

The Temptations of Christ: from Pope Benedict XVI's Jesus of Nazareth (summary)

After His baptism, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The desert is the place of testing, the place where Israel's history is gathered up and brought to fulfillment. The temptations are not merely about personal morality; they concern the very mission of Jesus and the "question about God."

At the heart of every temptation lies the attempt "to put God to one side" and to make something else appear more urgent, more realistic, more important. The first temptation—turning stones into bread—concerns the priority of material needs. Is not hunger the most basic human problem? Should not the Redeemer prove Himself by eliminating it? Yet Jesus answers that "man does not live by bread alone." Where God is excluded, everything else loses its proper order. A world that promises bread but removes God ultimately fails man.

The second temptation offers "all the kingdoms of the world." It proposes a Messiah of power. The devil suggests that the goal—the good of the world—justifies the means. But Jesus refuses. "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve." The Kingdom of God is not built through domination or compromise with evil. No earthly kingdom is identical with the Kingdom of God. When political power claims to establish the perfect world, it becomes a deception.

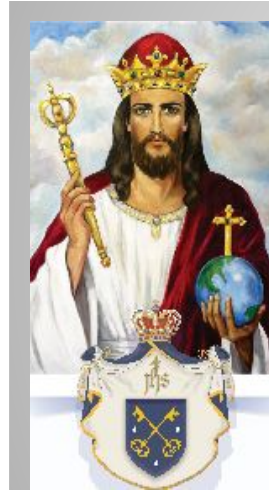
The third temptation takes place at the pinnacle of the Temple. Scripture itself is quoted in order to test Jesus. Here the issue is whether God must submit to proof. Should He not show Himself dramatically? Should faith not be made easier by spectacle? But God is not an object to be tested. "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." Trust is not manipulation; it is obedience.

In all three temptations, the same question returns: What is truly important? Bread? Power? Spectacle? Or God Himself? The fundamental commandment—worship of God alone—is the foundation of everything. When God is set aside, even good things become destructive.

These temptations accompany Jesus throughout His mission, culminating on the Cross, where He is again challenged: "If you are the Son of God..." The real issue remains the same—whether He will accept the path of obedience and suffering love or choose the easier path of worldly success.

In overcoming the temptations, Jesus reveals what redemption truly means. He does not bring political revolution or material security as the ultimate answer. He brings God. And in bringing God, He restores the proper order of human life.

Capital Campaign - "Do This in Memory of Me": Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Thank you very much for your generosity! For those who have not yet pledged, please consider doing so. Please keep praying our campaign prayer to St. Joseph! Yours in Christ, - Fr. Huber



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1st Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

"Brethren, we exhort you, that you receive not the grace of God in vain. For he saith: In an accepted time have I heard thee; and in the day of salvation have I helped thee. Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor 6:1-2

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Masses

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:30am,
10:30am (high), 1:00pm

Monday: 12:00pm
Tues, Wed, Thur: 7:00am & 9:00am
Friday: 9:00am & 6:30pm.
Saturday: 9:00 am.

Ocala:

Sunday: 4:30pm
Monday: 7:00am.

Confession: 30 min before Mass

Adoration: Fri 10am-6:15pm

Date and Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
2-22	7:00 AM Winston Shuttleworth+	S & R Perri
	8:30 AM Paola Le Page	L. de Saizieu
	10:30 AM <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	1:00 PM Andre Suka	P & A Suka
2-23	12:00 PM Fr. Vince Huber FSSP	C. Marek
2-24	7:00 AM Diane M. Zettlemoyer+	Zettlemoyer family
	9:00 AM Lisa Oros	Mom & Dad
2-25	7:00 AM Terry Angley	A. Reners
	9:00 AM Leszek Jaronski+	A. Devore
2-26	7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory++	J. Mikluscak
	9:00 AM Stanislaw Bednarz+	son Wojtek
2-27	9:00 AM Elizabeth Hofmeister	M/M R Hofmeister
	6:30 PM Jose Gonzales+	G. Sanchez
2-28	9:00 AM Agata	her mother
2-29	7:00 AM David Boerger+	W. Watercutter
	8:30 AM Kathryn Schmitz+	B. Magnusson
	10:30 AM <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	1:00 PM Paula & Bill Cody	A. Baugh

“If all the prayers of loving hearts from the beginning of the world, and all the seraphic worship of the thrones and principalities of heaven, and the burning devotion and love of the Virgin Mother of God, and the voices of the all creatures of heaven and earth were offered up in one universal and harmonious act of praise and adoration, they would not equal or even approach in value and efficacy the infinite worth of a SINGLE MASS.”

Weekly Schedule	
Holy Face Devotions	Tue, Feb 24, 10:15 AM
Women's Book Club	Tue, Feb 24, 6:30-8 PM
Youth Catechism	Thur, Feb 26 5-6 PM
Lenten Soup Meal	Fri, Feb 27, 7:30 PM

Prayer Corner
Please pray for: Nguyen Pham; Debora Came; Cindy Lane, Robert Anstead, Richard B; Nicole Romano, Bill Sharkoski, Hilari Shehwen, Scott Greenwood; Antonio Negrin; Meadows family; Michelle McConville; Stacy Steindorf, Terry Angley, Amanda Smith, Carol Labrecque; Robert M; Wis family; McNamara family

Save the date: Fr. Josef Bisig, one of the founders of the FSSP, and rector of our seminary in Nebraska, will be here to give a talk Wednesday evening April 8th, on the history of our foundation.

We will have a **Lenten Mission** preached by Fr. Joseph Favole, FSSP: **Tues March 17** - 6:30pm talk followed by adoration w/ confessions; **Wed March 18** - 6:30pm; talk followed by adoration w/ confessions; **Thur March 19** - 5:30pm adoration w/ confessions & 6:30pm Mass of St. Joseph w/ sermon.

The **Queen of Angels Academy** will have a **homeschool conference March 6-7**, please see flyer in the bulletin board in the breezeway for more info, or email Afra at beggybunchamd@gmail.com.

Stations of the cross will be held on Fridays of Lent at 5:30pm. We will continue the tradition of **penitential potluck soup dinners** in the parish hall Friday evenings following the 6:30pm Mass.

You're invited to join our women's **Lectio Divina group** on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 4-5:30 pm at CTK. We will be practicing this ancient form of mental prayer, built on the methods taught by St. Teresa of Avila, utilizing the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday Mass. Please bring your Bible or missal and give it a try! Contact Melissa.Funderburk@christthekingsarasota.org for more details.

Parish Groups

- St. Joseph's Guild
- St. Theresa Devotions Guild
- Respect Life
- Altar Servers
- Choir
- Youth Catechism
- Youth Group
- Holy Face Archconfraternity
- Women's Book Club
- Women's Lectio Divina Prayer Group

1962 Liturgical Calendar

2-22	1st Sunday of Lent	1	V	
2-23	Chair of St. Peter (transferred) (FSSP)	1	W	Feria of Lent
2-24	St. Matthias, Apostle	2	R	Feria of Lent
2-25	Ember Wednesday of Lent	2	V	
2-26	Feria of Lent	3	V	
2-27	Ember Friday of Lent	2	V	St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, Confessor
2-28	Ember Saturday of Lent	2	V	
3-1	2nd Sunday of Lent	1	V	

From the Choir Loft: Sunday 2/22/26: 1st Sunday of Lent; Entr: Parce Domine SEC 953; Asperges SEC 567; Mass XVII SEC 762; Credo I SEC 768; Exit: Throughout These 40 Days SEC 828

Audi Benigne Conditor

The Christ the King Choir performs traditional hymns and chants, many of which are of ancient origin. *Audi Benigne Conditor*, the Vespers hymn for Sundays in Lent, is attributed to Pope St. Gregory the Great (540-604). It will be sung during the ablutions. The English translation can be found in SEC 832, O Kind Creator, Bow Thine Ear.

Finances

Last Sunday's collection: cash \$5,729; on-line \$2,540.77; **CFA: \$0;**
Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$3,510.21; online \$2,349.45

2025 CFA status at CtK as of February 12, 2026: \$113,000.00 assessment; \$83,599.75 pledged (73.98% of goal); from 38.43% of 242 households; \$83,099.75. **Thank you for your support!**

Mass Attendance

Feb 15 - 572 souls
7am- 64
8:30 am- 195
10:30 am- 188
1:00 pm- 125
Ocala- 311