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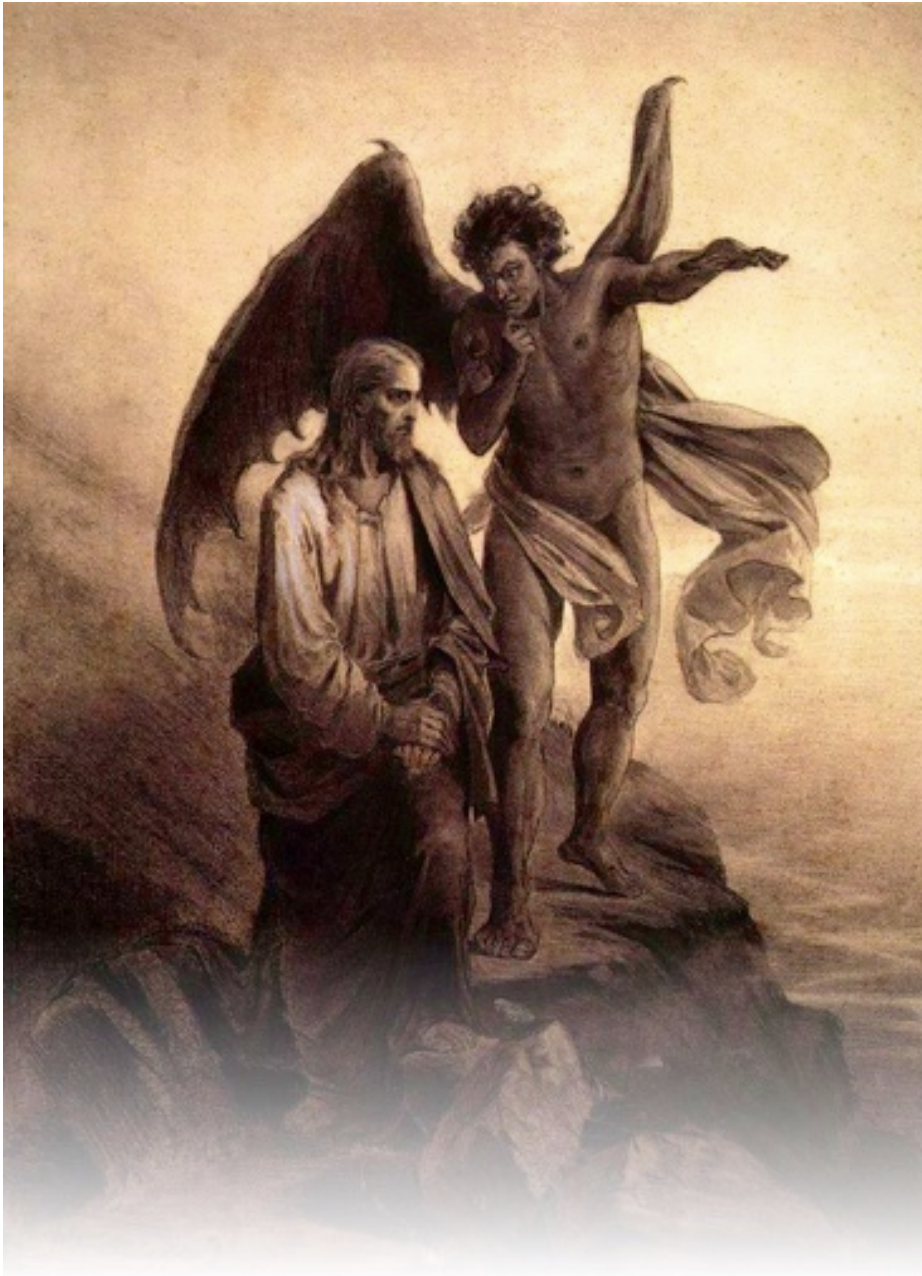
March 9, 2025

1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

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The Official Bulletin of Holy Cross Parish

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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**

## THE PARISH OFFICE

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Rev. Fr. Andrew Bass PP

### Business and Projects Manager

John Portelli

### Catechist Co-ordinator

Lana Leatherby

### Sacraments and Youth Co-ordinator

Rosette Chidiac

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Rosette Chidiac and John Portelli

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Claudette Takchi and Annette Wirz

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### Holy Trinity Primary School

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### Delany College

T (02) 8633-8100

## DONATIONS

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**BSB:** 067-950

**Account:** 00007247

**Name:** Granville Catholic Parish

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### 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, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

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

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

### Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent, 5:00 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,  
11:00 a.m.

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### Rosters

### Church and Toilets Cleaning

N. Khoury, C. Takchi, M. Wehbe

### Flower Arranging

*volunteers needed*

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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holycrossgranville.org.au



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Holy Cross Parish App



@holycrossgranville

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### 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.

### Confessions

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

### Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

### Holy Mass in Latin

Each Thursday of Lent, 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.

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### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 3: Hanh Hanh  
and the Vietnamese community

### Readers

**Vigil** Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,  
Ingrid Bifulco

**10:00 a.m.** Sony Joseph Raj,  
Armani Barakat, Reanne Chidiac

**Children's Liturgy** Wanda Krasinski and  
Chloe Zaiter

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,  
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann  
Blesson, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia,  
Carmel Galea, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline Grabato,  
Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese  
Khalil, Kay King, Fortunato La Macchia, Silvio La Macchia,  
Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan,  
Scott Moulton, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, 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.*

## IN MEMORIAM

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Victor Azzopardi, Bonello family, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown,  
Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les  
Camilleri, Tessie Camilleri, Phyllis May Denmeade, Maria Dinh,  
Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John Graham, Joe  
Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Melissa Irons, Salim Karaki,  
Nouhad Khoury, Thomas Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe,  
Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia  
Malkoun, Jack McGrath, John McIntyre, Lindsay McIntyre, Mary  
McIntyre, Thomas McIntyre, Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell,  
Hazel Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Vincent Nguyen, Michael  
O'Brien, Zackary Orenshaw, Jack Pickering, Lorna Pickering,  
Sheila Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Peter Robertson, Saliba family, Geoff  
Senior, Garry Smith, Noel So, Emanuel Tabone, Alex Taktak,  
Darren Thornton, John Timbs, John Vella, Peter Vu Van Vuong,  
Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe,  
Dennis Wilson, Phyllis Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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

## **Holy Mass in Latin on Thursdays During Lent**

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Through the season of Lent, Holy Mass in Latin will be said on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Join the parish as we offer the holy Sacrifice of the Mass through Lent in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter.

## **Stations of the Cross on Fridays During Lent**

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Through the season of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed twice each Friday, giving all parishioners the chance to participate in this important devotion and spiritual exercise.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church and then again at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Join the parish as we pray the *Via Crucis*, the Way of the Cross, remembering the passion of Our Lord, and so prepare yourself to participate in Holy Week and in the celebration of Easter.

## **Online Donations in Support of the Parish**

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Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below. Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions.



## **Thank You Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday**

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Last Tuesday we commemorated Shrove Tuesday with the annual burning of the palms and holy oils and the burial of the “Alleluia” which was followed by a pancake supper.

In particular we thank those who served: Anthony, Brandon, Elvis, Johnny, Patrick, Patrick and Paul. We have the finest altar servers in the diocese and we are grateful to them for their diligent service to the parish and their dedication to Our Lord.

Thank you to Maryanne Takchi for singing the hymns and for leading the psalms and readings.

Thank you, also, to Doris Portelli for cooking the pancakes and to those who also brought along pancakes to share, and to Rosette Chidiac for helping to prepare the supper.

We also thank those who assisted with the Holy Masses on Ash Wednesday. Thank you to Anthony, Brandon, Elvis, Dominic, Jayden, Johnny, Jonah, Jimmy, Patrick, Patrick, Paul and Samuel for serving at the altar. Thank you to John Portelli and Maryanne Takchi for arranging the music. Thank you to those who read—Rosette Chidiac, Robyn Rich, Kathryn Jenner and the students of Holy Family Primary School

Thank you, also, to those who joined us and showed your support for the parish as we prayed together to prepare ourselves for the holy season of Lent.

To assist you in your own spiritual exercises through Lent, take advantage of the many Masses, times for confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross as well as the profound Lenten devotions in the book, “Into the Wilderness”, prepared by John Portelli as a means of daily devotion.

## **First Confession (Sacrament of Penance) and First Holy Communion (Sacrament of the Eucharist)**

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Enrolment forms are now available for first confession (Sacrament of Penance) and first Holy Communion (Sacrament of the Eucharist). To be eligible, your child must have been baptised in the Catholic church, be in year 3 or above and attend Mass every Sunday.

Enrolment forms can be collected from Fr. Andrew after Mass and must be returned to Fr. Andrew at a Mass by 6 April.

Masses will be said on Saturday, 7 June at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church and on Saturday, 14 June at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Please be aware that those enrolling their children for these Sacraments will be obliged to attend Mass every Sunday in the parish as well as attending all lessons and the preparation.

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

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Enrolment forms are now available for the Sacrament of Confirmation. To be eligible, your child must have been baptised in the Roman Catholic church, be in year 5 or above and attend Mass every Sunday. Enrolment forms can be collected from Fr. Andrew after Mass and must be returned to Fr. Andrew at a Mass by 6 April. The Mass will be said on Thursday, 12 June at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Attendance at all lessons and the preparation is mandatory.

## **Important Notice Holy Mass This Tuesday**

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Due to a necessary commitment, Holy Mass will not be said this Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. at Holy Family Church.

HOLY CROSS PARISH, GRANVILLE

# Lenten

DEVOTIONS



Mass in  
**LATIN**

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
6PM      Thursdays



Stations  
OF THE  
Cross

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
5PM      Fridays

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
6PM      Fridays



ADORATION  
of the  
**Blessed  
Sacrament**

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
5:45PM      Sundays

*Following the 5PM Sunday Mass  
Includes Evening Prayer & Benediction*



**Daily  
MASS**

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

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6PM      Wednesdays  
9:15AM      Tue & Thur - Sat



SACRAMENT  
of  
**Penance**

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6:30PM - 7PM      Wednesdays  
4:15PM - 4:45PM      Sundays

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
10AM - 10:30AM      Saturdays



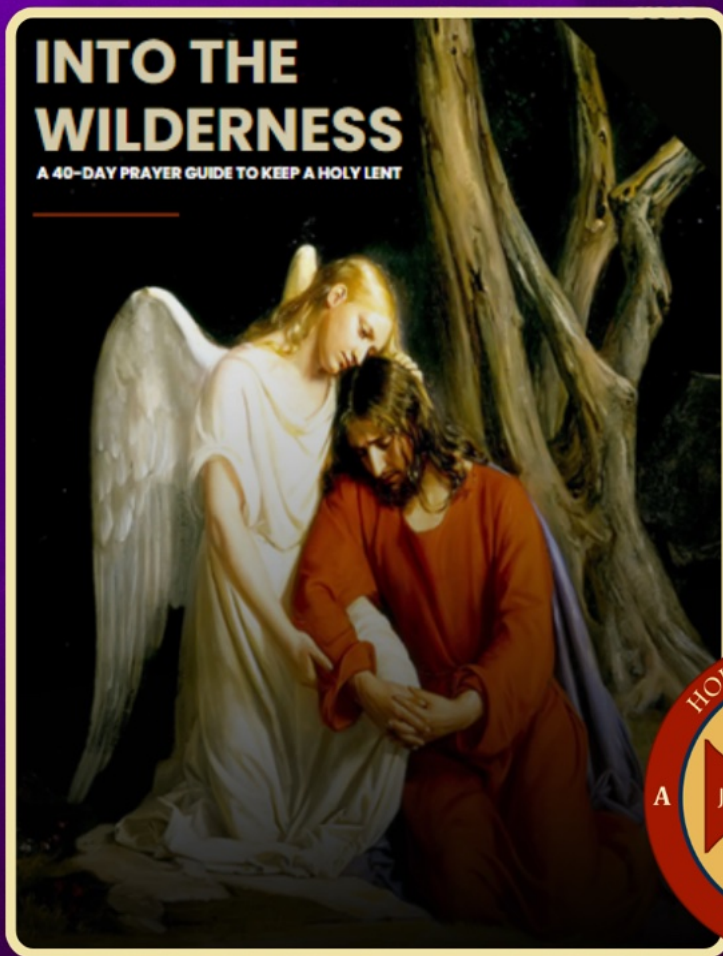
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*Cnr. Randle St & Bennalong St, Granville*

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, EAST GRANVILLE  
*200 The Trongate, South Granville*

*Schedule subject to change. Please see the Granville Catholic Church Record for any changes*

# Into the Wilderness 2025 Edition

## AVAILABLE NOW!



### THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

**SCRIPTURE**

**PSALM 51: 1-17**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**REFLECTION**

David's plea for forgiveness reminds us that God is gracious and compassionate. Confession is not about

### FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

#### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS UP ON THE CROSS

**THE THIRD WORD**

**"BEHOLD YOUR SON; BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER."**

V. We adore you, O Christ and we praise you.  
R. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

O beloved Jesus, who for the love of me agonized on the cross, and, forgetting your sufferings, left as a pledge of your love your own most holy Mother, that through her we might confidently have recourse to you in our greatest need. Have mercy on all the faithful in their agony, and on me also when I shall be in that extremity, and, through the intercession of this, your dear Mother, awaken in our hearts a firm hope in the infinite merits of your most Precious Blood, that we may avoid the eternal damnation which our sins have deserved.

(Pray the Glory Be 3 times)  
V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
R. Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
A. Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
V. I hope in you, I love you, and I repent of having offended you by my sins.  
R. Have mercy on me, O Lord.  
A. Have mercy on me, O Lord.  
V. Have you forsaken me?  
R. No, I have not forsaken you.



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THE BURNING  
*of* THE PALMS  
*and* HOLY OILS  
*and* THE BURIAL  
*of* THE ALLELUIA



**FIRE UP MINISTRIES**

# LENTEN PARISH MISSION

**WITH SIMON CARRINGTON**

Wednesday, 19 March

**THE FOUR PILLARS OF LENT**

*Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Forgiveness*

Thursday, 20 March

**YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN**

*The Healing Power of Confession*

Friday, 21 March

**THE PASSION OF CHRIST**

*His Radical Love for You*



**Wednesday, 19 March to Friday, 21 March**

**7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**MacKillop Hall**

**Randle Street, Granville**

***Recommended for those over 16 years old***

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## 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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.* 90:1-2, 10-15. *R.* v. 15)

*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.*

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#### **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**

##### **The Gospel of St. 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.