

**St Joseph's of Stratford Parish**  
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Weekly Bulletin



**First Sunday of Lent, Year C**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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Dear Parishioners,

There is a popular quote that says, "The Devil's greatest accomplishment was convincing the world he didn't exist." Today's Gospel passage dispels that idea. Not only does the devil exist, he quotes scripture, Psalm 91 in this passage. The devil had no qualms about going after the Son of God, offering him power and glory if he would worship him. Here the devil is tempting Jesus, challenging him if he could be a man. Could Jesus accept a finite existence vulnerable to pain, hunger, and eventually death? The devil tempts us in a similar way, challenging us if we can participate in divinity as children of God.

Grace and Peace,  
Fr. Tom

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:30 am

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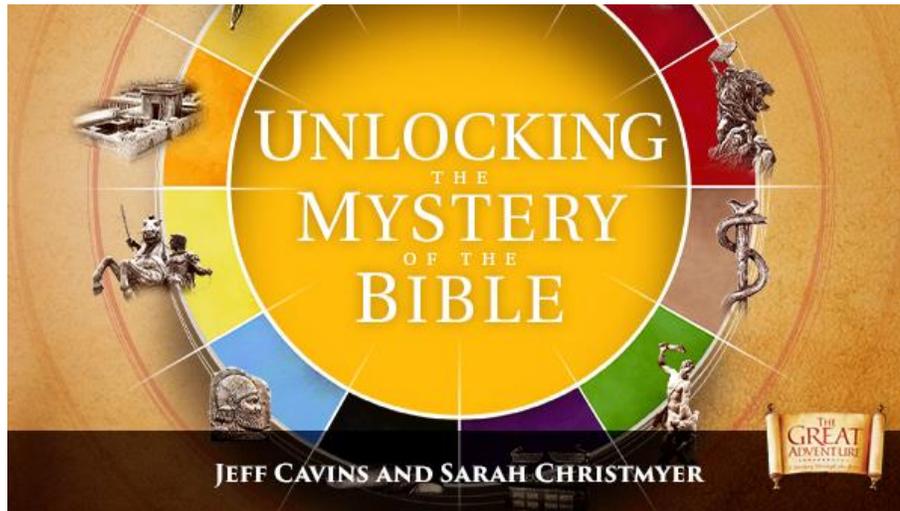
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# The Study begins this Week!

Tuesdays at 6:30pm, March 12 – April 30

Thursdays at 10am, March 14 – May 9



If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. For more information or to sign up, contact Fr. Tom at 203-377-9901 or email at [trpwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:trpwalsh@gmail.com). A daytime and evening session will be offered beginning in early March, exact dates and times to be determined.

*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you uncover the story woven through Scripture with its clever narrative approach and ingenious color-coded *Bible Timeline*. It is a great way to get the “big picture” of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You’ll see how the Bible reveals God’s loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice. Each study includes a series of eight half-hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by a group discussion. You will receive a color-coded *Bible Timeline Chart*, a Bible study workbook, and the ability to stream the study online at your convenience.

## PARISH CALENDAR

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** Adult study *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* to meet at 6:30pm.

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** Adult study *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* to meet at 10:00am.

**Fridays of Lent** Pot Luck Supper followed by Stations of the Cross, beginning at 6:00pm. A sign-up sheet is available if you chose to host a meal for a particular Friday.

### BY THE WEEK

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
12:30 - 2:30 pm  
Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm  
Irish Dance, 5:30 – 7:00pm  
Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

*For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact Father Tom by Wednesday: [frtpwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:frtpwalsh@gmail.com)*

## READERS ROSTER

<u>February 24</u> Dee Smith	<u>March 3</u> Joe Pelland	<u>March 10</u> Jean Macionus
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The roster for the entire year is posted on the Church web site. On the Home page click on the link *Schedule for Lectors* in the *Information* box.

**It was pride that changed angels  
into devils; it is humility that  
makes men as angels.**

Saint Augustine

 BrainyQuote

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

The faith community of St. Joseph's of Stratford offers healing prayers for **Ed Slonina and Ray Morrison**.

For those intentions that we hold in our hearts known to God alone.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Daytime & Evening Adult Study Sessions

The adult study, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible," begins this week. If you did not sign up for the study no problem, just come! The days and times are as follows:

Tuesdays at 6:30pm, March 12 – April 30  
Thursdays at 10am, March 14 – May 9

### Register with St. Joseph's

Please visit the new web site for the Church at [saintjosephsofstratford.org](http://saintjosephsofstratford.org). Links to the old web site will get you there. On the Home page click on the link *Please Tell Us About Yourself* in the *Register With Us* box. In addition to your name, address, and contact information space is provided for you to share your thoughts about how St. Joseph's can better serve your spiritual needs. All information you provide is confidential, not visible to the public.

### Lordship Community Church St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Lordship Community Church, 179 Prospect Drive, Stratford, holds its all-you-can-eat St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 16, 2019, at 6 p.m. The cost is \$15 per adult, and \$12 per senior (62 and over). Contact 203-377-6568 for information and to reserve before March 15.

### Our Lady of Peace St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Celebration

Our Lady of Peace Church, 651 Stratford Road, is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Celebration with the Brennan-Lucey Irish Dance Academy on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:00pm, show begins at 8:00pm. The cost is \$25 per adult and \$10 for children under 12.

### Church Dues

Church dues for individuals is \$108 per year. \$216 per year for couples/family.

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## Sunday Readings

### First Reading

**Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

#### A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people, saying:  
"The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the Lord, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

**The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

#### Responsorial Psalm

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

### Second Reading

**Romans 10:8-13**

#### A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:  
What does Scripture say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*—that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, *No one who believes in him will be put to shame.* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

**The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

### Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory

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

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### Gospel

**Luke 4:1-13**

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.  
He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry.  
The devil said to him,  
"If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."  
Jesus answered him,  
"It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*"  
Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant.  
The devil said to him,  
"I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me."  
Jesus said to him in reply,  
"It is written:  
*You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*"  
Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him,  
"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,* and:  
*With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*"  
Jesus said to him in reply,  
"It also says,  
*You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*"  
When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

**The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

