

# Lent 2 : Crossing Boundaries

## Crossing Boundaries

Jesus leaves Jewish territory and enters the region of Tyre and Sidon. This is foreign land. Pagan land. Canaanite land.

He crosses geographical borders and prepares to cross something even deeper: religious and cultural borders.

Sometimes God meets us outside the places we expect. Sometimes grace waits for us beyond the familiar. Where is Jesus asking me to cross a boundary of comfort, prejudice, fear, or habit?

The Woman's Humble Boldness  
She replies:

"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." No argument. No anger. No wounded pride. She turns the metaphor into hope.



She does not demand bread.  
She asks for crumbs, trusting that even crumbs from Christ are powerful.  
What humility.  
What courage.  
What faith.  
This is not self-hatred.  
This is radical trust.

## Readings & Hymns

### Hymns for This day

Processional :465 ( Nearer my God, to thee)

Offertory: 468( Day of wrath! )

Communion : 463 ( Lord of all hopefulness)

Recessional : 301(Immortal, invisible..... )

Readings

Old Testament: (2Sam12, 1-14)

The Epistle. (1Thes 14, 1-8)

The Gospel : (Mt 15, 21-28)

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### CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sundays : Mass at 11:30 am

Wednesday: Bible Study at 7:00 pm

We encourage everyone to continue to support the operation of the church by sending your offerings (collection) to the treasurer.

This can be done via our website

([www.stmichaelacc.org](http://www.stmichaelacc.org)),  
making a check to our post office box (P.O. Box 315,



## The Lenten Time

The 40 days of Lent is a sacred journey a time of grace, conversion, and renewal. It is not simply a season on the Church calendar; it is a spiritual pilgrimage that prepares our hearts for Easter.

The forty days remind us of the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, where He fasted and was tempted (cf. Matthew 4:1-11). Just as Jesus entered the desert, Lent invites us into our own "desert" — a place of silence, struggle, and encounter with God.

1. A Time of Testing and Trust on The desert is not comfortable. It strips away distractions and exposes our weaknesses. During Lent, we may become more aware of our impatience, pride, selfishness, or attachments. Yet this awareness is not meant to discourage us — it is meant to heal us. God allows the desert so that we may learn to trust Him more deeply.

2. A Call to Conversion  
The number forty in Scripture symbolizes preparation and transformation:

- \* Forty days of rain in Noah's time
  - \* Forty years of Israel in the wilderness
  - \* Forty days of Moses on Mount Sinai
- time to turn away from sin and turn



### Moses in the Wilderness

The story of Moses in the wilderness is one of the most powerful journeys in the Bible. It is not only a physical journey through the desert but also a spiritual journey of trust, purification, leadership, and covenant.

#### 1. The Call in the Wilderness

Moses first encounters God in the wilderness at the burning bush (Exodus 3). God reveals His name: "I AM WHO I AM." Moses receives his mission to lead Israel out of Egypt.

The wilderness becomes the place of vocation and divine encounter.

The desert is not empty — it is where God speaks.

#### 2. The Journey After the Exodus

After leading the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses guides them through the wilderness for 40 years.

Key events include:

The crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 14)

The giving of the Law at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19-20)

The manna from heaven (Exodus 16)

Water from the rock (Exodus 17; Numbers 20)

The wilderness becomes

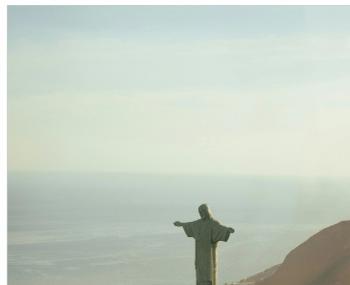
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## Temptation of the devil

Temptation is not simply about doing something wrong. It is a profound spiritual experience that reveals who we are, what we desire, and how deeply we trust God. When understood in light of faith, temptation can either weaken or strengthen our spiritual life.

1. Temptation Reveals the Condition of the Heart. In Genesis, the temptation of Adam and Eve shows that temptation often attacks trust in God. The serpent does not begin with a command to sin; he begins with a question that plants doubt. Temptation: Exposes our hidden desires Reveals areas of spiritual weakness Shows where trust in God is fragile Spiritually, this can be painful — but it is also illuminating.



2. Temptation Can Weaken the Spiritual Life When we repeatedly give in to temptation: Conscience becomes less sensitive Prayer becomes more difficult Shame creates distance from God Habits of sin are formed. In James 1:14-15, temptation is described as a process: desire → sin → spiritual death.

## Mt15, 21-28

“ Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.” ”



### Study Topic

Spiritual Awareness



### Study Topic

Understand our church's history



### Study Topic

Emotional support in time of Crisis

## Ministries Update

### VESTRY MEMBERS:

Amanda Miller, Sr. Warden  
Immaculee Ayetan, Jr. Warden  
Rick Frye, Secretary  
Lynne Brisbane, Treasurer

## Upcoming Church Events

- Adoration service: 1st & 3rd Sunday of month at 11:00 am
- The Stations of the cross: Fridays at 5 pm at church
- Remembrance mass for Fr. Pothin's mother will be celebrated today March 1, 2026.
- Holy Week Masses Schedule: Palm Sunday & Easter day at 10:30 am  
Easter Vigil at 8 pm ( virtual )  
Mandy Thursday at 5 pm  
Good Friday 12:2 pm

## Highlights

Our Church is our Families' family

