



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

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Parish Mass Times

10am Mass & Rosary
11am Sat. Mass & Rosary/Adoration
5.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass
11.30am Sunday Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am—1pm Weekdays
11.00am—12.00pm Saturdays

Confessions After Every Mass

TEMPTATION IS NOT FROM GOD

Our pilgrimage on earth cannot be exempt from temptations of the devil. We progress spiritually by means of conquering them. The Trophy or Chalice of Victory over Death (Sin) is raised high in every Mass as a Sign of Jesus' Victory over the Devil.

The Annual Novena of Grace Wednesday 4th to Thursday 12th March

Novena prayer to St. Francis Xavier will be said at all Masses here in St. Agatha's.
Parishioners can tune into the Novena by means of the Parish Radio Link.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope 'Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

DO YOU BELIEVE THE DEVIL EXISTS TODAY?

If people listening to the Gospel (Mt 4:1-11) today still believe the devil does not exist, then they have already been seduced by the father of deceit. They are calling Jesus a liar, because Jesus shows us clearly today that Satan does exist. The devil's mission is to infiltrate our minds in order to get us to rebel against God's Will and His Teachings. One of the greatest tricks the devil performs in society today is to convince the spiritually blind and deaf that he does not exist! This is why Jesus came into the world, to awaken our ignorance and to rescue and redeem us from the Devil's death grip. It is the devil who tries to tempt us away from Christ, leading us to a faithless life of sin.

LORD, DELIVER US FROM EVIL

Christ's Mission is to lead us away from temptation and to deliver us from (d)evil. Jesus came to open our hearts to the Spirit of Truth, by bringing sight and sound to the spiritually blind and deaf. The Devil's mission is to keep people in the dark. Jesus' mission is to bring us out of that Darkness and into His Light of Enlightenment. Our Lady of Fatima in 1917, reminded the world that the devil still exists and leads many souls to Hell. Jesus told St. Faustina of Divine Mercy, in the 1930's, that the devil still existed and deprives many souls from going to Heaven, resulting in an eternal life spent in hell.

GOD'S ORDER OF GRACE

When we sin, we **Will** the presence of the devil into our hearts, by engaging and entertaining his temptations, to fulfil evil and unholy desires in our hearts. The result of satisfying our selfish and sinful needs is to offend Jesus. If we do not think of sin as an enormous painful insult to Jesus and a Judas-like betrayal of His trust in us, as Children of God, then we will continue to sin and be indifferent to the order in which we were created for. Sin kills God's Order of Grace. We replace His Will of Love and Life with the Will of Hatred and Death. We must see sin as replacing the Will of God w Will of Satan.

THE DEVIL ATTEMPTS TO TEMPT

The Devil tempted Jesus as he tempts us today. He tries to erupt pride and vanity in our hearts. He lied by pretending not to know the divine identity of Jesus by challenging Him three times with the words; *If you are the Son of God*, then perform for me, etc. The devil attempts to introduce his **disorder** into **God's order** of creation. For example, he wanted stones perfectly created by God, to be interfered with and changed into something else like loaves of bread. The devil wants our souls, perfectly ordered by God as eternal heavenly temples, to be now imperfectly re-ordered and changed into sinful doomed temples to worship the devil and destroying the soul's immortal ordered purpose to live eternally with God in Heaven. Satan only brings the darkness of Death. God bless, Fr. Brendan.