THE BULLETIN OF ST. PADRE PIO PARISH

FOR GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

"PRAY, HOPE, AND DON'T WORRY!"

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / CELEBRACIONES LITÚRGICAS

Monday / Lunes
8:30 AM Mass in English followed by Rosary

Tuesday / Martes
8:30 AM Mass in English followed by Rosary

Wednesday / Miércoles
8:30 AM Mass in English followed by Rosary
6:30 PM Rosary, Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena in English

Thursday / Jueves
8:30 AM Mass in English followed by Rosary

Friday / Viernes
8:30 AM Mass in English followed by Rosary
7:00 PM Confessions, Mass & Benediction in English (First Friday only)

Saturday / Sábado
8:30 AM Mass in English followed by Rosary
5:00 PM Vigil Mass in English
7:00 PM Vigil Mass in Spanish

Sunday / Domingo
8:00 AM Mass in English
9:30 AM Mass in English
11:00 AM Mass in Spanish
5:00 PM Mass in Tagalog

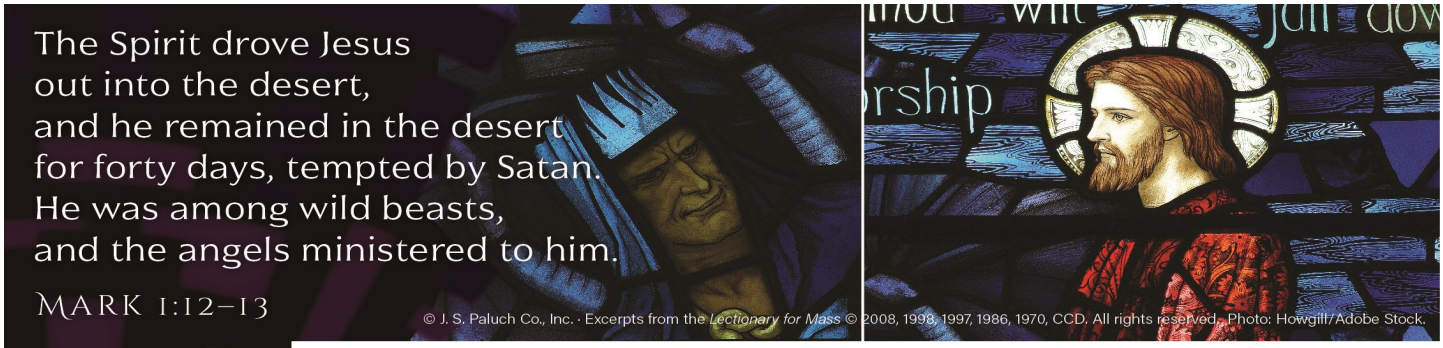
BAPTISMS Instructions for parents and godparents are required. Arrangements must be made in advance. Please call the Parish Office, 9 am - 8 pm, Monday - Friday to schedule a time for the Preparation Class and for the Baptism.

BAUTIZOS Registraciones, e Instrucciones para papas y padrinos es requerida. Arreglos debe de hacerse por adelantado. Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial para hacer una cita; de 9am a 8pm de Lunes a Viernes. Si necesita ayuda en Español, favor de ver horario de oficina parroquial.

Arrangements for **MARRIAGES** must be made at least four months in advance. Please call the Parish Office, 9 AM – 8 PM, Monday – Friday for more information.

BODAS – Arreglos para **MATRIMONIOS** debe de hacerse por lo menos cuatro meses por adelantado. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para hacer una cita con un sacerdote., entre 9 AM – 8:00 PM, De Lunes a Viernes. Si necesita ayuda en Español ver horario de Oficina parroquial.

First Sunday of Lent - February 21, 2021



FIRST LENT
SUNDAY OF
FEBRUARY 21, 2021

BAPTISM

Today's readings suggest two different meanings and experiences of baptism. The second reading (from 1 Peter) makes an analogy between Noah's ark and Christian baptism: just as Noah and his family were saved from death by going through the waters of the flood in the ark, Christians are saved from sin and death by going through the waters of baptism. The first reading, from Genesis, portrays the world after the flood: washed clean of its prior wickedness, embraced by God's promises that the world will never again be destroyed by water. The psalmist expresses a desire to follow the ways of God, as if re-establishing the harmony between God and humanity destroyed by sin. This peaceful scene is very different from the drama and urgency in Mark's description of Jesus after his baptism. Jesus battles demons, receives sustenance from angels, and begins preaching: "Repent. The kingdom of God is at hand."

GOOD MORNING! WELCOME TO LENT!

You probably did not get that greeting from your priest today, and you probably did not expect it. Isn't Lent a time of reflection and repentance? Somber purple, no "Alleluias"? Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; attending to one's relationship with God?

True enough; however, there are Lenten practices that have a festive air woven into these penitential elements. One example is in the Church's retrieval of ancient Lenten practices that made up the final preparation of persons elected to receive the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist. Jesus' urgent preaching in today's passage from Mark comes soon after his own baptism and reminds us that these sacraments still signal a dramatic change in a person's life: they have responded to Jesus' preaching of the kingdom and are now publicly professing themselves to be disciples of the Lord and fully initiated members of his visible church. The prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent were part of that preparation. Repentance was then, and remains today, important also for those already fully initiated; the work of repentance, of prayerfully examining our lives and making changes in anticipation of God's reign, is an ongoing aspect of our life in Christ.

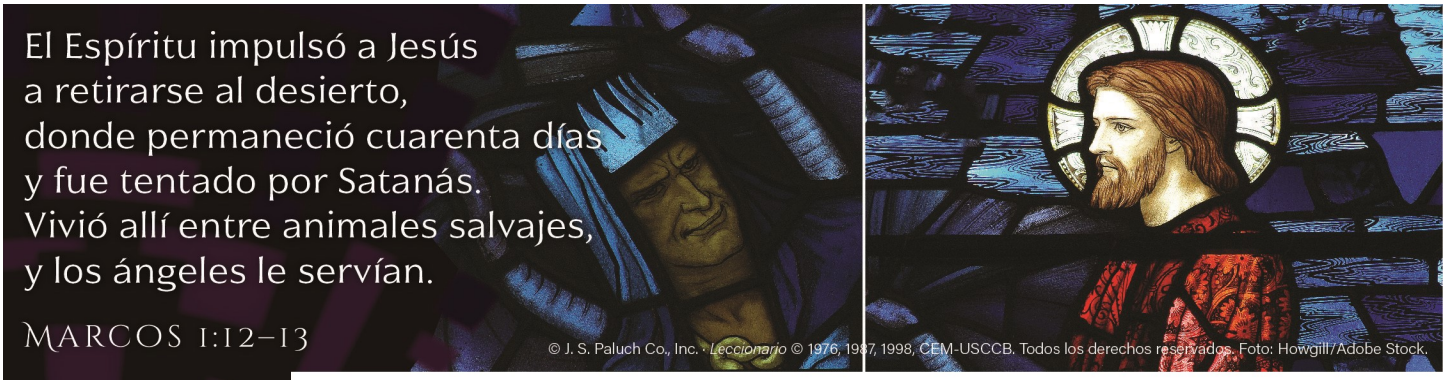
A SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION

Other changes with baptism are more subtle and personal. When Noah and his family emerged from the ark, they saw that the floodwaters had receded after cleansing the world of human sinfulness. Everything was clean and fresh—a new creation, with a rainbow to guarantee God's promise to never again destroy the world with water. So, too, will the newly baptized emerge from the font and be anointed with chrism. Like the earth after the great flood, they are a new creation. Washed clean of sin and anointed with chrism, they are renewed in the embrace of the God of covenant love.

This is why Lent is always a festive anticipation of Easter and always about baptism, just as it is always about the repentance that draws us more deeply into God's kingdom.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 9:8–15
Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9
1 Peter 3:18–22
Mark 1:12–15



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PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

21 DE FEBRERO DE 2021

BAUTISMO

Las lecturas de hoy sugieren dos significados y experiencias diferentes del bautismo. La segunda lectura (de 1 Pedro) hace una analogía entre el arca de Noé y el bautismo cristiano: así como Noé y su familia fueron salvados de la muerte al pasar por las aguas del diluvio en el arca, los cristianos son salvos del pecado y la muerte al pasar por las aguas del bautismo. La primera lectura, del Génesis, retrata al mundo después del diluvio: limpiado de su iniquidad anterior, abrazado por las promesas de Dios de que el mundo nunca más será destruido por el agua. El salmista expresa el deseo de seguir los caminos de Dios, como si se restablecera la armonía entre Dios y la humanidad destruida por el pecado. Esta escena pacífica es muy diferente del drama y la urgencia en la descripción de Marcos de Jesús después de su bautismo. Jesús lucha contra demonios, recibe sustento de ángeles y comienza a predicar: "Arrepentíos. El reino de Dios está cerca."

¡BUENOS DÍAS! ¡BIENVENIDOS A LA CUARESMA!

Es muy probable que hoy tu sacerdote no te ofrezca este saludo, y tú no esperas recibirlo. ¿No es la Cuaresma un tiempo de arrepentimiento y reflexión? ¿Alrededor el color que decora es morado o púrpura y no hay "aleluyas"? ¿La oración, el ayuno y las obras de caridad, acompañan nuestra relación con Dios?

Sin embargo, es cierto que hay practicas cuaresmales que tienen un festivo entretejido con estos elementos penitenciales. Un ejemplo es el restablecimiento de antiguas practicas cuaresmales que integran la preparación final de las personas elegidas para recibir los sacramentos de Iniciación en la Pascua, el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. La insistente predicación de Jesús en el Evangelio de Marcos llega poco después de su propio bautismo y nos recuerda que estos sacramentos siguen señalando un cambio radical en la vida de una persona: ellas han respondido a la predicación de Jesús acerca del reino y ahora están públicamente profesando ellos mismos ser discípulos del Señor y miembros iniciados plenamente de su Iglesia visible. La oración, el ayuno y las obras de caridad durante la Cuaresma fueron parte de esta preparación. El arrepentimiento era entonces, y nos recuerda hoy, también importante para aquellas personas plenamente iniciadas; la labor del arrepentimiento, de examinar nuestras vidas por medio de la oración y de hacer los cambios en anticipación al reino de Dios, es un aspecto de nuestra vida en Cristo.

UNA SEGUNDA OPORTUNIDAD PARA CAUSAR UNA PRIMERA IMPRESIÓN

Otros cambios con el bautismo son más sutiles y personales. Cuando Noé y su familia salieron del arca, vieron que las aguas del diluvio habían bajado después de que limpiaron el mundo de la pecaminosidad humana. Todo estaba limpio y fresco, una nueva creación, con un arcoíris que garantizaba la promesa de Dios de nunca volver a destruir el mundo con agua. Así, también, los recién bautizados salen de la fuente bautismal y son ungidos con el crisma. Como la tierra después del diluvio, ahora son una creación nueva. Limpiados del pecado y ungidos con el crisma, son renovados, incorporados en la alianza de amor de Dios.

Es por esto por lo que la Cuaresma es siempre, una anticipación festiva de la Pascua y siempre del bautismo, así como siempre del arrepentimiento que nos lleva más profundamente al reino de Dios.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Génesis 9:8–15
Salmo 25 (24):4–5, 6–7, 8–9
1 Pedro 3:18–22
Marcos 1:12–15

If you would like to help us, you may sponsor our "Bread & Wine" for the weekend Masses by making a $50 donation to honor, to celebrate or to thank. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

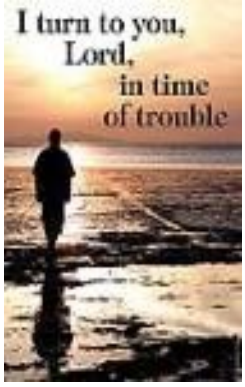
Moira Paragas has donated the bread and wine to be used during the Masses next weekend, February 27th & 28th, in Thanksgiving for blessings received.

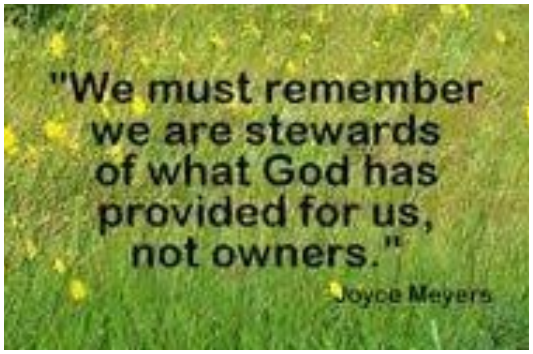
St. Padre Pio Parish / St. Hilary Church
(Pre-recorded Sunday Mass on Facebook, YouTube & the St. Hilary website)

Weekly Report (fiscal year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)
Weekend # 33 (February 13th & 14th, 2021)
Mass attendance goal >1,000 people; actual attendance 331 people at 6 Masses
3 English Masses 145 2 Spanish Masses 146 1 Tagalog Mass 40
584 households received envelopes

	Amount	Families
Collection for the week:		
Regular (using envelopes)	$ 2,934	60
Loose Cash - 20% of Weekend Offering	$ 1,227	
Online Give Central - 31%	$ 1,896	33
Total Weekend Giving	$ 6, 057	
Total Weekly Parish Budget:	$17,645 (tentative)	
Weekly Collection Budget:	$11,824 (tentative)	
Weekly Average Collection:	$ 8,619	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP.
A LIFE OF GIVING IS A LIFE WITH CHRIST !
A LIFE OF SERVICE IS A LFE WITH CHRIST !





PLEASE HELP US PAY FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE. YOUR LENTEN ALMSGIVING FOR THIS PURPOSE WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

WELCOME! If you have been seeking a parish community in which to pray, to learn, to join in social activity and to be of service to others – our doors and hearts are open to you. We are thankful that God has sent you to us. Newcomers are asked to introduce themselves to one of the priests and to come in or call the Parish Office during business hours, 9 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday. **Registration Forms** are in the racks at the doors of the Church, at the Parish Office and online. Please complete one and return it in the collection basket, in the mail slot at the rectory, or by mail. And once again, **WELCOME!**

¡BIENVENIDOS! Si habéis estado buscando una comunidad parroquial en la que orar, aprender, unirse a la actividad social y servir a los demás, nuestras puertas y corazones están abiertos para ustedes. Estamos agradecidos de que Dios nos haya enviado a nosotros. A los recién llegados se les pide que se presenten a uno de los sacerdotes y que vengan o llamen a la Oficina Parroquial durante el horario de 9AM-5PM, de Lunes a Viernes. **Formas De Registro** están en los estantes a las puertas de la Iglesia, en la Oficina Parroquial y en línea. Por favor complete uno y devuélvelo en la cesta durante la colección, en la ranura de correo en la rectoría, o por correo. Y una vez más, **¡BIENVENIDOS!**

Monday, February 22

Tuesday, February 23
7-8:30 PM Rosa Mistica (Rectory Lower Level)

Wednesday, February 24
6:30-8:30 PM Rosary, Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena (Church)

Thursday, February 25
7-8 PM Spanish Charismatic Renewal (Church)

Friday, February 26
7-8 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27
4-4:45 PM Reconciliation - Individual Confessions

Sunday, February 28

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY - Week Two

We are God's people,
and we are called to gather
and be part of each other
in our journey of faith.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT:

Individual confessions on Saturdays from 4 - 4:45 PM (except Holy Saturday)
on First Friday, March 5th, 6:30 PM
on the first Sunday of the month (in Spanish), March 7th from 10-10:45 AM
(in the Adoration Chapel - reservations needed)
Additional times will be noted in the bulletin.

Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital or recovering at home, those suffering with a terminal illness, our shut- ins and those in nursing homes, our relatives and friends who are ill, especially: **Dina Nicolini, Dcn. Don Wehling, Donna Kunicki, Giovanni Mangone, Theresa & Catherine Kim, Lou Bradley, Fe Prego, Karen Warner, Imelda Birruete Pena, Erika Vrabel**

Also, Please Remember Our Troops In Your Prayers.

Rest in Peace

All powerful God,
Whose mercy is never withheld
from those who call upon You in hope,
look kindly on Your servant

ROBERT HOHENADEL

who departed this life confessing Your name
and number him among Your saints
forevermore.

Monday, February 22
The Chair of St. Peter, the apostle
8:30 AM † Antuanette Q. Celestino by Monina Leutero
† Luz Pahati (Death Anniv) & Simon Pahati by Vicky Gomez
† Rosita Consing Ramos (40th Day Death Anniv) by Daughter, Anna Ramos

Tuesday, February 23
St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr
8:30 AM † Rosemarie A. Warnock by William S. Warnock & Maureen Gardner

Wednesday, February 24
Weekday
8:30 AM † Elizabeth Roach by John Kirby
6:30-8:30 PM Rosary, Mass & OLPH Novena

Thursday, February 25
Weekday
8:30 AM † Dorothy DeNapoli by Monica Moran

Friday, February 26
Weekday
8:30 AM † Al Nere by Ron & Rosemary Ziccardi

Saturday, February 27
Weekday
8:30 AM † Agnes Young Kim (BR) by Agnes Kim

Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent
5:00 PM † Michael Galiotto (Death Anniv) by the Mary Lou Miller Family
† Mary Mikkelsen & Peter Mikkelsen by Bob
7:00 PM † Ricardo Alanis Camacho by Guadalupe Ramirez Alanis

Sunday, February 28
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 AM † Adelaida C. Ramos by Monina Leuterio
† Robert Landerman (Death Anniv) by Donna Makowski
9:30 AM † Erwina Gartner by Antoinette Perrone
† Loretta & Alfons Ricks (Death Anniv) by Daughter, Shirley
11:00 AM * Spec Inten for Jose & Maria Martinez (50th Wedding Anniv) by Children - Brenda, Jose Jr. & Veronica
5:00 PM For All Our Parishioners who are ill

When you are unable to receive Holy Communion sacramentally, say the following prayer:

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this time receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Cuando usted no pueda recibir la Santa Comunión Sacramentalmente, puede hacerlo Espiritualmente diciendo el

Acto de Comunión Espiritual

Creo, Señor mío que éstas realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del altar.

Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo ardientemente recibirte dentro de mi alma;

Pero no pudiendo hacerlo ahora sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón.

Y como si te hubiese recibido, me abrazo y me uno todo a Ti; Oh Señor, no permitas que me separe de Ti.

Amen.

To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold.
Aristotle

When it snows, you have two choices: shovel or make snow angels.
Unknown

There's just something beautiful about walking in snow that nobody else has walked on. It makes you believe you're special.
Carol Ripka Brunt

Winter is not a season; it's a celebration.
Anamika Mishra

Lenten Prayer Opportunities This Week

Monday 2/22 & Tuesday 2/23
8:30 AM Mass in English with Rosary following Mass
Wednesday, 2/24
8:30 AM Mass in English with Rosary following Mass
6:30-8:30 PM Rosary, Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
Thursday 2/25
8:30 AM Mass in English with Rosary following Mass
7-8 PM Spanish Charismatic Renewal (Church)
Friday 2/26
8:30 AM Mass with Rosary following Mass
7 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday 2/27
8:30 AM Mass in English with Rosary following Mass
4-4:45 PM Individual Confessions in English
5:00 PM English Mass (Reservations required)
7:00 PM Spanish Mass (Reservations required)
Sunday 2/28 First Sunday in Lent
8:00 AM English Mass (Reservations required)
9:30 AM English Mass (Reservations required)
11:00 AM Spanish Mass (Reservations required)
5:00 PM Tagalog Mass (Reservations required)

TO MAKE YOUR MASS RESERVATION USING SIGN UP GENIUS

1) Go to the St Hilary Parish website at church.sthilarychicago.org to begin your reservation.
2) Under "Useful Links" click on "Sign Up Genius for Mass Reservations" to go to the SignUpGenius website.
3) Scroll to Mass dates and times.
4) Click the "Sign Up" box to select your dates and times.
5) You may select more than one Mass date and time.
6) Click the "Submit and Sign Up" box. On this screen click on the "Quantity" box and enter the number of people for each reservation. There will be multiple lines if more than one Mass date and time was selected.
7) Enter your first and last name. You may enter more than one first name for a single reservation as long as the "Quantity" matches the number of names entered.
8) Enter your email address.
9) Enter your phone number.
10) Click "Sign Up Now" to complete the reservation.

REGISTRACIONES EN "GENIUS"

1) Ve al sitio web de la parroquia de San Hilary: church.sthilarychicago.org para iniciar una reservación.
2) Bajo "Useful Links" hacer un click en "Sign Up Genius ara reservaciones de Misas"
3) Buscar fechas y horarios de Misas.
4) Hacer un click en la casilla "Sign Up" para seleccionar fechas y horas.
5) Se puede seleccionar más de una Misa y horario.
6) Has un click en la casilla " Submit and Sign Up". En esta pantalla hacer un click en la casilla "Quantity" y anotar el número de personas paracada reservación. Habrá líneas múltiples si más de una fecha de Misa y hora es seleccionada.
7) Anotar su primer nombre y apellido. Podrá escribir más de un nombre para una reservación siempre y cuando la "Cantidad" sea igual al número de personas anotadas.
8) Anotar su email
9) Anotar su número de teléfonos.
10) Hacer un click en "Sign Up Now" para completar su reservación.

ON THIS FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

This is a day of new beginnings,
a time to remember and move on,
a time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that is gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope aare born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappo8ntment, guilt, and grieving,
Seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us
To show ans share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
Our God is making al things new.

In faith we'll gather 'round the table
To taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
Our God is making all things new.

Brian Wren

"DECISION BECOMES IDENTITY": FINDING OUR MISSION WITHIN LENT

Friends, during Lent, we apprentice to Jesus in His forty-day sojourn in the desert. We stubbornly stay with Him, doing what He did there, facing what He faced there.

The desert is the place of clarification. When we have been stripped of the relatively trivial desires that preoccupy us, we can see, with a somewhat disturbing clarity, who we essentially are and what most pressingly matters. Blaise Pascal said that most of us spend our lives seeklng *d*ivertissements (distractions), for we cannot bear the weight of the great questions. We play, gossip, eat and drink, seek the most banal entertainment - so that we don't have to face the truth about ourselves, the reality of death, and the demands of God. The Spirit drives holy people into the desert because it is the place where the distractions disappear: "He fasted for forty days and forty nights."

At the end of the Lord's fast, the tempter arrives - because <u>decision follows clarification</u>. How often in the Scripture the theme of decision arises. Jesus Himself provokes the stark choice: "Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters."

And then Jesus is ready for mission; immediately after the temptations, He gathers His disciples around Him and commences the ministry that will reach its culmination only on the cross.

So this Lent, let us resolve to rid ourselves of *divertissements,* going a bit hungry and thirsty, purposely running on empty - so that the great questions may be asked with clarity. Let us allow the devil to come, tempting us with the love of pleasure, the ego, and power - for <u>in temptation comes decision</u>. And in the desert with Jesus the Master, let us realize that we too are people on mission - because <u>decision becomes identity</u>.

Bishop Robert Barron

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