Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Students

The Gospel for the First Sunday in Lent each year is the story of Jesus spending forty days in the desert where Jesus encountered evil. This event happened just after Jesus had been baptized by John, and just prior to the beginning of his preaching and healing.

Jesus went into the desert to spend time with God - to encounter God in prayer and through fasting. Jesus also encountered the forces of evil and was tempted in three ways – Jesus was tempted to be selfish; to focus on himself and not on God. Jesus was tempted to be greedy, to seek wealth and possessions in place of a relationship with God. Jesus was tempted to misuse power; to control others rather than set them free.

In the end, Jesus overcame these temptations because God was for Jesus the single most important person in his life and what God wanted mattered more than anything else. At the beginning of the Gospel story we read that “The Spirit drove Jesus into the desert”. Drove is a strong word and it means that Jesus was so close to God and whatever God asked of him, that the Holy Spirit was like a strong force that affected Jesus in every way. Jesus lived firstly for God and gave himself into God’s direction.

Lent is the time we are asked to grow closer to God as we prepare to celebrate Easter. We can do this in three ways: by fasting so that we focus on God and not our own needs; by prayer so that a closer relationship with God is all we seek to own; and by using our power to support and care for others and not to hurt or turn away from them.

We pray this week for the grace to be stronger and better people because God is for us the single most important person in every way.

Jesus and Mary bless all Santa Teresa families.

Yours sincerely
In JMJ

Br Daniel
(Principal)
Some photos from Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Pancakes for Breakfast

Preparing the Ashes

Father Bosco Blesses the Ashes

Listening to Father Bosco

Receiving the Blessed Ashes