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March 1, 2020 First Sunday of Lent

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

*Instructions:* While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the questions. Turn in with a bulletin from the mass.

## **Gospel Reflection**

At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus was tempted by the devil in several ways. The first was the simplest: he was hungry, and was tempted with food. Obviously, bread is not evil in and of itself. Satan tempted Jesus not just to fulfill his hunger, but also to abandon faith in God in God's care for him, God's sustenance, and God's love. In the face of this temptation, Jesus made a statement of faith instead – that God was all the nourishment he needed. Jesus' rejection of Satan's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Establishing himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

# **Gospel Questions:**

1. Consider what keeps you from trusting in God to sustain you. Is it pride, love of esteem, or valuing possessions too much?

2. What commitment can you make for Lent to show faith in God? What do you need to fast from? Explain.

3. How can you grow closer to God through prayer? How can you grow closer to God in these forty days?

March 8, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

*Instructions:* While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the questions. Turn in with a bulletin from the mass.

## **Gospel Reflection:**

It is good that we are here. We wish that some moments in life would last forever: a fun vacation or a great day with friends or even just a cozy night at home. Peter proposed putting up tents and staying on the mountain forever. But the moment could not last, as Jesus and his disciples came down from the mountain and traveled on to Jerusalem, to betrayal, suffering and death. But the sheer joy of the Transfiguration gave them (and us!) a ray of hope, the strength to persevere in the face of human sorrow and suffering.

# **Gospel Questions:**

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2. What did the Transfiguration reveal about Jesus? How did it change the disciples who were there?

3. When have you experienced a powerful moment with God? Relate your experience.

March 15, 2020 Third Sunday of Lent

Gospel: John 4:5-42

*Instructions:* While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the following questions and turn in your answers with a bulletin from the mass.

## **Gospel Reflection**

Faith is a gift from God. Faith is our response to God reaching out to us. In other words, God acts first. The Catholic term for God's action is grace. God invites us to be in relationship with the divine. We, in turn, are given the freedom to respond, accepting or rejecting this offer. God prepares the ground for this relationship in love. Every person has an innermost longing for God. Only by responding to God's gift of faith can we quench our inner thirst.

# **Gospel Questions**

1. How is the image of water used in today's readings? What does it mean to thirst for the living water of God's love?

2. How is faith a gift from God?

3. How does Jesus invite you to come to faith in him?

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March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Gospel: John 9:1-41

*Instructions:* While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the following questions and turn in your answers with a bulletin from the mass.

## **Gospel Reflection**

God created people free to choose to live in friendship with God or turn away from God's love. From the start of human history, humanity abused its freedom by choosing darkness over light. The term "original sin" is used to describe Adam and Eve's fall from original holiness. When people choose darkness over the light, the entire community is affected. Social sin is the evil that exists in the world as a result of people choosing to turn away from God. Jesus is the light of the world. Through Jesus, humanity is freed from sin and offered salvation. Through the love and generosity of our creator we are offered healing and new life in Baptism. Although darkness and sin exist in the world, the Spirit of God helps us to choose light over the darkness.

## **Gospel Questions**

1. What is social sin?

2. How is Jesus the "light of the world" for you?

3. What helps you choose light over the darkness?

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March 29, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Gospel: John 11:1-45** 

*Instructions:* While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the following questions and turn in your answers with a bulletin from the mass.

## **Gospel Reflection**

In today's gospel Jesus performs his greatest miracle. It is clear that Jesus loves Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, and he is saddened by the loss of his friend Lazarus. However, Jesus knows that his friend will rise again so that the Son of God may be glorified. In raising Lazarus from death to life, Jesus proves what he says in verses 25-26: "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life; and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die." Today's gospel focuses on the journey from death into life, and it sheds light on the saving events of Christ's dying and rising, his Paschal Mystery.

# **Gospel Questions**

2.	What do the readings teach about life everlasting?

1. How do today's readings offer hope?

3. What helps you find hope after suffering or loss?