March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent

Liturgical Schedule

Weekdays
Monday-Friday
7am and 9am
Saturday
8am

Weekends
Saturday Vigils
5pm English
7pm Spanish

Sunday
7am English
8:45am English
10:45am English
12:30pm Spanish
6pm English
(youth mass)

Reconciliation
Saturday 8:30am

St. Anthony
of Padua
Catholic Church

Church and Parish Office
505 East North St., Manteca Ca 95336
(209) 823-7197
Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30am-5pm
Friday: 8:30am-4pm
website: www.st-anthonys.org

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323 North Fremont Ave.
Manteca, Ca 95336
(209) 823-4513
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MISSION STATEMENT
We covenant to give ourselves to Christ as He gives Himself to us in the Eucharist, so every person might be a full, active, & conscious participant in His Church, empowered to share & live the Gospel.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.”
- Mt 4:8-9

Bishop’s Ministry Appeal
FAITH: Proclaiming, Sharing, Living!

As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a portion to the Bishop’s Ministry Appeal as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. The BMA helps to fund the programs and services of the Diocese. Our parish benefits from these programs in many ways. If you have yet to make your pledge to our parish’s annual support of the ministries, please consider doing so today. Pledge envelopes can be found in the pews and BMA bulletins can be found in the vestibule. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Checks should be made payable to the BISHOP’S MINISTRY APPEAL TRUST.
### Mass Intention

**Monday, March 2**
- **7:00 am – Fr. Chad**  
  (Special Intention) Mother Romero  
  (Maria Weibel Boeckle)
- **9:00 am – Fr. Gilbert**  
  † Augusto Fagundes (Dacia Fagundes)  
  † Rose Oben (Mary Rose Rapa)

**Tuesday, March 3**
- **7:00 am – Fr. Gilbert**  
  † Mark R. Klebba
- **9:00 am – Fr. Chris**  
  † Benjamin Villanueva (Zoyla Torres)

**Wednesday, March 4**
- **7:00 am – Fr. Gilbert**  
  † George Bettencourt
- **9:00 am – Fr. Chris**  
  † Elvira Kalin (Kalin Family)

**Thursday, March 5**
- **7:00 am – Fr. Chris**  
  † Deolinda Dias
- **9:00 am – Fr. Chad**  
  † Adelaida Macinas (Tessie Cabaluna)

**Friday, March 6**
- **7:00 am – Fr. Chris**  
  † Butch Root
- **9:00 am – Fr. Gilbert**  
  † Alfred Rapa  
  (Carmen Buttigieg, Charlene & Geraldo Villanueva)  
  † Hubert M. Bautista (Lourdes B. Inventado)  
  (Special Intention) Peggy Doherty  
  (Jose & Cathy Martinez)

**Saturday, March 7**
- **8:00 am – Fr. Chad**  
  † Concepcion Barajas (Rose Mary A. Payan)  
  † Miranda Perez (Patricia Perez)  
  † Ponciano Sia (Frances Sia)
- **5:00 pm – Fr. Chris**  
  † Dionicio Cruz (Angie Espinoza)  
  † Josephine Collins & Joan Boaler (Elsie Holland)  
  † Nelia Corder (Ana & Jim Culbertson)
- **7:00 pm – Fr. Gilbert**  
  † Timoteo Nunez & Nicolasa Madera (Virginia Nunez)

**Sunday, March 8**
- **7:00 am – Fr. Chris**  
  † Diane Louise Barger (Herb & Marian Rawlins)  
  † Sergio & Victoria. Resuello (Shirley P Resuello)
- **8:45 am – Fr. Chad**  
  † Majesh Mathew (Mathew Abraham)  
  † Marla Orozco (Norma & Steve Orozco)  
  † Rose Oben (Cahy Talongwa)

### Observances for the Week
- **Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent
- **Tuesday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- **Wednesday:** St. Casimir
- **Saturday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- **Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time Begins

### Readings for the Week

**Sunday:**  
- Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

**Monday:**  
- Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Jn 6:63b/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:**  
- Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:**  
- Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:**  
- Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:**  
- Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:**  
- Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:**  
- Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

### Mass Intention Continue

**10:45 am – Fr. Chad**  
**For the People of the Parish**

**12:30 pm – Fr. Gilbert**  
† Benjamin Villanueva (Zoyla Torres)  
† Guadalupe Gutierrez Ortiz & Pedro Estrada Hernandez (Elsie Flores Ortiz)

**6:00 pm – Fr. Chris**  
† Mateus Toste (Julieta Toste)

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### Sunday’s Readings -

**First Reading:**
The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. (Gn 3:1-6a)

**Psalm:**
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

**Second Reading:**
For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

**Gospel:**
At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. (Mt 4:1)


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**Thank You**

**February 23, 2020**
Total: $23,059
Compared to last year: $22,371

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Lifting up to God for healing those in need of our prayers.

Barbara Pinto-Choate
Janet DeLisle
David Scroggins
Alberta Early
Christopher Rowen
Eileen Bournaziah
Kathy Johnson
Jess Duran
Lisa Martinez
Lupe Razo
Dora Garcia
Mary Donges
Robert Zeno
Robert Orantes
Gabriela Silva
Joe Rowen
Richard F. Limas
Danny Andrade
Theresa Pacheco
Dolores Hickey
Salvador Torres
Elizabeth Cantu
Jorge Martinez
James Hills
Martha Jackson
Clara Jackson
Pat Guvman
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Carmelita Galvan Gonzalez
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Irene Goliher
Duane Goliher
Eileen Brooke
Sam Parnham
Gabby Nuño
Brian Donnelly
Sarah Davis
Mariana Campos
Jared Costa
Maria Smith
Jorge Guevara
Evelyn
Patricia Manzanares
David Maciejewski
Gavin Luke
Garret Luke
Josephine Ochoa
Susie Martinez
Richard Hobbs
Michelle Rossow
Steve Ojeda & Family
Janet Cameron
Donnavelle Madayag
Evan Ballard
Yvonne Phillips
Dixie Carillo
Michael Rios
Reynaldo Carillo
Charlie Hall
Gaila Maksimenaoba
Cydie Muluain
Mary Edith Scott
Karen Lee Alejandre
Paulete Perreria
Mary Campbell
Delia Aveles
Carl Joaquin
Debra Jones Nava
Alisha Mello
Julie Ferreira
Sammy Galvan
Galvan Family
Jackie Lewis
Roxanna Douthit
Tammy Rogers
Judy Simmons
Jorge Dias
Patricia Meyers
Audrey
Griselda Hernandez
Rosa Gonzalez
Velasquez Family
Jessie Villalovos
Anaya Family
Brody Kasinger
David Mondavi
Gilbert Diaz
Sharon Ryder
Rosalina Gurrola
Frank Castro

If you are ill or in the hospital, please call 823-7197 to let us know, we can arrange a visit from a Priest, or Deacon Jeff

If you are a woman who has lost your spouse and would like to connect spiritually and socially with other fellow widows please contact Deacon Jeff at (209) 823-7197 ext. 227

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday night at 7:00 pm during Lent

March 25, at 7:00 pm in the Church
The St. Anthony's Catholic School Auction dinner is on Saturday, March 28th at 6:00pm in the gym. Enjoy silent and live auctions and a wonderful catered dinner. Tickets are $50 and are now available in the school office. This is THE largest fundraiser of the school year. We can't wait to see you there!

St. Anthony's Catholic School is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications for scholarships are also open until March 15. You may call to set up a tour, shadow for a day or for more information. We can be reached at 209-823-4513 or our webpage at www.sasmanteca.org

St. Anthony's Preschool is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year for children ages 3 and 4. We have both full day and half day classes. Come by for a visit and see how we can help establish both an educational and Catholic foundation for your children. We can be reached at 209-823-3959 or our webpage at www.sasmanteca.org

"Are you new to the parish? To request a registration form, please complete and drop in the offertory basket. Have you moved? Had an information change? Let us know by completing and returning. We respect your privacy! This information is for St. Anthony’s Parish use only.

Name: ___________________________ Phone # ___________________________
Address: _________________________ City: ____________ Zip: _____________

Send Me A Registration Form ☐  Change of Address ☐  Moving out of Parish ☐  Update Family ☐
**PERPETUAL ADORATION**

St. Anthony's adoration chapel is open daily, Monday through Friday 9:30am-5pm. After hours adoration is available to committed adorers.

A Group Leader for the Hours 12pm to 5pm is needed

“Could you not watch one hour with me?”
-MT. 26:40

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**VOCATION KIT**

Families are invited to sign up for a Vocation Prayer Kit. Each family would take the kit home for one week. The Vocation Prayer Kit includes everything a family will need to pray the rosary together for vocations. To sign your family up and for more information, please call Diane in the parish office (209) 823-7197 ext 228.

We are happy to announce that the Silent Auction will be one of the many fun events for the 2020 Harvest Festival. Debbie Mahaffey and Barbara Becker have volunteered to chair the Silent Auction. Debbie and Barbara are accepting donations of new items and gift cards to create gift baskets for the Silent Auction. Please contact Debbie at 209 484-6999 or Barbara at 209 647-2939 for further information.

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**Ministries and Activities**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT SHRIMP**

Italian Catholic Federation is having its annual All You Can Eat Shrimp Dinner on Saturday, April 18th at 6:00pm in the gym. Please join for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship and help raise money to support a scholarship program and local charities. The menu includes: pasta, salad, bread and butter, antipasto and coffee. There will be a dessert auction, raffle, and silent auction. Tickets are $35 for adults and $17.50 for children 12 and under. For tickets or for more information, please contact: Colleen at (209) 531-3927 or Ed at (209) 823-6560

**Lenten Soup Suppers**

Come enjoy a delicious homemade soup, each Monday of Lent at 4:30pm in the cafeteria. The next soup supper is Monday, March 2nd, hosted by Knights of Columbus. Bring your own bread and drinks. Free will offering accepted.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Fish Fry**

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Fish Fry Dinners on Friday, March 20 and April 3 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm in the School Cafeteria. Cost is $15.00 for Adults, $7.00 for Children 11 and under.

The menu includes fried and baked fish, green beans, potatoes, coleslaw, bread and ice cream and a drink.

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St. Vincent de Paul is in need of new members who have time to volunteer to help those in need in our food and clothing pantry or helping with our food gathering activities. It is a commitment of 2 ½-3 hours per week. If you are looking for a way to help those in need we would love to have you join us. Please call our President, Trino Victoria at 209-629-6575.

PS We are in need of little boys pants too. Thank you!
St. Anthony’s Weekly Events

Monday, March 2
10:00 am  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
4:30 pm  Soup Supper, Cafeteria
6:30 pm  Adult Formation, Church, Mary’s Rm., Room 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8
6:30 pm  Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall
7:00 pm  Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria
7:00 pm  Santo Nino, Cry Room

Tuesday, March 3
10:00 am  Bible Study, Conference Room
4:30 pm  Faith Formation, Rec. Hall, Mary’s Rm., Room 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8
6:00 pm  Hora Santa, Church
7:00 pm  Bible Study, Conference Room

Wednesday, March 4
10:00 am  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
4:30 pm  Faith Formation, Rec. Hall, Mary’s Rm., Room 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8
7:30 pm  Music Ministry, Church

Thursday, March 5
10:00 am  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
10:00 am  Bible Study, Conference Room
5:00 pm  Y.L.I., Cafeteria
6:00 pm  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
6:00 pm  Faith Formation Parent Meeting, Church
7:00 pm  Grupo Alabare, Room 7
7:00 pm  Bible Study, Mary’s Room & Conf. Room
7:00 pm  School of Ministry, Rec. Hall

Friday, March 6
6:30 pm  Faith Formation, Gym
6:30 pm  Coro Angeles de Dios, Room 4
6:30 pm  Cursillo, Classroom 8
6:30 pm  Youth Ministry, Room 7
7:00 pm  Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 7
10:00 am  Faith Formation, Gym, Classrooms, Cafeteria, Rec. Hall, Mary’s Rm.

Sunday, March 8
10:00 am  Faith Formation, Gym, Classrooms, Cafeteria, Rec. Hall, Mary’s Rm.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
St. Anthony’s Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be on Wed., March 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Michelle Harmon. Please call Michelle at 824-8756 for further information. New members are always welcome.

If someone would like to request a shawl (for ladies) or lap robe (for men), please send an e-mail to prayer.shawls@yahoo.com. Shawls and lap robes are not just for those who are ill; they are also given out to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary. A message of love and caring comes with each shawl or lap robe and the giving of the shawl or lap robe enriches the giver as well as the recipient.

DIOCESAN News

PREVENTION, PROTECTION, ACCOUNTABILITY
OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION
(formerly known as Office of Religious Education)

The safety of all our children is of the upmost importance therefore, the office of Evangelization & Faith Formation has taken many measures to prepare catechetical ministers to assure the protection of our children. Alongside the diocesan procedures for priests and deacons, any person (director, coordinator, catechist, parents, relatives, etc.) who works or volunteers in a parish faith formation or religious education program, must complete the following prior to the start of their employment or ministerial vocation:

- Have fingerprinting and background check completed via an approved Live Scan location. Clearance is sent to the diocesan Safe Environment office; the diocese sends clearance to the parish
- Complete and turn in a certificate for the online training course VIRTUS – Protecting God’s Children – available in both English and Spanish. **NOTE: This course must be renewed every three years
- Read and sign the diocesan Code of Conduct – this document is offered in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Portuguese

Once clearance is received from the diocesan Safe Environment office and sent to the parish, the faith formation employee or volunteer may begin work or ministerial position.

Directors and Coordinators of parish faith formation programs train their catechists in the Circle of Grace program. The program includes age appropriate lessons that teach children to recognize the difference between safe and unsafe boundaries of a sexual, physical and emotional nature; hence, the Circle of Grace. Formation programs are required to give at least one lesson as part of their curriculum each year. The date of the lesson is given to the parish Safe Environment coordinator. Parents are informed of the date and allowed to view the materials at any time.

A formational course is offered to catechists leading toward certification. As part of the course, catechists are given all diocesan procedures including, the steps for reporting suspicion of child abuse or neglect, their responsibility as ministers of their parish and how to find forms and more resources on the diocesan website.

For questions or concerns, please contact Graciela Garza-Ayala, director for the Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation at ggayala@stocktondiocese.org or 209-466-0636.

For more information please visit: DIOCESE OF STOCKTON WEBSITE SAFE ENVIRONMENT LINK:
https://stocktondiocese.org/prevention-protection-accountability
Infant Baptism:
Minimum of three months notice & pre-baptismal instruction required.
Dave Corder, ext.230

First Holy Communion
For school age children (2nd grade or higher) this is a two year preparation.
Faith Formation: 239-4302

Confirmation
For students 7th grade or above who desire to become a fully initiated Catholic: this is a two year preparation.
Faith Formation: 239-4302

Matrimony:
Following an appointment a minimum of six months preparation is required.
Dave Corder, ext.230

Christian Initiation
This process provides Adults and children over the age of 7 the opportunity to explore their calling to Baptism, Confirmation and Communion to become a fully initiated Catholic Christian.
Dave Corder, ext.230

For any other question you can contact the parish office at (209) 823-7197 or email: receptionist@st-anthonys.org

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SUPPORT ST. ANTHONY’S WEEKLY BULLETIN
Bud Bien of Liturgical Publications will be working on setting up the advertising for our weekly bulletin the week of March 23rd. Please consider advertising in the bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what will make our bulletin possible and at no cost to the parish. The ads are also tax deductible.
Advertisements can be purchased for a business, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting the parish with a Last Will and Testament or community service organizations. We need and appreciate your help! If you are interested or want more information, you can call Bud on his cell at (952) 240-1747 or call him at the parish office at (209) 823-7197 the week of March 23rd. We also ask that you patronize the people who do take ads and help support their businesses.

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AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support our parish. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of your eligible purchases.

Step 1: Go to smile.amazon.com and search for “St. Anthony Church of Manteca” or start shopping with our unique link at https://smile.amazon.com/ch/33-1035258

Step 2: If you already have an Amazon account, simply go to https://smile.amazon.com/ch/33-1035258. If you do not have an existing Amazon account follow the steps to set one up.

Step 3: Notice that you are now on AmazonSmile and supporting St. Anthony Church of Manteca.

AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. Don’t forget to tell your family and friends too! Thank you for your support!
**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Domingo:** Gn 2, 7-9; 3, 1-7/Sal 51, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 17 [cfr. 3]/Rom 5, 12-19 o 5, 12. 17-19/Mt 4, 1-11

**Lunes:** Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18/Sal 19, 8. 9. 10. 15 [Jn 6, 63]/Mt 25, 31-46

**Martes:** Is 55, 10-11/Sal 34, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19 [18]/Mt 6, 7-15

**Miércoles:** Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 51, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19 [19]/Lc 11, 29-32

**Jueves:** Est 4, 17n. p-r. aa-bb. gg-hh/Sal 138, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8 [3]/Mt 7, 7-12

**Viernes:** Ez 18, 21-28/Sal 130, 1-2. 3-4. 5-7. 7-8 [3]/Mt 5, 20-26

**Sábado:** Dt 26, 16-19/Sal 119, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8 [1]/Mt 5, 43-48

**Domingo siguiente:** Gn 12, 1-4/Sal 33; 4-5. 18-19. 20. 22 [22]/2 Tim 1, 8-10/Mt 17, 1-9

**CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA**

**Domingo:** 1° Domingo de Cuaresma

**Lunes:**

**Martes:** Santa Catalina María Drexel, virgen

**Miércoles:** San Casimiro

**Jueves:**

**Viernes:**

**Sábado:** Santa Perpetua y Santa Felicitas, mártires

**Domingo siguiente:** 2° Domingo de Cuaresma; Inicio del horario de verano

**ANUNCIOS DE MINISTERIOS**

**DIVINO NIÑO**

El Divino Niño está visitando los hogares. Si quieres que visite tu hogar por favor de llamar a Josefina Zambrano para el Divino Niño del Domingo (209) 303-9729 o Consuelo Flores para Divino Niño del Sábado (510) 919-2586.

**MEDITACION EVANGELICO**

Hoy es el Primer Domingo de Cuaresma. Cuaresma significa cuarenta días y es el tiempo donde se prepara la fiesta más importante del año, “La Pascua”. La Cuaresma nos recuerda el período de preparación para un verdadero encuentro con Dios. La Cuaresma nos invita al arrepentimiento y a la conversión. Es un tiempo sagrado para orar, dar limosna y ayunar. La Cuaresma dio inicio el 26 de febrero y termina hasta el Jueves Santo, antes de la Misa de la Cena del Señor. La Oración colectiva nos ayuda a ver con claridad el propósito de la Cuaresma: “Concédenos, Dios todopoderoso, que, por las prácticas anuales del sacramento cuaresmal, progremos en el conocimiento del misterio de Cristo y traduzcamos su efecto en una conducta irreprochable.”

Santos y perfectos, nos recomendaba el Señor Jesús el domingo pasado. ¿Lo recuerdan? Pues, ahora es el tiempo de practicar constantemente el vencer a las tentaciones que se presentan en el vivir cotidiano. La tentación es una gran oportunidad para vencer el mal y persistir siempre en hacer el bien. El desierto es el lugar preferido de Jesús para fortalecerse en el Espíritu del Padre. ¿A qué desierto entramos? ¿Qué descubriremos en él? ¿A quién encontraremos? Ahora es la oportunidad de retirar el mal que hay en nuestra vida con las mismas palabras con que Jesús al final de este Evangelio rechaza al demonio, “Aléjate, Satanás, porque dice la escritura: Adorarás al Señor tu Dios, y a Él sólo servirás.” (Mateo 4:10). Con Jesús, vayamos al desierto y preparémonos para las pruebas. ¡Señor que tu misericordia nos acompañe en esta Cuaresma que comienza!

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**VIA CRUCIS**

Cada viernes de Cuaresma habrá Vía Crucis en la Iglesia en Inglés a las 7:00 p.m. y cada martes de Cuaresma habrá Vía Crucis en la Iglesia en español a las 6:00 p.m.

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Santos y perfectos, nos recomendaba el Señor Jesús el domingo pasado. ¿Lo recuerdan? Pues, ahora es el tiempo de practicar constantemente el vencer a las tentaciones que se presentan en el vivir cotidiano. La tentación es una gran oportunidad para vencer el mal y persistir siempre en hacer el bien. El desierto es el lugar preferido de Jesús para fortalecerse en el Espíritu del Padre. ¿A qué desierto entramos? ¿Qué descubriremos en él? ¿A quién encontraremos? Ahora es la oportunidad de retirar el mal que hay en nuestra vida con las mismas palabras con que Jesús al final de este Evangelio rechaza al demonio, “Aléjate, Satanás, porque dice la escritura: Adorarás al Señor tu Dios, y a Él sólo servirás.” (Mateo 4:10). Con Jesús, vayamos al desierto y preparémonos para las pruebas. ¡Señor que tu misericordia nos acompañe en esta Cuaresma que comienza!

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