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With this holy season of the 40 days of Lent, which the Church has made a time of recollection and penance, in preparation for the greatest of all her feasts, we suffer with Christ in his forty days in the wilderness so that we can share in the glory of his Resurrection.

The number 40, as St. Jerome teaches, denotes punishment and affliction: "Let us remember the 40 days and 40 nights of the Deluge (Genesis 7:12), sent by God in his anger, when he repented that he had made man, and destroyed the whole human race, with the exception of one family. Let us consider how the Hebrew people, in punishment for their ingratitude, wandered 40 years in the desert, before they were permitted to enter the Promised Land (Numbers 14:33). Let us listen to our God commanding the Prophet Ezekiel to lie 40 days on his right side, as a figure of the siege, which was to bring destruction on Jerusalem (Ezekiel 4:6).

With these mysteries we can understand why it was, that the Son of God, having become Man for our salvation, and wanting to subject himself to the pain of fasting, chose the number of forty days. So Lent is brought before us with everything that can impress us with its solemn character, and with its power of appeasing God and purifying our souls. Let us, therefore, look beyond the little world which surrounds us, and see how the whole Christian universe is, at this very time, offering this forty days penance as a sacrifice of penance to the offended Majesty of God; and let us hope, that he will mercifully pardon our sins.

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*The Forty Days of*  
**LENT**

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross** Friday, 6:00 p.m.

### Rosters

### Readers

**8:30 a.m.**

**5:00 p.m.**

## DONATIONS

**BSB:** 067-950

**Account:** 00007247

**Name:** Granville Catholic Parish

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Stations of the Cross

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

### Holy Mass in Latin

Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

### Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,  
11:30 a.m.

### Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

### Rosters

### Church Cleaning

Group 2: P. Zaiter,

M. Taumalolo, N. Chidiac

### Readers

**Vigil** Gerry Pinto, Sarah Vella,

Racquel La Rosa

**10:00 a.m.** Ingrid Bifulco,

Belinda Martin, Tanya Martin

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Evangeline Grabato, John Graham, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese Khalil, Kay King, Ruth La Rosa, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory Pinto, Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.



*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
by the grace of your Holy Spirit  
cure the weaknesses of your servants,  
and mercifully restore them to full health.  
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.*

## IN MEMORIAM

Kabalan Abboud, Michael Alwan, Danny Azan, Miklina Azzopardi, Victor Azzopardi, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vince Cahill, Phyllis May Denmeade, Maria Gambin, Bruce Gardiner, Maureen Gardiner, Joseph Gibrine, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Kathleen Gunderson, Simon Haddad, Kelvin Huitt, Nouhad Khoury, Therese Khoury, Betty McGrath, Jack McIntyre, Sam Moussa, Samantha Moussa, Des Miller, Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee Nursoo, Neville O'Sullivan, Doris Pickering, Sheila Pidgeon, Peter Robertson, Anna Saunig, Emmanuel Tabone, Joseph Vella, Graham Wales, Dib Zaiter.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## **First Collection and Second Collection Contributions**

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With the current situation we are unable to take up our usual collections during Mass. Because of this, we have placed two boxes by the doors of the church for the first collection and the second collection. Your support of these collections is greatly appreciated. The money raised in the first collection supports some of the works of the diocese. The money raised in the second collection directly supports the works of the parish and helps us to meet our expenses and to continue to meet the costs and expenses of operating the parish. Thank you, especially, to those who are a part of the planned giving programme and use their envelopes to contribute each week to the parish. Your regular contributions are a great support.

If you would like to be part of the planned giving programme, we will be pleased to arrange a set of envelopes for you for regular contributions which greatly assist the parish in planning the work we carry out.

## **New Parish Bank Account Details**

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If you would like to make a contribution, either regularly or as a one-off, the new bank account details for the parish are:

**BSB:** 067-950

**account number:** 00007247

**account name:** Granville Catholic Parish of the Holy Cross

So that we can acknowledge your donation, please include your surname and a note, or your planned giving envelope number in the reference.

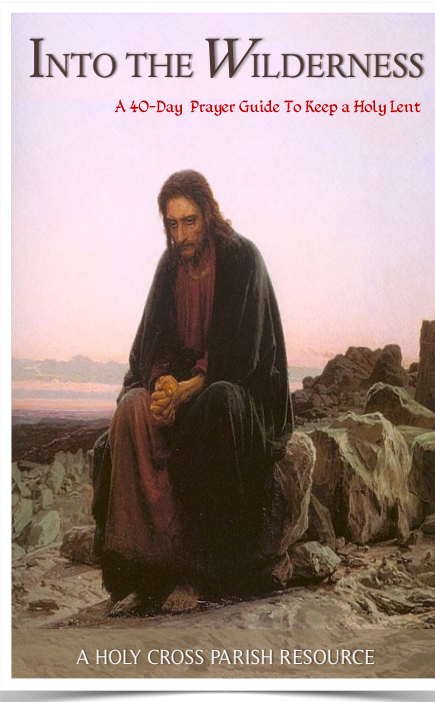
Thank you and may God bless you for your support and your generosity.

## **“Into the Wilderness” A Holy Cross Parish 40 Day Prayer Guide to Keep a Holy Lent**

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Following the success of the Advent prayer guide, “Prepare a Way,” and in response to appeals by parishioners of this parish and of other parishes for a guide for Lent, we are pleased to announce the launch of a 40 day prayer guide for Lent entitled “Into the Wilderness”.

This book, devotedly written by John Portelli, is a day by day guide for each day of Lent offering the Gospel of the day as well as prayers, meditations and a daily action.



This book of prayers and devotions is a way for each of us to spend a few minutes each day of Lent to focus on the messages given to us through scripture and a way for self-assessment of our own actions, failings, and desire for reparation for our sins through meditation, prayer, and daily actions.

This prayer book is available in print by the doors of the church and online by visiting our website at [holycrossgranville.org.au](http://holycrossgranville.org.au).

## **Thank You to Brighter Sparks Electrical for New Security Cameras at Holy Family Church**

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We owe our thanks to Charbel Abi-Rizk and Brighter Sparks Electrical for the supply and installation of the new security cameras at Holy Family Church.



The church has, unfortunately, suffered acts of vandalism, theft and the dumping of illegal rubbish, and these new security cameras will offer a means to care for the safety and security of this holy place.

Brighter Sparks Electrical offer services for all electrical work, maintenance, batteries as well as solar panels. To contact Brighter Sparks Electrical, telephone 1300 137 727 or visit their website at [brightersparks.com.au](http://brightersparks.com.au).

We thank Brighter Sparks Electrical for their generous service and their help to the parish and their care for the dignity of the church.

May almighty God bless all those who give their time and service to the parish.

## **Temporary Mass Times**

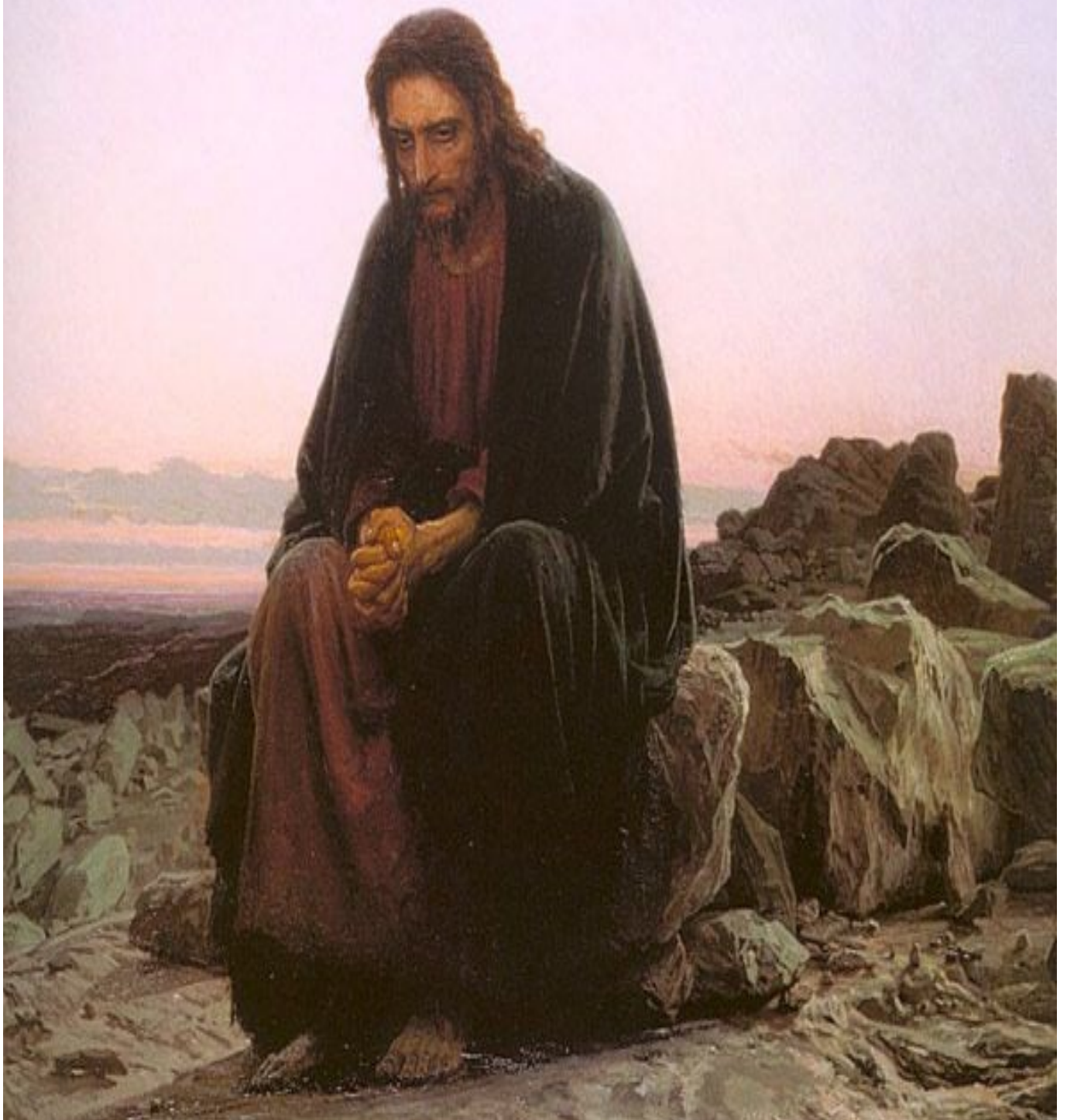
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The temporary Mass times introduced to assist parishioners to attend Mass during the pandemic will continue for the time being, but with the easing of government public health restrictions, consideration will be given as to whether these times are still needed. Currently, there are 9 Masses offered across the weekend and, in Lent, there are a total of at least 18 Masses throughout the week.



# INTO THE *W*ILDERNESS

*A 40-Day Prayer Guide To Keep a Holy Lent*



A HOLY CROSS PARISH RESOURCE

# INTO THE WILDERNESS

## A 40-Day Prayer Guide To Keep Holy Lent

Our Lord Jesus, taught His Disciples, and teaches us through the scriptures: "Ask and you shall receive."

St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop once said: "Never see a need without doing something about it."

St. John of the Cross tells us: "Seek in reading and thou shalt find in meditation."

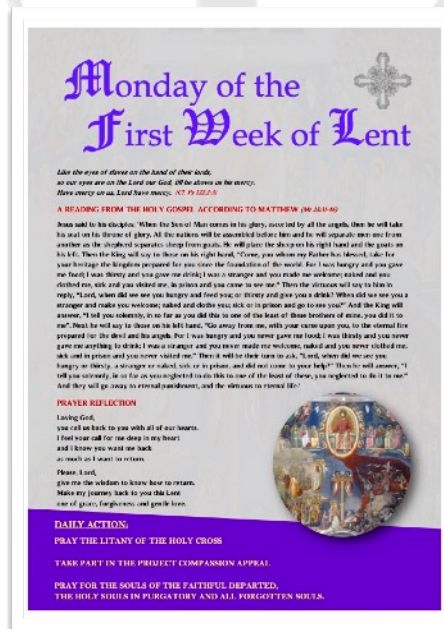
These short, yet powerful messages, are the catalyst for our newest Holy Cross Resource: "Into the Wilderness."

After the success and feedback given by many about the parish's advent resource, "Prepare A Way!" in addition to countless requests from parishioners for a supplementary edition for the season of Lent, we are proud to be able to launch "Into the Wilderness—A 40 Day Prayer Guide to keep a Holy Lent."

"Into the Wilderness" is a resource which is designed to accompany you each day throughout Lent, into the Sacred Triduum and into the Solemnity of Easter.

This is as an added opportunity to give a short period of time daily, to focus on the messages given to us through scripture and a way for self-assessment of our own actions, failings, and desire for reparation for our sins through meditation, prayer, and daily actions.

Just as our Lord entered the Wilderness when he began his ministry, we are also invited to journey with him in the wilderness throughout this holy season and to bring to the front of our mind and heart, ways for us to spiritually prepare for the Sacred Triduum and to fittingly honour our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.



This parish resource is also specially designed to compliment the many in-parish activities which will be available throughout Lent. These Daily Actions are listed each day to highlight how you can complete a Lenten action within the parish. This may include attending a weekday Mass,

Stations of the Cross or the Sacrament of Penance (Confession). Other corporal works of mercy such as praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the Faithful Departed and all forgotten souls, is suggested each week to remember those who have died in the hopes that they will in turn pray for us upon, through the mercy of God, reaching heaven.

Please collect your copy from the doors of the church or download an online version from the parish website.

We hope that through the assistance of this new parish resource, you will be able to delve deeper into this holy season.

After two years of isolation, lockdowns, and restrictions, it is hoped this resource will draw you and your families into a time of prayer and drive a sense of unity with others from across the parish in togetherness and active involvement in the Masses, Liturgies and ceremonies which are available to us all who wish to take part.

Through this holy season of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the solemnity of the Resurrection of our Lord, may we seek and find the needs of others within our community through prayer and meditation as we go into the wilderness with our Lord.

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AND ONLINE AT

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# BrighterSPARKS ELECTRICAL

We owe our thanks to Charbel Abi-Rizk and Brighter Sparks Electrical for their work in installing the new security cameras at Holy Family Church.

For many years now the church has been subjected to various acts of vandalism, theft and the illegal dumping of rubbish. With the installation of the new security cameras, we will be able to better monitor the security of the church and so protect this sacred place.

Last Friday, Brighter Sparks Electrical worked in difficult conditions in the pouring rain to complete the installation of these cameras. We are very grateful to them for their generosity to the parish and for their hard work and perseverance in installing this new system.

Their concern for the safety and the security of the church and their generous service to the parish is a blessing.

We are grateful to all those who contribute to the parish and who assist us in undertaking repairs and maintenance and other works. In this way, we show our care for the dignity of the church and for the buildings of the parish, which are used in the service of Our Lord and for His greater glory.

May almighty God bless all those who generously give their services and their time to the parish and may they be rewarded for their labours.

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HOLY CROSS PARISH, GRANVILLE

# Lenten DEVOTIONS

## Stations OF THE Cross



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6PM Fridays

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
7PM Fridays

## Latin MASS



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
6PM Thursdays

## Daily MASS



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
6:30PM Tuesdays  
8:15AM Wed - Sat

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6PM Wednesday  
9:15AM Tue & Thurs - Sat

## SACRAMENT OF Penance



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6:30PM Wednesdays

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
10AM Saturdays

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## First Sunday of Lent, Year C

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### The Readings

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#### Introit (Cf. Ps. 90:15-16)

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

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#### First Reading

##### The Book of Deuteronomy (26:4-10)

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.'

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#### Responsorial Psalm

(Ps. 91:2-3, 13-16. R. see v. 2)

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

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.

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.

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.

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

##### The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (10:8-13)

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.

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#### 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!

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#### Gospel of Luke (4:1-13)

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.

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#### Communio (Mt. 4:4)

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

# INTO THE WILDERNESS