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**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

In today's Gospel the devil tempts Jesus in three ways. What is striking about all three is that Jesus will do all these things. Jesus will perform a miracle with the multiplication of the loaves of bread to feed a hungry crowd. He will be given dominion and authority over the earth. Finally, He will lay down his life in Jerusalem and His Father in heaven will save Him by raising Him from the dead. But God's will is not that Jesus do these things on Satan's time table or in the way the devil suggests. The temptations are really temptations for Jesus not to trust that God will take care of him. In the face of the temptations Jesus maintains His trust in His Father. May the fruit of this Lent in each of us be our coming to know, love and trust evermore our Father in Heaven.

**CARDINAL O'MALLEY LENTEN LETTER** – Cardinal Sean has released a Lenten Letter which offers his reflection on the recently completed Rome summit on the protection of children and minors. A copy of this Letter, in English and in Spanish, is available at the entrance to the Church. Please take one with you.

**2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL** – The Catholic Appeal thanks you for your generous support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, the Archdiocese can continue to advance programs for evangelization and pastoral outreach in our parish communities and schools, and in the lives of those who turn to us for assistance. For those of you still interested in making a pledge to this life-changing work, please find a donation form in the back of the Church or visit the Catholic Appeal website at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org). You can the Appeal's 5-minute video at their website, or at the Parish website. Thank you!

**ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday** - 4:00 PM,

**Sunday** - 10:00 AM (Spanish) 12:00 (English)

**Monday thru Friday** - 12:05PM

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday, March 9, 4:00 PM** – For the University Parish of St. Christopher

**Monday, March 10, 12:05 PM** – For the deceased members and benefactors of the Parish

**Friday, March 15, 12:05 PM** – For the repose of Edward McDonald, requested by Brian McDonald

**CONFESSIONS** – Saturday 3:15-3:45, ordinarily after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, and by request.

**LENTEN OBSERVANCES** – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

**CADA JUEVES: ROSARIO & GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO (ESPAÑOL):** El Rosario a las 6:00 PM y el Grupo de Oración de 7:00 - 8:30 PM - Oraciones al Espíritu Santo, Perdón, Sanacion peticiones y cantos de alabanzas. Si desea hacer el Rosario en su casa, comuníquese con Jose Villalta (617) 749-6144. Para obtener información sobre el grupo de oración carismático, llame a Mercedes Vasquez al 857-237-2991 o Regla Soto al 617-319-2719.

**WORD AMONG US** – At the entrance of the Church are free issues (English & Español) of the Lenten Word Among Us a monthly publication that includes Mass readings, articles, daily reflections etc., They have been donated in support of St. Christopher as a University Parish. Feel free to take one!

**RECEPTION OF COMMUNION** – Please be aware that if one receives communion on the hand the communicant, after receiving the consecrated host, should **immediately consume the host in the presence of the minister**. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

**ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION** – Catholic Charities works to serve the marginalized and vulnerable in our community; to provide a hand when our clients are doing their best for their families. Your participation in this past Ash Wednesday's collection helps Catholic Charities continue to provide those services to our brothers and sisters in need throughout eastern Massachusetts. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your prayers and generosity. We look forward to sharing the success of our collection with you in the coming months. To learn more about our work, please visit [www.ccab.org](http://www.ccab.org).

**BIENVENIDO P. PETER:** Le extendemos una cálida acogida al P. Peter de los franciscanos de la observancia primitiva. El Padre Peter y sus compañeros franciscanos son una comunidad de sacerdotes y hermanos que se esfuerzan por vivir la regla de San Francisco. Están ubicados aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Boston. Su casa principal se encuentra en la parroquia de St. Patricio en Roxbury. ¡Gracias Padre Peter!

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** – Jesus said: “Let the little children come to me.” The next scheduled date for the Baptism of children is **Saturday, March 23**. If you are interested in having a child baptized please contact Regla Soto, at 617-319-2719 to make the necessary arrangements.

**PROJECT RACHEL** - “My spirit was broken and as far as I knew beyond repair. I was consumed with feelings of remorse. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself.” – A Project Rachel Retreat Attendee. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Winter/spring dates are **March 23** and **April 27**. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

**INCLEMENT WEATHER & SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION** – In the event of inclement weather, each person should use their best sound judgment in deciding whether they personally can safely make it to Mass. If one's health or safety would be at risk in traveling to Mass, their obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended. If anyone has any questions about this, please feel free to contact Fr. Paul.

**HOLY LAND TRIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS MAY 16-30, 2019** - Fr. Michael Nolan is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for young adults; ages of 18-26. Sites include Bethany, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Mt. Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor and Jerusalem. This trip, designed for young adults, includes trekking, hiking, swimming and service work. Trip cost of \$2990 includes roundtrip airfare, guides, meals, lodging, taxes and entrance fees. **SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE**. For more information and registration, please contact [stmarywaltham@gmail.com](mailto:stmarywaltham@gmail.com) Att: Fr. Michael Nolan.

**PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION** – There are four parish email addresses. To contact Fr. Paul, please use [pastor@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:pastor@stchristopherchurch.org). For Parish Office items please use [office@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:office@stchristopherchurch.org). For Megan Haile, the administrative assistant, please use [admin@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:admin@stchristopherchurch.org). For UMass Boston Catholic Campus Ministry please use: [campusministry@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:campusministry@stchristopherchurch.org).

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Thank you to those who use offertory envelopes and/or who give a weekly sacrificial offering. If for some reason you do not receive the envelopes or if you are new to the parish, please let us know. If you have moved, please provide us with your new address. If you are not here on a weekend, please return your donation by mail or on the following weekend. Your weekly offertory is critical to the parish.

**OFFERTORY:** \$870.93