**First Sunday of Lent Year C.**

**Priest: The Gospel tells us that Our Lord went to face his temptations in the wilderness filled with the Holy Spirit. Let us pray to the Father filled with that same Spirit of strength and confidence.**

Reader: That, led by the Pope and Bishops, the pilgrim Church may proclaim “the word, that is the faith…..” Lord Hear Us.

Reader: That all peoples may share equally in the abundance of the fruits of the earth Lord Hear Us

Reader: That men and women with moral weaknesses may receive the grace to resist the tactics of the devil Lord Hear Us

Reader: That we will never put God to the test Lord Hear Us

Reader: For our sick and bereaved in this parish, that they are comforted and given strength by the Holy Spirit Lord Hear Us

Reader: That the deceased people from our families and parish may dwell forever “in the shelter of the Most High” Lord In Your mercy

Reader: Let us pray to our Heavenly Mother Mary as we say together,

 Hail Mary…………

Reader: Let us now pray in silence for our own private intentions

**Priest: Father of mercy, you gather us here to offer the atoning sacrifice of your Son. We ask you to hear the prayers which the Holy Spirit inspires us to make, through Christ Our Lord Amen.**