

## **Temptation and Sin**

*“ Have no love for the world, nor the things that the world affords.  
If anyone loves the world, the Father’s love has no place in him..”*

1 John. 2:15

**Consider the following statement:** Temptation attracts us to sin, but God’s grace helps us to resist it.

*Keeping the above statement in mind, read and meditate on the following passages:*

### **Scripture:**

Gn 3: 1- 7	The Fall of Adam and Eve
Ps 51:3-5	God, in your mercy, have mercy on me.
Sir 15:11-20	It is not God’s will that we sin.
Mt 15: 19-20	The heart’s evil desires.
Lk 4:1-13	Jesus is tempted by the Devil
Lk 9:23-24	Denial of self to follow Christ.
1 Cor 10: 13	Being tested.
Gal 5:16-24	The struggle of the spirit against the flesh.
Eph 6:12	The battle against principalities.
Heb 4: 15	Our high priest can sympathize with us.
Jas 1: 13-15	God does not tempt.
1Pt 1 :6-7	Suffering the distress of trials.
1 Pt 5:8-9	The devil prowls about seeking to destroy us.
1 Jn 2: 15-17	Against love for the world.
1 Jn 5: 16-17	Mortal and Venial Sins

### **Catechism:**

CCC 385-390	Where Sin Abounded, Grace Abounded All the More
CCC 396-412	Original Sin
CCC 538-540	Jesus’ Temptations
CCC1426	Baptism does not remove concupiscence
CCC1849-1869	Sin: Mortal and Venial
CCC2846-2854	“ And Lead us not into Temptation.”

### **Key Terms:**

**Concupiscence:** The human inclination and desire to sin, which is a consequence of original sin. Even after Baptism, concupiscence remains.

**Mortal sin:** Serious sin (rejection of God) that destroys one’s relationship with God, resulting in the loss of sanctifying grace. For a sin to be mortal three conditions must be met: grave matter, full knowledge of evil, full consent.

**Venial sin:** Sin that wounds one’s relationship with God, diminishing and wounding sanctifying grace in the soul. Venial sin is failure to observe moderation in the moral law, or in grave matters acting without full knowledge, or complete consent.