

# Dear Padre,

## Is gambling a sin?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church mentions gambling in the context of “temperance” to moderate attachment to worldly goods, “justice” to render to our neighbor what is due, and “solidarity in accordance with the golden rule” (CCC 2407). “Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement. Unfair wagers and cheating at games constitute grave matter....” (CCC 2413).

Gambling, therefore, is morally neutral. When properly controlled, it can be a form of recreation for some. However, it becomes an enslavement when obsessive gamblers neglect their families or jobs, risk financial security, and compromise their responsibilities to self, others, and God. The allure of winning and the desire to win even more—along with venues that provide easy gambling credit and other incentives—often make it harder for people to know their limits. Consequently, a severe gambling addiction can lead and has led to stealing to pay debts, divorce, job loss, despair, and suicide.

No wonder St. Augustine cautioned, “The devil invented gambling.” Even if Satan didn’t invent it, he’ll gladly take credit for it when gambling becomes a means to his ends. In so many words, those who win large amounts from lotteries and games of chance frequently warn, “All that glitters isn’t gold.” Despite its enticements, gambling ultimately fails to satisfy the human heart’s longing for meaning and fulfillment.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR | [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

There are three temptations of Christ....First, wealth: seizing hold of goods destined for all and using them only for “my own people.” That is, taking “bread” based on the toil of others or even at the expense of their very lives. That wealth tastes of pain, bitterness, and suffering.

—HOMILY IN MEXICO, FEBRUARY 14, 2016



## Calendar

**Monday**  
MARCH 2  
Lenten Weekday  
Lv 19:1–2, 11–18  
Mt 25:31–46

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 3  
Lenten Weekday  
Is 55:10–11  
Mt 6:7–15

**Wednesday**  
MARCH 4  
Lenten Weekday  
Jon 3:1–10  
Lk 11:29–32

**Thursday**  
MARCH 5  
Lenten Weekday  
Est C:12, 14–16,  
23–25  
Mt 7:7–12

**Friday**  
MARCH 6  
Lenten Weekday  
Ez 18:21–28  
Mt 5:20–26

**Saturday**  
MARCH 7  
Lenten Weekday  
Dt 26:16–19  
Mt 5:43–48

**Sunday**  
MARCH 8  
Second Sunday  
of Lent  
Gn 12:1–4a  
2 Tm 1:8b–10  
Mt 17:1–9

# Owr Parish COMMUNITY

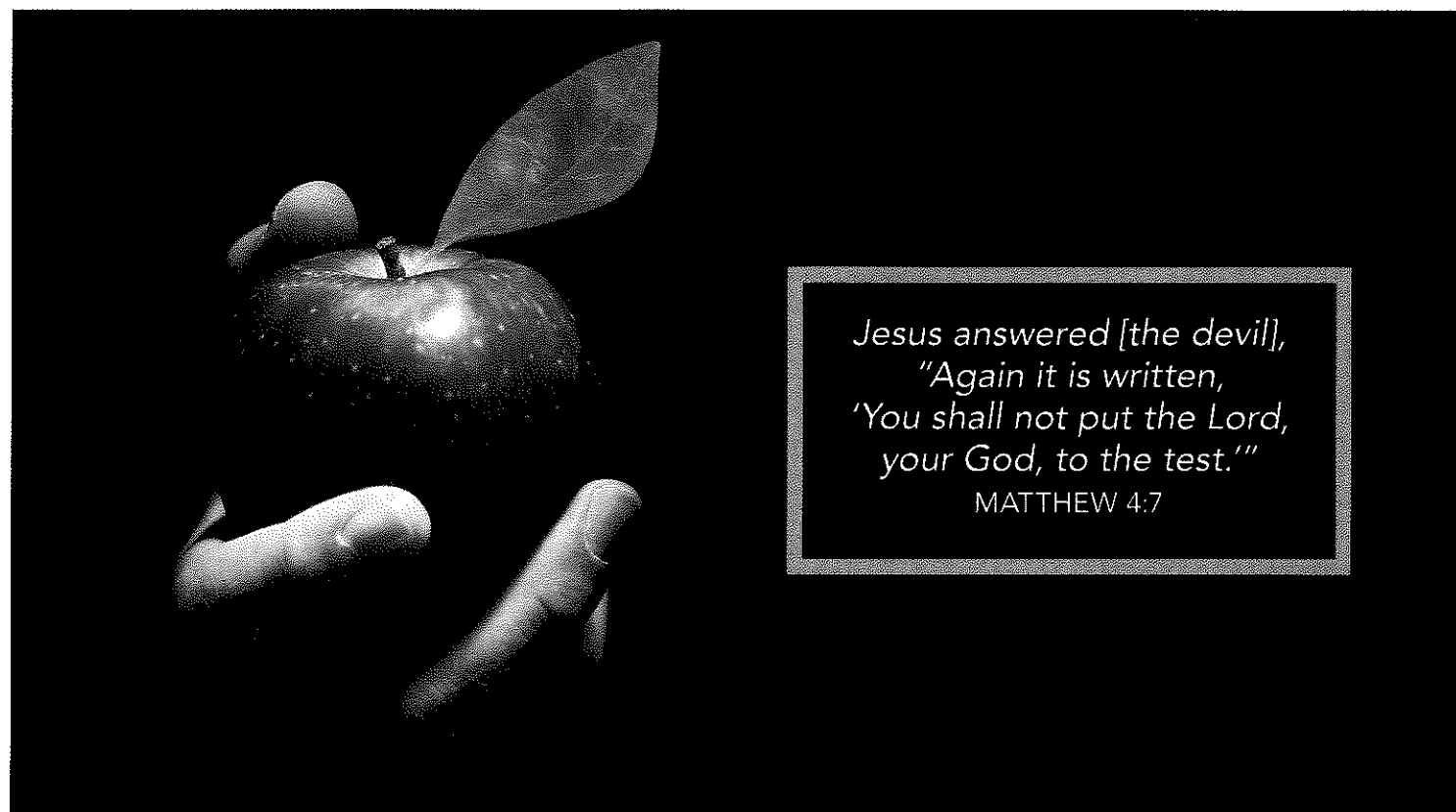
March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 2:7–9; 3:1–7

Rom 5:12–19 or 5:12, 17–19

Mt 4:1–11



Jesus answered [the devil],  
“Again it is written,  
‘You shall not put the Lord,  
your God, to the test.’”  
MATTHEW 4:7

## Try It! You’ll Like It!

If only temptation was obvious, we might have a better chance of avoiding it. But sometimes it’s so subtle. It often disguises itself as something rather attractive. This is precisely what happened in the Garden of Eden. Scripture says temptation takes on a living form—a serpent that convinces the woman that the fruit of the wisdom tree will make them “like gods, who know good and evil” (Genesis 3:5).

Who wouldn’t jump at such a possibility? Actually, who hasn’t already fallen into that trap—acting as if we are God, thinking we know everything or wishing to be in complete control? Our faith certainly encourages us to become more and more like God. What made that desire wrong was the way Adam and Eve sought to become like gods in their own way, not God’s way.

The Gospel passage tells us that Jesus also was tempted. Who doubts that Jesus wanted to be successful in his ministry? But what would he do to ensure success? Would he use divine power to attract a following? No! Would he call upon God to protect him from misunderstanding, rejection, even physical harm? No! Would he bargain with the devil, who obviously exercised power over many people? No! That was not the way he would be the Messiah. Unlike the couple in the Garden, Jesus recognized what was wrong even when it was disguised as something good. How good are we at recognizing temptation in our lives?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* In what ways does temptation sometimes trick you?
- \* What can you do so you won’t be tricked?

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

*Horas De Oficina*

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm  
 Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

Cyndi in office Tues & Friday

10-2pm & by appointments.

Patty in office Tues-Fri 9-2

Carol in office Tues-Thurs 2-6

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm

Confessions: in GS Lometa

Sunday 7:30-7:55am

Kitchen Hours/ *Horas de Cocina:*

Tues- Fri 6:00-11:00am

Food Pantry/*Dispensa de Comida:*

Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30am

Shared Blessing:

Wed & Fri 9:30am-2:00pm

Baptismal Class

Call the office for date.

Clase de Bautismo

Llamar la oficina para la fecha.

Adoration: Every Wednesday after 8:00am

Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour

after the 6pm Spanish Mass.

*Adoración: Todos los miércoles después de*

*la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los*

*jueves después de la misa de las 6:30pm*

For Those Who Have Died

Joan Brown, Julia Aguilar, Reynaldo De La Cruz,  
 Luis Torres, Espirion Moreno, Mike Medina,  
 Robert Maldonado, Mario Gill, Josephine  
 Valadez, Nick Hull, Mike Valles, Edna Deanda,  
 William Clayton, Joe Wittenburg, Bobby Dyer,  
 Helen Kiley, José Torrez, Adela Garrison,

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday/Lunes, March 2**

8:00am: Communion Service

**Tuesday/Martes, March 3**

8:00am: †Julia Ryan

**Wednesday/Miércoles, March 4**

8:00am: †Diane Riley

6:00pm: (GS) †Mary Tschoerner

**Thursday/Jueves, March 5**

6:00pm: †Margarita Duarte

**Friday/Viernes, March 6**

8:00am: †Joan Brown

**Saturday/Sábado, March 7**

5:30pm: Sean Buckley Birthday

**Sunday/Domingo, March 8**

8:00am: (GS) †Bill Klepac

10:00am: †Mario Gill

†Florence Benton

12:15pm: †Edward Cuellar

Sacrificial Giving: February 22/23

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$3125.00.00

Children's Collection: \$35.00

**Counters: March 3**

George Gondorchin/Alex Gill

LECTORS February 29/March 1

Sat 5:30pm: Jonathan Marks

Sun 10:00am: Tony/Clara Gamez

Dom 12:15pm: Elia Mondragon

Maria Rafael

LECTORS March 7/8

Sat 5:30pm: Jonathan Marks

Sun 10:00am: KOC

Dom 12:15pm: Eduardo y

Rosa Arevalo

EMHC February 29/March 1

Sun 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros

Carmen Coonrod

Sun 10:00am: Mathew/Teresa Reed

Dom 12:15pm: Bernarda Abreu,

Eduardo y Rosa Arevalo

EMHC March 7/8

5:30 Sat 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros

Carmen Coonrod

Sun 10:00am: KOC

Dom 12:15pm: Bernarda Abreu,

Eduardo y Rosa Arevalo

Those Who Serve Our Country

Angelica Sanchez, Aaron Ripley Kiser,  
 Jarren Morua, Anthony Morua, Mark  
 Argo, Jose Argo, Colton Currier, Luke  
 Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus Garcia,  
 Trenton Cavness, Dyran Self,  
 Graham Hibbert, Edwin Rivas-Miranda

For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos

Carlos Franco, Pauline Swift, Joshua DeZarn & Family, Teri Clayton, Felix DeLeon, Father Jim Robertson, John Michael  
 Maldonado, Trinidad Rangel, Noah Garcia, Teresa Velasquez John Tracey, Cindy Sawyer, Ed Reigle, Jason Moreno, Shannon  
 Barnett, Anthony Ray Torrez, Fred Bartell, Willie Nuñez, Mary Tobin, Dorothy Jeter, Gilbert & Rudy Lozano, Teresa Gronau,  
 Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Adrian Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mary G Cortez,  
 Tom Rogers, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe Rodriguez, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann  
 Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia  
 Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez, David Hernandez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos  
 Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Annabel Salazar, Marie Berger, Juan Torres, Donna Brewer, Lupe Rodriguez, Oliva Garcia,  
*Prayer:* All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick  
 today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who  
 have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this  
 through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and  
 ever. Amen.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Announcements

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS:** Meets second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the KOC hall

**GUADALUPANAS SOCIETY:** Meets every first Saturday of the month @ 11:30am, starting with Rosary, Divine Mercy, Mass and ending with Meeting.

**GRUPO SAN BENITO:** Ven a sentir el abrazo de Jesús, nos reunimos en los Lunes 7:00pm en el pasilo arriba de la cafeteria.

**MENS PRAYER GROUP:** Men's prayer group, meets every Thursday morning @ 6:00am in in the upstairs hall.

**ROSARY CRUSADE:** Every Wednesday @ 6:00pm, call Vicki Franco 512-540-1199 for more info

**CRUZADA DEL ROSARIO:** Cada Miercoles, las 6:00pm. Por favor no dude en unirse con nosotros

**RCIA CLASS:** Mondays @ 7:00pm

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Meets Sundays @ 9:00am in upper hall

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS:** Meets Mondays @ 6pm in cafeteria

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent @6:00pm

**VIACRUCIS:** Todos los Viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 6:00pm

**SECOND SUNDAY MOVIE NIGHT:** March 8 @ 5:00pm "The Chronicles of Narnia, Prince Caspian"

**BREAKFAST:** Middle School will be hosting a Fundraiser Breakfast on Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> after Mass.

**CALLING ALL MEN OF ST MARY TO JOIN LENTEN MENS GROUP FOR PRAYER, FASTING AND FATERNITY, CALL BRYAN ATKINSON @512-461-6838 OR EMAIL [bryanandgreta@aol.com](mailto:bryanandgreta@aol.com) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**ATTENTION LECTORS AND EMHC YOUR SCHEDULES ARE READY FOR PICK UP AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH!!!!!!**

Good Shepherd Announcements

**ALTAR:** Nelda DeRuiso

**LECTOR:** Dianna Furlan

**EMHC:** John Vasquez, Nelda DeRiso & Adelaida Martinez

**DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:** Please join us Thursdays @ 4:15 in the Family Life Center.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent @ 6:00pm

**SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Please join us for some breakfast and fellowship after Mass, Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

**CCE:** Wednesday, March 11, of Spring Break week there will be classes ONLY for the High School Youth Group at 6:00pm

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING: February 23**  
 Weekly Offering: \$423.00

St. Mary/Good Shepherd Announcements:

EIM WORKSHOP NEWS:

Schedule for Workshops:

Cristo Rey/Austin (Spanish) 3/3 @7:00pm

Holy Family/Copperas Cove (English) 3/7 @9:00am

St Helen/Georgetown (Spanish) 3/8 @9:00am

St Helen/Georgetown (English) 3/8 @1:00pm

St Julia/Austin (English) 3/10 @6:30pm

St Paul the Apostle/Horseshoe Bay (English) 3/14 @10:00am

St Julia/Austin (Spanish) 3/17 @6:30pm

The EIM Office annually requests membership lists for all persons in ministries/groups/organizations which require compliance with EIM policies (visit [austindiocese.org/eim-policies](http://austindiocese.org/eim-policies)). Please send your membership list to your parish EIM site administrator. Please include last name, first name, other last names used, nick names or other names known as at the parish, their email address and mailing address. All lists should be provided to Carol Boberg, your site administrator, by Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your assistance. The EIM Office is in the process of helping all applicants update their email address in their EIM account in order to improve communication regarding EIM compliance matters. Please login to your EIM account at [eappsdb.com/austin](http://eappsdb.com/austin) to update your email address (in Main Application section). If you are not able to login, email the parish EIM site administrator Carol Boberg at [smccltx3@gmail.com](mailto:smccltx3@gmail.com) with your full name, your nickname or name known as at the parish, and your correct email address. Thank you for your help.

EIM workshop is for those serving as Lector, EMHC, members of groups like Guadalupanas, KOC, San Benito, Choir, Religious Education, Kitchen, Ushers, any Council, Counters, Pantry, Bereavement, Shared Blessings, Altar Society, etc.

**NO GREATER LOVE:** During Lent at Good Shepherd in Lometa on Thursdays @ 7:00pm. While taking this study class, you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. With these insights, Catholics can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love---drawing closer to Jesus than ever have before.

**LITURGY OF THE HOUR:** Monday through Friday @ 7:30am and 5:30pm at St Mary and @8:00am at Good Shepherd.

**CONFESSIONS:** During Lent from 5:00-5:30pm every Tuesday and Thursday during Lent in the church @ St. Mary and every Friday @Good Shepherd in Lometa.

**CONFESIONES:** Todos los Martes y Jueves durante la Cuaresma, comenzando de 5:00-5:30pm en la iglesia

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL FISH FRY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT FROM 5:30-8:00PM.**