

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Readings: 1) Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 2) Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

3) Matthew 4:1-11

**Sunday Liturgy**

**The focus for today’s Mass is: Jesus is the model of love and obedience.**

In today’s reading, Genesis recalls the first sin committed by humankind: disobedience to God.

The second reading from Romans explains how Christ came to counter that sin of disobedience with his perfect obedience.

In the Gospel, Jesus remains perfectly faithful to his Father as he resists the temptations put to him by the devil in the desert.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:**

**As we continue our Lenten journey of faith,  
let us offer these prayers to our heavenly Father,  
who loved us enough to offer his only Son for our sins.**

For all who minister and teach in the Church,  
may they boldly proclaim the hope that is Jesus, our Lord,  
and which leads to the resurrection and eternal life.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For the world,  
may it recognize Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

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For those who are experiencing physical, mental or spiritual illness;  
may they be comforted by the helping hands of caregivers,  
and may God bring them healing and peace.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our beloved dead,  
may they find rest and eternal life in heaven.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For this faith community,  
may our Lenten journey bring us closer to Jesus,  
who calls us to his side.

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause),

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**

**Heavenly Father, whose love knows no bounds,  
we ask you to hear and answer our prayers according to your will. For we offer  
them to you through Christ our Lord.**