

1st Sunday of Lent Year C

**1. Grocer sees a boy tempted to steal an apple**

“Are you trying to steal my apples”

“No sir, I’m trying not to”

**2. Today we hear about Jesus’ temptation in the desert**

The gospel shows Jesus being tempted, just like we are

- Jesus took our nature
- He was tempted
- He knew that temptation can lead to sin
- When He taught disciples to pray  
“Lead us not into temptation”  
Temptation happens – but that’s different from being led by it

- Here’s the next thing – after Jesus overcomes the temptation  
“He departed from him for a time”
  - Satan does not like defeat, he will return over & over again.
  - Opportunity Knocks once – Temptation Leans on the Doorbell

**3. So what does this mean for us?**

We are God’s People – and as such we encounter temptation, like Jesus.

Like Jesus – we have to struggle with Satan –

Hand to hand, temptation by temptation, over and over again

*But because Jesus defeated sin, we have victory.*

Jesus founded the Church on Rock & Church was given a new tool

FORGIVENESS - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – **Joy of Penance**

Lent is a time for us to prepare ourselves to encounter the Risen Christ

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is a way to do this

COME HOME

When we arrived over a year ago we began RCIA classes

Every week for last 18 mos. – these people have been COMING HOME

Today, throughout the world, we celebrate Rite of Election - from candidates to the Elect

We are blessed in that all 3 of our churches have candidates

Call them up.