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Saturday Evening: Mass 6pm
Sunday: Mass 7am, 9am
Tues - Sat: Morning Prayer, Rosary 6:45am
Tues - Sat: Mass 7:30am
Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass
Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment

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9TH MARCH 2025**9TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Let us journey together in hope –
Pope Francis <https://ress.vatican.va/>

Dear brothers and sisters,

We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:54-55). This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to journey together in hope, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community.

First of all, to journey. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed and guided by the Lord, who loves his people and remains ever faithful to them. It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity? It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father. This would be a good "examination of conscience" for all of us wayfarers.

Second, to journey together. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal[2] Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. Journeying together means consoli

dating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God. It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us all walk in the same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience. This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance. This, then, is a second call to conversion: a summons to synodality.

Third, let us journey together in hope, for we have been given a promise. May the hope that does not disappoint, the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us, "the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' ". This, then, is the third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life. Let us ask ourselves: Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God's help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?

Sisters and brothers, thanks to God's love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint. Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul". It moves the Church to pray for "everyone to be saved" and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven. May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey.





March

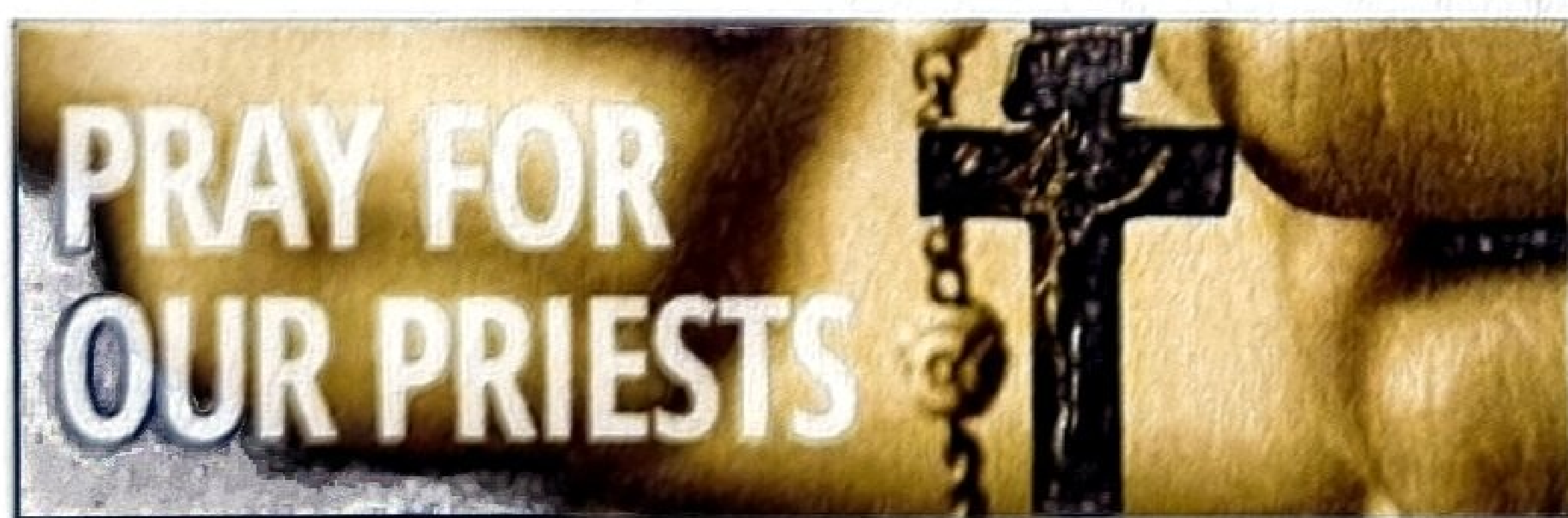
- Sun 9th March Baptism of Jacinta Pham @ 5:00pm
- Tue 11th March Legion of Mary mtg @9:00am
DVD group @ 11:00am
- Fri 14th March Station of the Cross @ 7:00pm
- Sat 15th Mar Confessions/Reconciliation @ 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster for 15th to 16th Mar 2025			
Mass	6:00pm	7:00am	9:00am
ACOLYTES:	Nic De Luca		G Jaune; C D'Monte
READERS:	N De Luca	V Ambrose	T Marchei
COMMS:	P Antoni	L Pepi	N Menda Creado
SERVERS:	S Salamone; L Trusso		J Nguyen; J Jaune
Counters	Team 5 - F Netto; P Nguyen		
Cleaners	F Loc		

Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.

RS=repose of souls /TG=thanksgiving /SP=special intention

- SAT 8-Mar 6:00 PM RS-Charlie Cachia, Lourde Simon
RS-Lyn Lepore
- SUN 9-Mar 7:00 AM SP-Jaxon, Harley, Madison Bailey,
RS-Charlie Cachia
9:00 AM SP-Van Hoek fam mbs
TG - Vince & Josephine Algeri - 50 Wed anniv
- TUE 11-Mar 7:30 AM RS- Simon Foo, Charlie Cachia
- WED 12-Mar 9:00 AM RS- Charlie Cachia
- THU 13-Mar 7:30 AM SP-World peace
RS-Charlie Cachia
- FRI 14-Mar 7:30 AM RS-Charlie Cachia
- SAT 15-Mar 7:30 AM RS-Charlie Cachia
6:00 PM RS-Lily & R.Sebastian
- SUN 16-Mar 7:00 AM RS-Charlie Cachia
9:00 AM RS-Peter Thang, Maria Cuc,
Maria Tinh & fam



Pray for :-

- Those who are suffering in wars, in natural disasters, in religious persecutions and the sick, Rhys Spencer, Mary Leong, Joanne Babich, Anastasia William, Del Murray, John, Francisco Paterniti, Maria Pacca, Geraldine O Sullivan and Ermelina Vescovo.

Prayer for Lent

*Father of my soul,
I know your love for me is
limitless beyond imagining.
You care for me as a loving parent.
Through my smallest Lenten
sacrifices, help me to
become less selfish and more
aware of your ways.
Fan the flame of my desire to
draw ever closer to you.
Guide me to seek your love.*

St. Joseph Novena
<https://novenaprayer.com/>

This St Joseph prayer was found in the 50th year of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death, or be drowned, not shall poison take effect of them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy; or shall be burned in any fire, or shall be overpowered in battle.

Say for nine mornings for anything you may desire. It has never been known to fail, so be sure you really want what you ask. Amen

Saint Joseph Novena (March 10 - March 19)

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires....

(Mention your request here...)

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.

Say 1: Our Father...Say 1: Hail Mary...Say 1: Glory Be...

A St. Joseph Prayer



O glorious St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before Almighty God, I place in your care my most urgent needs and intentions.

Assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Grant that by following your example, all my actions may be directed to the greater glory of God.

May it please God to answer my prayers in the way He knows is best, giving me the grace to see His purpose and will in everything. Amen.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

** Stations of the Cross with Benediction during Lent every Friday @ 7:00pm. Acolytes who are serving at the weekend Masses are reminded to serve at the Stations.



Cuppa Love

** Parish Morning tea next SUNDAY- Please come and share a cuppa with your fellow parishioners and to meet new faces in the parish hall next Sunday morning after the 9:00am Mass. And bring a plate to share.

** Piety Stall - Parish has replenished new religious and sacramental items in the piety stall at the parish foyer. Feel free to have a browse. For purchase, Sunday morning after 9am Mass with Nuccia De Luca or other times with Catherine from the parish office.

Looking out for others

<https://majellan.media/>

An important part of Lent is the practise of Almsgiving and to care for those in need. While the reasons and methods for almsgiving vary across cultures and belief systems, the benefits are universal, having long lasting effects on the giver and the receiver.

One of the most immediate benefits of almsgiving is that it encourages compassion and empathy. By giving to those who are struggling, we are reminded of the shared human condition and are encouraged to put ourselves in the 'shoes of others'.

In Christianity, the act of giving to the poor is often seen as an expression of love and charity, aligning with the teachings of Jesus to care for the needy and the marginalised. Almsgiving plays a crucial role in strengthening social ties within communities and creating a sense of mutual responsibility. Communities that emphasise almsgiving tend to have stronger social bonds. In this way, almsgiving is not just an individual act but a collective effort to create a supportive and caring environment.

It also addresses poverty and economic inequality. By redistributing resources, even in small amounts, almsgiving helps relieve the suffering of the less fortunate. Though it is not a long-term solution to systemic poverty, it plays a significant role in providing immediate relief.

Almsgiving for the provider can be a reminder to be grateful for what they have. It is an opportunity to reflect on one's own life and recognise the privileges that can easily be taken for granted, such as access to good health and education and better work opportunities. Almsgiving can also be good for personal growth. Charitable acts help individuals cultivate virtues like generosity, humility, and selflessness and to think less about their own concerns and focus on the well-being of others.

So, this Lent remember those who are less fortunate by donating to your favourite charity or volunteering your time for a worthy cause in your local community.



Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

Fast from hurting words
and say kind words,
Fast from sadness
and be filled with gratitude,
Fast from pessimism
and be filled with hope,
Fast from worries
and trust in God,
Fast from pressures
and be prayerful,
Fast from bitterness
and fill your heart with joy,
Fast from selfishness
and be compassionate to others,
Fast from grudges
and be reconciled,
Fast from words and be silent, so you can listen.

MichelleDeRusha.com

--Pope Francis



PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE.

Departing from Perth to Rome on 8th Nov. Returning via Zagreb to Perth 28th Nov. Visiting and residing in Rome . Collevaenza. Loreto, Assisi, Verona. Rijeka and (Medjugorje St James Church granted Holy Door for year of Jubilee)



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The Living Word

First Sunday of Lent, Year C

9 March 2025

First Reading Dt 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

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, 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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

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

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' *(R.)*
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. *(R.)*
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. *(R.)*
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

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 for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Lk 4:1-13

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

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.'

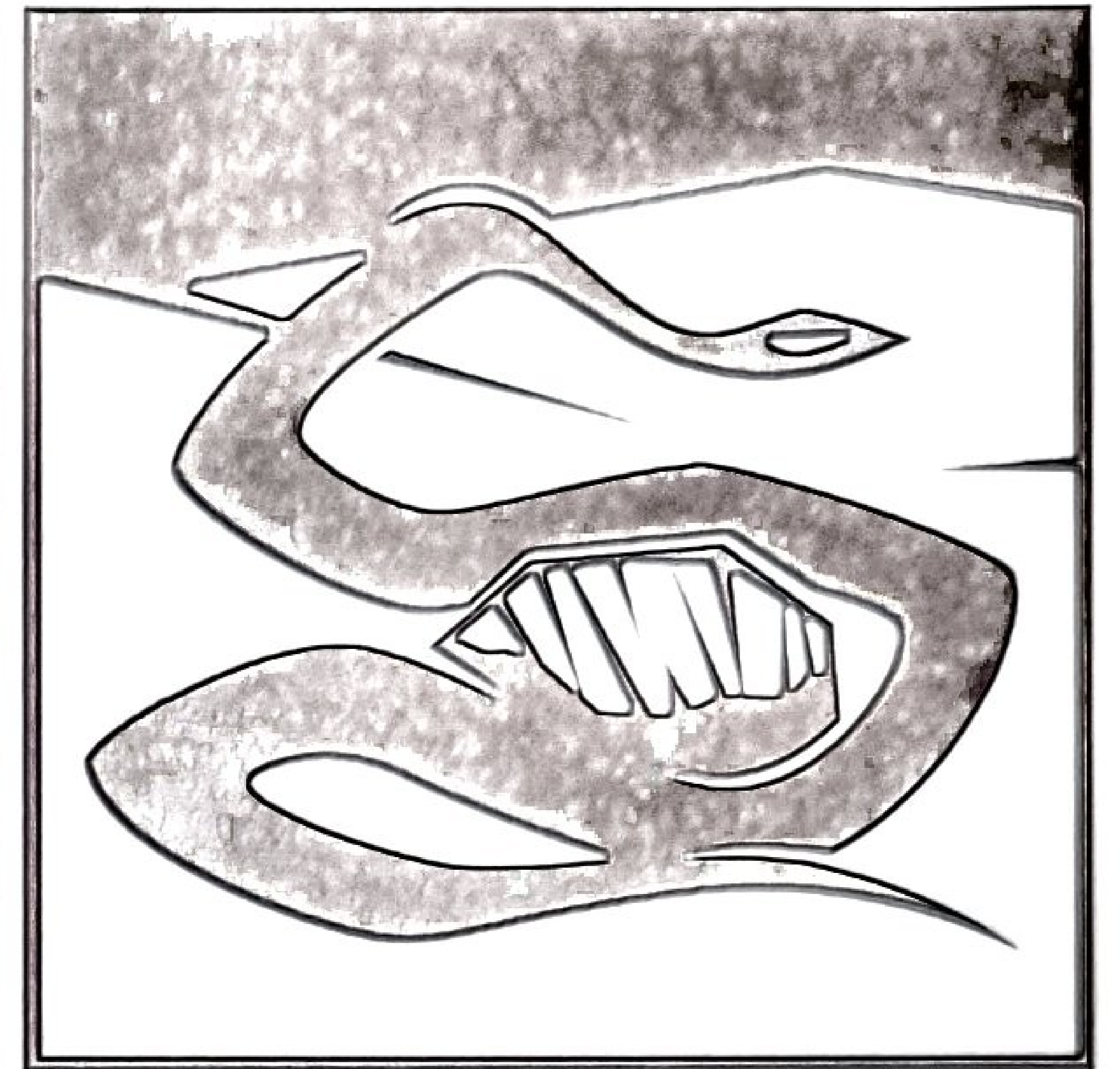
But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

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.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.