



ST. JOSEPH PARISH
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Dear Parish Family,

On this First Sunday of Lent may we be reminded of our Lord's temptations by Satan as a closeness to our own moments of allurements and insecurity. Jesus was bombarded with images and possibilities of instant gratification in the rocks becoming bread; awesome display of angels at His beck and call; world wealth and honor beyond measure. All these were disdained because of His love of the Father and His refuge in the Spirit.

May all of us take up this time of Lent as an 'acceptable time' and 'day of salvation' which we heard on Ash Wednesday. Please think of what is changing in the daily approach to prayer, the daily use of time, the daily worry about material things. Please pray for someone who is struggling during this Lent, and remember we have begun this holy time with the sign on our forehead so as to kiss that sign in adoration six weeks from now on Good Friday.

God bless you,

Msgr. John