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For helpful information and guidance regarding Infant Baptism, please go to our website www.stbrunochurch.org. We are pleased to assist your family with this first and important Sacrament. If you have questions after reviewing the website, please email Baptism@stbrunochurch.org.



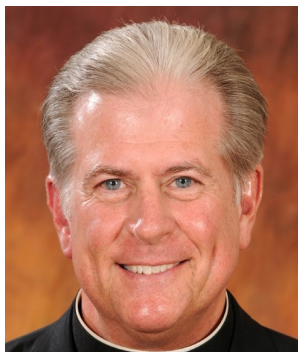
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Gospel Reflections 1st Sunday Lent February 18th 2024

How to handle temptations.

Does that piece of cake you gave up for Lent look tempting? Does that chocolate bar look really good right now? Worse still, are you tempted to angrily curse the driver who cut you off?

All these thoughts might jump into your head, especially when a cake, chocolate, or idiot drivers are right in front of you. It is no accident that stores put products right in front of you at the cash register, where they tempt you to make an impulse buy.

Both our Catholic faith and modern evolutionary science can help you handle temptations.

What happens when you have temptations is, ironically, just what God designed. Your brain evolved over millions of years to simply present options in front of you for your *thoughtful* consideration. Every temptation is simply the brain fulfilling that basic function of providing choices. However, what happens next is most important, which is *what you actually do*.

Your brain developed emotional ideas first, and that is where temptations are first received. However, if you choose emotionally, you will often make mistakes. Most problems come from reacting impulsively.

However, if you stop for just a moment, *and even count to ten*, then your more rational brain will take over, *and more thoughtfully decide* that the cake, the chocolate, and violent road rage are not your best choices.

Sometimes, it might even be Satan tempting you, as Jesus found in today's Gospel. He is tempted with terrible sins of extreme selfishness.

Does Jesus panic or feel horribly guilty when He is tempted? *Not at all!* He knows these are common temptations that many people have. However, *He does not act impulsively*. He stays calm and even counters Satan in rational arguments from scripture.

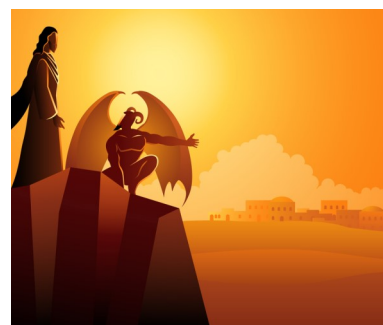
This is a very liberating Gospel if you have ever felt guilty about temptations you might feel.

You never have to worry about any temptations you might unexpectedly receive. You only have to worry about what you actually do!

What you do after a temptation is simply count to ten and then make a more thoughtful and loving choice.

Lent is your annual time of reflection on your choices. I hope that they arise from reasoned and thoughtful thinking and not emotional impulses.

Then you will be in good company with Our Lord.



God bless!

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ST. BRUNO NEWS

WAYS TO GIVE

In our Catholic faith, money is the power to make something good happen. That means helping St. Bruno parishioners meet Our Lord in every sacrament, parish event, or new building project, so your gifts are always and only for that purpose. Here are ways you can help build your new Hall for All. Our Archdiocesan professionals are also ready to help with assistance in Estate Planning and Real Estate gifts for St. Bruno. Our Non-Profit Tax Number is 95-1957493. Your gifts can also be made over a five year period.

DIRECT CASH GIFTS:

You may make your five year pledge by check, credit card, or authorize your bank to make direct deposits to our St. Bruno Church Hall for All. Checks can be dropped at the office, or in the Building Fund envelopes in the Sunday collection.

STOCKS, BONDS, IRA, & ANNUITY GIFTS:

You may also direct these special gifts to St. Bruno Church Hall For All. Your financial advisor can also direct your IRA and various Annuity gifts to support this important project for our parish and school families.

REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES:

These are gifts of a home or other properties that you would like to donate. Our Archdiocesan Office will assist you with these gifts for our St. Bruno Church Hall for All. Contact Michael Davitt at mtdavitt@la-archdiocese.org to establish your gift.

ESTATE PLANNING:

These are gifts donated according to your wishes about how your estate will be dispersed, such as in a Charitable Remainder Trust. Our Archdiocesan Office will assist you with these gifts for our St. Bruno Church Hall for All. Contact Karen Dunphy at kdunphy@la-archdiocese.org for your gift.

Your donations, by law, can only be used for the purpose for which you give them. They are sacred gifts for the mission of St. Bruno Church and School. For a fuller understanding of how parish and Archdiocesan finances work, please see my article at stbrunochurch.org, and click on Fr. Dave's Articles.

Please always feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Blanket Drive Thank you

A sincere thank you to everyone who supported the St. Vincent de Paul Cold Weather Blanket Drive. It was a tremendous success. Nearly 300 beautiful blankets were donated this year! We are so blessed to know your generosity and compassion will bring comfort and warmth to five homeless shelters and encampments in our Whittier area. Once again St. Bruno provides for those in need.



Have you remembered the HALL in your Will or Trust?



To set up your gift, please contact Karen Dunphy at 213-637-7510 or Kdunphy@la-archdiocese.org

Town Hall Q & A

Fr. Dave will be present after every Sunday noon Mass in the Church for a general Town Hall Q & A session on any question you might have on any topic.

“Four For Our Faith” Weekly Giving Initiative

Sunday Collection	2/11	\$13,378
Weekly Online Giving		<u>5,677</u>
Total Contributions		\$19,055

Thank you for your generosity!

For a Balanced Budget (includes Modest Growth) for FY 2023/2024 = Need \$20,500/week.

ST. BRUNO EVENTS



PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 19

Mass at 9:00 AM

Parish Center Closed



*Catholic Men's
Fellowship of California*
"Changing Men's Lives"

The Prayer of a Righteous Man Super Saturday Men's Conference

Saturday, March 9, 2024, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

St. Phillip the Apostle Catholic Church in Pasadena

\$30 - includes breakfast and pizza lunch

Register at catholicmen.org

For more information, call Dave Zofrea at 562-221-2544.

The Bethlehem Christian Families (The Holy Land)

March 2 & 3, 2024, the Bethlehem Christian Families are here to sell their hand carved religious articles made of olive wood. The sale of these precious articles supports their Church Mission which is to maintain the roots and the existence of the Christian Families who are struggling to remain in Bethlehem.

At least ninety percent of the funds raised through these sales go directly to Christians living in the Bethlehem area. The proceeds will create more work which will help them to survive and stay in the Holy Land since they have no other source of income and are dependent on the olive wood industry. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Monthly Food Drive

This Weekend

The food bank is in need of macaroni & cheese, pasta & sauce, canned meats, cereal, beans and rice. Please bring non-perishable food items to the containers at the Church doors or Rectory Garage. All donations truly make a difference. **Thank you St. Bruno parishioners for your generosity!**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays: 6:30—7:30 PM



We do not eat any meat on Fridays of Lent (*abstinence*), and on Good Friday, we eat a smaller amount of food (*fasting*).

However, fasting is only for those with no health risk and between 18 and 59 years of age. Abstinence is for everyone over the age of 14.

Fish Fry is here!

Friday 4-8 PM

- Calling all our Fish Fry helpers. We will need help every Thursday during Lent from 10 AM – 3 PM for food prep. We will also accept help on Friday nights.
- We are also accepting donations to help offset the cost of Fish Fry.
- **WE ARE IN NEED OF LEMONS!** Please deliver lemons to the Parish Center or the Hall on Thursdays from 10 AM - 2 PM.



Fish Fry Tickets are sold Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 3 PM in the Parish Center.

Please contact Tayler Layvey, Milan Averill or Kathleen Meijerink at St. Bruno School 562-943-8812 with any questions.

Lenten Penance Services @ 7 PM

February 26th, Monday - Holy Family, Artesia

Feb. 27th, Tues. - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Los Nietos

March 11th, Monday - Beatitudes of Our Lord

March 12th, Tuesday- St. Linus, Norwalk

March 19th, Tuesday - St. John of God, Norwalk

March 20th, Wed. - St. Francis Xavier, Pico Rivera

Catholic Men's Fellowship

Speaker Meeting: Our next meeting will be Saturday, **March 2nd** after the 8:00 AM Mass until 10:30 AM. All men are welcome.

Discussion Meeting: No Wednesday meetings during Lent.

For further information, call Dave Zofrea at 562-221-2544.

40 Days For Life

The Respect Life ministry will be praying and fasting in the 40 Days for life campaign starting on February 14th through March 24th. Please contact Michelle Scianni at 562-328-0692 or [40daysforlife.com](https://www.40daysforlife.com) for more information and to sign up to pray in front of the Whittier Planned Parenthood, peacefully and lovingly, protecting God's children.

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/vigil-search.aspx>



St. Bruno School Alumni

We want to hear from our **St. Bruno School Alumni!** If you have news or updates to share, email alumni@saintbrunoschool.com and we will share on our Alumni Spotlight. Please provide your contact information for our new Alumni Database. Follow us @Gosbstigers

Safeguard the Children

DID YOU KNOW?

Why does it help to communicate your concerns?

If you have concerns about someone's behavior, sharing those concerns is critical to protecting the children in that person's life. If you see or hear about inappropriate behavior, you can take your concerns to a supervisor or program director for further action. This helps those in charge launch an investigation, ask questions, and start to look for signs on their own — all of which can help keep children safe from potential abuse. Communicating your concerns, and having them investigated, can also discourage a potential offender, pushing them to leave the program or stop their behaviors. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Communicating Your Concerns Matters" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

For these we pray:

Hector Alatorre, Donald Best, Theresa Biggs, Rita Casacchia, Anthony Chavez, Bryan Chavez, Becky Cleary, Eric T. Cruz, Sergio Delgadillo, Silvia Delgadillo, Silvia Gonzalez, Infusino family, Charles Johnson, Daniel La Rioza, Maureen Lemoi, Douglas Marston, Charlie Martinez, Gerry McGuire, Anna Mestaz, Mario Mestaz, Mark Mestaz, Veronica Mestaz, Lani Morrissey, Deborah Perez, Estella Perez, Christina Peterson, Marilyn Radcliff, Jeff Reynolds, Sandra Ryder, Brett Sanders, Lilia Slate, Joseph & Rosa Streter, Armida Tellez, Gabino Valadez, Ernie Valentino, Chuck Zywoციenski, and un-born babies.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY • February 19, 2024

9:00 am — Asefash Neguse, R.I.P.
Bob White, R.I.P.

TUESDAY • February 20, 2024

8:00 am — Intention of Deanna Gross
Intention of Jason Manley

WEDNESDAY • February 21, 2024

6:30 am — Gloria Mendez, R.I.P.
Intention of Georgina Mendez

THURSDAY • February 22, 2024

8:00 am — Lou Cannatti, R.I.P.
Gloria Mendez, R.I.P.

FRIDAY • February 23, 2024

6:30 am — Haile Fessahaye, R.I.P.
Joseph & Irene Maleski, R.I.P.

SATURDAY • February 24, 2024

8:00 am — Robert McCarthy, R.I.P.
Aniceto Monis Sr., R.I.P.
5:30 pm — Steve Hemmele Sr., R.I.P.

SUNDAY • February 25, 2024

7:30 am — Dorothy Poprac, R.I.P.
9:00 am — Intention of Joe & Amanda Miranda
10:30 am — Mass for the people of St. Bruno Parish
12:00 pm — Virginia Orejana, R.I.P.
5:30 pm — Albert Corral Jr., R.I.P.