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Church of

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Parish Center Hours

Mon-Fri: 8AM - 4PM

Weekday Mass:

Monday - Friday 7AM

School Mass:

Tuesday 9:30AM

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 4:30PM

Sunday 8AM, 10AM

In Spanish:

Thursday 7PM

Sunday 12PM

Misa En Español:

Jueves 7PM

Domingo 12PM

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Rev. Luis Vargas



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."

Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:

You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."

- Luke 4:6a, 7-8

A MESSAGE FROM FR JIM BERNING



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT. Today's Opening Collect at Mass asks God to help us "grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects." All three of our readings deal with professing faith in the living God. I invite you to participate and take in Lent 2022 and grow in the riches of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

PARISH LETTER. You should have recently received a letter in your homes to invite you back to fully participate in Holy Mass. As we have opened up more and more, we are looking forward to seeing you at Mass during this Lenten Season. As we journey to pledge our allegiance and renew ourselves in the Living God, we need your participation and we thank you for all that you are for us!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2022: "Disciples of Christ, Stewards of His Gifts." Last weekend, we kicked-off the Appeal for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Our parish goal is \$49,660. We are so grateful to the parishioners that have already responded! If you have yet to make a contribution, please prayerfully consider doing so. It is not how much you contribute - participation is the key to reaching our goal. Let us reach our goal quickly - and exceed it - to help fund our own projects!

BILINGUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS. The Bilingual Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 6pm in the church. All are invited to attend.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION. We will have many opportunities to participate in the sacrament of Confession this Lent. Private confessions will be offered on Saturdays in the Cry Room from 3:30PM-4:15PM. This year, 24 hours for the Lord will again be held at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist from 4PM on Friday, March 18 to 4PM on Saturday, March 19. Our Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service with the Church of the Resurrection will be held here at St. Francis on Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30PM. Fr Luis and I are also available by appointment.

RITE OF ELECTION. The diocesan celebration of the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion is planned to take place on the First Sunday of Lent, March 6, at 3PM at Queen of Angels Parish in Austin, MN. Thanks to Mark, our RCIA coordinator, and to all of our catechists and sponsors who journey with our RCIA and RICA candidates and to the newly named Elect in our parish. Congratulations to them. All are welcome to attend!

IHM COME AND SEE. The Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona at St. Mary's University will have two weekends for men to visit the seminary this spring: March 12-14 & March 19-21. The target age is high school, but older men are welcome. Please consider to come for a fun, informational, and prayerful weekend at IHM Seminary. Contact Fr. Jason Kern at jkern@dowr.org to register.

A blessed Lent to all of you!

Fr. Jim C. Berning

WELCOME

Welcome to the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. Our church has helped to bring Jesus Christ to the city of Rochester since 1937. We seek to foster the spiritual growth of our parishioners through the celebration of the Sacraments, catechesis, community life, and personal prayer. Like our patron saint, we strive to rebuild the Church and to console the heart of Jesus by serving our neighbors in need.

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LA CUARESMA TIEMPO DE CONVERSIÓN.

“La Cuaresma — escribe el Papa Francisco — nos invita a la conversión, a cambiar de mentalidad, para que la verdad y la belleza de nuestra vida no radiquen tanto en el poseer cuanto en el dar, no estén tanto en el acumular cuanto en sembrar el bien y compartir”.

La Cuaresma es un tiempo favorable para la renovación personal y comunitaria que nos conduce hacia la Pascua de Jesucristo muerto y resucitado.

Para nuestro camino cuaresmal de 2022 nos hará bien reflexionar sobre la exhortación de san Pablo a los gálatas: «No nos cansemos de hacer el bien, porque, si no desfallecemos, cosecharemos los frutos a su debido tiempo. Por tanto, mientras tenemos la oportunidad (kairós), hagamos el bien a todos» (Ga 6,9-10a).

Como cada año la parroquia de San Francisco se esmera para ayudar a nuestros feligreses a vivir con verdadera devoción este tiempo como preparación a la celebración de la Pascua.

Por eso nuevamente estamos ofreciendo las prácticas de devoción que nos ayudan a estar conectados en este tiempo de conversión y cambio.

Cada viernes tenemos el viacrucis a las 6 de tarde, en esta ocasión se nos ofrecerá nuevamente un buen retiro espiritual para que fortalezcamos nuestro espíritu, tendrá lugar el día 26 de marzo en las instalaciones de nuestra parroquia. Será desde la mañana en las horas de la tarde, esperemos que muchos hermanos nuestros puedan participar en este importante evento.

Por supuesto todas las ceremonias de la Semana Santa, las cuales siempre están cargadas de muchos signos que nos ayudan a conmemorar la Pasión Muerte y Resurrección de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo.



MASS INTENTIONS



For the Week of March 7, 2022

MON Mar 7		NO MASS
TUES Mar 8	7:00 AM	Irissa Ryant
	* 9:30 AM	Virginia Smith †
WED Mar 9	7:00 AM	Michael Duarte (Birthday)
THU Mar 10	7:00 AM	Helen & Louie Sell †
	** 7:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory †
FRI Mar 11	7:00 AM	Shirley Leiferman †
SAT Mar 12	4:30 PM	Bunnie Powers †
SUN Mar 13	8:00 AM	Viola Kerr †
	10:00 AM	Mary Clark †
	** 12:00 PM	David Daniels †

* School Mass ** Spanish Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

If you have a desire to remember someone who has passed away or simply in need of some extra prayers, Mass Intentions are available every day for our weekday Masses and on the weekends. You are welcome to stop by the Parish Office and schedule a Mass intention during normal office hours.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 6 DE MARZO DE 2022

Domingo: Dt 26, 4-10/Sal 90, 1-2. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15 [cfr. 15]/Rom 10, 8-13/Lc 4, 1-13
 Lunes: Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/Mt 25, 31-46
 Martes: Is 55, 10-11/Sal 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19/Mt 6, 7-15
 Miércoles: Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19/Lc 11, 29-32
 Jueves: Est 14, 1. 3-5. 12-14/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8/Mt 7, 7-12
 Viernes: Ez 18, 21-28/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-7. 7-8/Mt 5, 20-26
 Sábado: Dt 26, 16-19/Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 5, 43-48
 Domingo siguiente: Gn 15, 5-12. 17-18/Sal 26, 1. 7-8. 8-9. 13-14/Flp 3, 17—4, 1 o 3, 20—4, 1/Lc 9, 28-36

CATHOLIC EDUCATION



THE NEST PRESCHOOL AT RCS IS EXPANDING IN 2022-2023! The Nest preschool at Rochester Catholic Schools is growing and will feature expanded offerings including programs at all five of our convenient RCS locations for the fall of 2022. New offerings

include an all-day Pre-Kindergarten (Age 4) program at our St. Francis of Assisi and Lourdes High School campuses. In addition, we have added a Preschool (Age 3) classroom at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School, and opened an Early Preschool (Age 2) program at Holy Spirit Catholic School! Our classrooms are filling - learn more and register today by visiting rcsmn.org/thenest

IHM SEMINARY: COME AND SEE. Men from our parish are invited to come for a fun, informational, and prayerful weekend at IHM Seminary. There will be two weekends for men to visit the seminary this spring: March 12-14 & March 19-21. The target age is high school, but older men are welcome. Contact Fr. Jason Kern at jkern@dowr.org to register.

ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY: THE VALUE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION. Catholic education solidifies a student's character and ethical framework for life as well as their personal relationship with and love for Christ. At St. Mary's University of Minnesota, the state's Lasallian Catholic university, each student receives an education that nourishes their intellect, body, and spirit and offers an incomparable community with committed faculty who seek to have each student thrive. Saint Mary's is recognized as a 2021-22 Catholic College of Distinction. It was also ranked as Minnesota's 'Best Value' by U.S. News & World Report, 2022. For parents and students planning their college search, consider visiting St. Mary's University in our diocese. Learn more about St. Mary's at: smunmn.edu/admission/undergraduate



MASS OF ANOINTING FOR THE ELDERLY AND SICK.

There will be a Mass of Anointing for the Elderly and Sick on Wednesday, March 30 at 10:30AM at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Mass will be followed by Fellowship and Treats.

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: Disciples of Christ, Stewards of His Gifts. Thanks to you, nineteen men are currently discerning the vocation to the priesthood. More than 4,600 children in our Catholic schools are being formed in lives of faith and virtue. Additionally, hundreds of students on our college campuses receive formation as disciples of Christ, with the help of Newman Centers and FOCUS

missionaries. As individual members of the Body of Christ, we all possess different gifts and talents for furthering the ministry of Christ and His Church. God's generous gifts should be returned to Him with increase by sharing the peace and joy of Christ with all those we encounter.

"Heavenly Father, may we become Your disciples through our support of the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank you, Lord, for the many blessings of our lives. We cherish the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that each member of our universal Church family makes to build up Christ's Church in love. We ask you, Lord, to send us forth in this spirit of love to serve our communities and our world with open hearts. Amen."

"Padre Celestial, que podamos acercarnos más a Cristo mediante nuestro apoyo a la Campaña de Ministerios Católicos 2022. Te damos gracias, Señor, por las muchas bendiciones que nos has otorgado. Valoramos los dones de tiempo, talento y tesoro que cada miembro de nuestra familia de la Iglesia universal hace para edificar la Iglesia de Cristo en el amor. Te pedimos, Señor, que nos envíes con este espíritu de amor para servir a nuestras comunidades y al mundo con corazones abiertos. Amén."

Our parish goal this year is \$49,660. We need everyone's support to reach and exceed our goal. Please note that all gifts will be used solely for the restricted purposes of the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We need not only your financial gifts, but your prayers as well, in order that we may fulfill our parish goal for the Appeal.

Please give generously to this year's Appeal. **To give online, visit www.catholicismn.org**

WELCOME BASKETS. During Lent, we are trying to assemble 10 complete welcome baskets for single mothers who reside at the Jeremiah House. The central mission of Jeremiah House is to help single mother's break the cycle of poverty. Please consider donating one or more items and place your donations in or around the box in the Gathering Space. Thank you!

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| 1. Bath Towel Set (2) | 2. Bedding for Single Bed |
| 3. Pots/Pan Set | 4. Corelle Ware Set for 4 |
| 5. Foldable Wagon | 6. Silverware Set for 4 |
| 7. Cooking Utensil Set | 8. Bedspread (Single Bed) |
| 9. Mops | 10. Large laundry basket |

RITE OF ENROLLMENT THIS SUNDAY. Please pray for these adults, who are preparing to become Catholic, as they attend the Rite of Enrollment at Queen of Angels in Austin on Sunday. This is a very significant step for these individuals as they prepare to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

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| ·Doreen Christenson | ·Feliciano Morales Rojas |
| ·Luz Maria Cruz | ·Marilyn Torrealba |
| ·Guadalupe Guevara | ·Santos Hernandez Vargas |
| ·Antonius Hazim | ·Edith de los Santos |
| ·Giovanni Hernandez Lara | Neponuceno |
| ·Antonio Maldonado Perez | |

FORMED. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester has provided our parish with a FREE subscription to FORMED. Take some time this week to visit <https://formed.org> (select St Francis parish) and see how valuable it could be to your Lenten journey!

- Mark (youthminister@stfrancis-church.org)

All Rochester Catholic Parish
WINTER CHILL!!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

7PM-11PM | ST PIUS X CHURCH

WINTER CHILL "VERSO L'ALTO" (TO THE HEIGHTS!)

The Catholic parishes in Rochester invite all 6-8th graders to an evening of fun where they'll learn about Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, pray, play games, dance, eat, run through the inflatable obstacle course, serve and more!

Cost is \$20 if you register by March 9th and \$30 if you register after March 9th (so sign up early!) You can register for Winter Chill online here: <https://www.uniterochestermn.org>

EVEN THE LITURGY "FASTS" IN PREPARATION FOR THE GLORIOUS SEASON OF EASTER. Lent is a time of simplification and sacrifice, aimed at drawing closer to Christ and preparing to celebrate His resurrection. This is true in our personal prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and it's also true at Mass. In the liturgy, the Church fasts both visually and aurally during the Lenten season.

Visually, fresh flowers are not permitted in the sanctuary in Lent. Aurally, the Church allows the use of musical instruments only to support the singing of the people, except on Solemnities and Feasts. Neither the Gloria nor the Alleluia is permitted. There is no solo instrumental music. We also fast from singing a recessional hymn. Such sacrifices delineate the solemn season of Lent, until we are able to rejoice again on Easter.

During Lent, we will also sing the Latin chant Mass parts. Of all the musical settings of the Mass, the Latin chants lend themselves best to simple singing. Since the texts are the same as what we sing at Mass all through the year (e.g. "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts..."), it's very easy for us to understand what we're singing. Our singing together in Latin also signifies and promotes the universality of the Catholic Church, uniting us with Catholics around the world and through the course of history.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 12/13:

	Reader	Hospitality Minister	Minister of Holy Communion
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Maryanne Doyle	John Sibley David Klinkhammer	Diane Wagner
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Ruth Wentz	Alan Heimer Jean Heimer	Gwen Cameron
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Bill Klein	Lori Paukert Mark Paukert	Dave Oeth

- Hope (liffranc@stfrancis-church.org)

Due to attrition and especially COVID, we are presently in very great need of additional Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality Ministers and Readers.

If you can share your time with the parish community, please contact the Parish Center Office at 288-7313. Everyone Confirmation age and older is asked to prayerfully consider this request. Training provided. We try to schedule per your request and no more than twice a month. Thank you!



SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CONFERENCE. Our St Francis of Assisi Society of St Vincent de Paul Conference would like to let our parish know the support provided to families in need.

During the most recent year, our conference assisted over 200 families and almost 600 family members with financial assistance of approximately \$71,000. This financial assistance was comprised primarily of housing assistance (\$31,000), a program to provide mattresses to families in need (\$26,000), utilities (\$6,300), transportation/car repairs (\$1,200) and food (\$1,100). In many cases, the assistance we provided prevented eviction or utility cutoffs.

The mattress program was made possible by a bequest made by a deceased parishioner in a prior year. We could not provide this ministry without the parish support including the financial support from parishioners, members and memorials of \$30,000. Our total revenue of \$41,000 included a \$6,100 grant from Catholic Charities, Olmsted County and the Knights of Columbus and the Walk for the Poor fundraiser of \$5,400.

Our conference works very closely with other parish ministries serving those in need including the Social Concerns Committee, Neighbors in Need envelope program, Resource Room, the Sunday Lunch program and the Angel Advent Tree. Our parish can be proud of the social ministry provided by the parish. Thank you for your support and prayers. Financial support may be provided by contributing to the Neighbors in Need envelope or by sending a contribution to the parish with a designation for the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Interested in participating in SVDP? Our parish conference meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 6:30PM in the Parish Center Conference Room. It includes discussion of our spiritual development and how we can assist our community members in need. Many of our members have commented that their initial involvement was to answer a call to help the poor but that they have stayed involved because of the spiritual development and friendships formed with other Vincenians.

Questions? Please contact Dave Oeth, the current conference president, at 259 3170. Thank you!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
St. Francis of Assisi Conference

THE GREATER CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



#MERCYINMOTION CAMPAIGN.

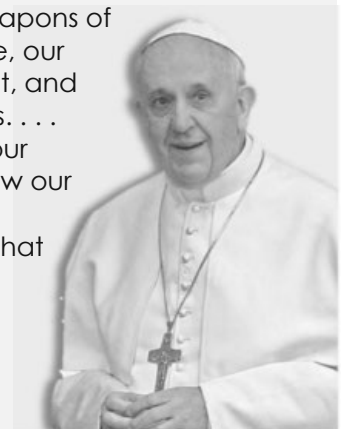
The last year has been filled with many challenges, whether physical or spiritual, personal or societal. In the face of so many difficulties, we can feel helpless to make a difference in our world. But we are reminded of the words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

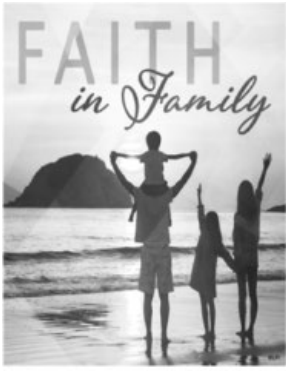
Inspired by this "little way," Catholic Charities is inviting you to join us in our second annual #MercyInMotion Campaign. Like last year, we will focus on one of the Corporal Works of Mercy each week, offering concrete ways in which you can take up the Lenten call to Pray, Fast, and Give alms. This year, we will also be offering Zoom small groups so that you can share your Lenten journey with others. To join, email Isaac Landsteiner (ilandsteiner@ccsommn.org). Check your parish bulletin, or our Facebook page (Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota), for weekly updates. To learn more, visit www.ccsommn.org/mercyinmotion

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (Jn 4:13-14). This week, answer Christ's call to Give Drink to the Thirsty by 1) Using Lectio Divina to pray with the story of the Woman at the Well; 2) Drinking only water for a day (no other beverages) or making a conscious effort to conserve water when you shower or brush your teeth; 3) Giving the gift of water by supporting the work of Catholic Relief Services in digging wells in other countries. For more ideas, please visit www.ccsommn.org/mercyinmotion

INVOCATION OF PEACE. God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. . . . Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that . . . our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

- Pope Francis





FAMILY CONNECTION.

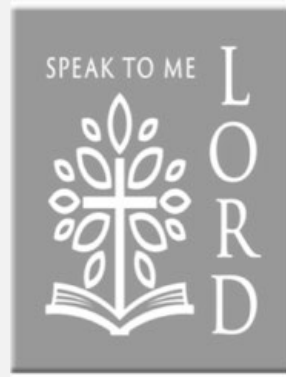
In Luke's Gospel, the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert appears just after Jesus' baptism and before Jesus begins his public ministry. We can imagine this as a time of transition, a turning point in Jesus' life. Perhaps we can liken it to one of the important turning points in our own lives: the decision to marry, the birth of a child, the acceptance of a new job, or the decision to move to a new home.

After the moment of decision, having reached the point of no return, we sometimes begin to wonder if we are prepared and ready for the task before us.

Turning points can be times of doubt and insecurity. Jesus' response to the temptations of the devil offers an example for responding in faith when our doubts and insecurities tempt us to distrust God's sufficiency. Jesus rebukes the devil by quoting Scripture. Each citation is an affirmation of trust in God. We learn to trust in big things by practicing trust in little things. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving invite us to trust God in these small ways. They remind us that God will suffice for us. They prepare us to trust in God in all things, especially in moments of doubt and uncertainty.

As a family, talk about ways in which trust has been built among members of the family. Observe how being trustworthy in small matters enables us to trust one another in more important matters. Offer specific examples if possible (e.g., children who establish their responsibility in household tasks can be granted greater independence and freedom to choose how they perform these tasks). Today's Gospel shows us how Jesus trusted God in all things. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 4:1-13. Discuss how Jesus showed his trust in God when he resisted the devil's temptations. Invite family members to name times when they have trusted God in matters small or large. Write a family prayer together. You might write the prayer so that each line begins with a letter in the word "trust." Pray this prayer together.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>



In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

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