped slavery and went on to help dozens of slaves escape through the underground railroad.

Parish Hall
Sun., March 8th, 2:00 pm;