

Reflections on First Sunday of Lent 26A.

Mass: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7; Psalm: 50; Romans 5:12,17-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

The first reading begins with the beginning of evil, a desire for power. This is the meaning of deciding what is good and what is evil. Human beings want to decide what is right and what is wrong, the power to decide what is moral. In the second reading this search for power is reversed by Christ. He is absolutely obedient to his Father. That obedience is revealed in the Gospel story of the temptations in the desert as Jesus relives the Exodus story by quoting and standing by the Scriptures. Faithfulness to that Scripture, the story of the Covenant and God's call to Israel, means the freedom that God desires for his world. Walking this journey with Jesus is our Lenten journey.