



## *From the desk of Father Rich Yanos*

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent.

A covenant is a solemn agreement between two parties in which each promise something. The book of Exodus recounts how the Jews escaped from slavery in Egypt and made a covenant with God on Mount Sinai. The heart of that covenant is this: God promises to accept the Israelites as his people. On their part, they must promise to keep God's commandments.

In our second reading today, Paul writes to his Corinthian converts about the difficulty in preaching about a crucified savior. To Jewish people who looked for a powerful Messiah performing spectacular signs, it seemed unacceptable that the Messiah would suffer and die. To Gentiles, it seemed entirely absurd that someone who died such a humiliating death could be the savior of the world.

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A message every adult should hear, because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING....

...I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.

...I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

...I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

...I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in God.

...I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

...I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

...I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

...I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

...I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

...I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

...I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

...I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

Some important news that effects all our parishioners... Although it has been over a year that our three parishes united under the new name of Queen of Peace, it was not until this past November that we were able to merge our three data bases. This meant that every parishioner now has a new envelope number. Our bank has asked us to remind our parishioners that all checks should now be made out to our new parish name: Queen of Peace. No longer should you be making checks out to St. Eugene, Our Lady, Mother of the Church or Divine Savior as very shortly our financial institution will not be accepting them. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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I'd like to remind all in our Queen of Peace Community that our Parish Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service with individual confessions will take place here at St. Eugene on Tuesday, March 19th, at 7:00 p.m. I invite you to join us in receiving the healing power of Jesus and the gift of God's grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please plan on joining your parish community on Tuesday night, March 19th as you make your personal preparations for Holy Week and Easter.

Just a reminder that Stations of the Cross are prayed at St. Eugene Church every Friday throughout Lent at 7:00 p.m. On Good Friday, however, they will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. at both Our Lady Mother of the Church and at St. Eugene Church simultaneously.

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Our upcoming Scandinavian trip to Norway and Sweden is steadily filling up. For this reason, I'd like to invite and encourage anyone in our parish, along with your family and friends, who have never been to this part of the world or who have never experienced "group travel" to consider joining us. You'll not only be seeing and experiencing the scenery of two of the most beautiful countries, you'll also be sharing in this experience with a great group of people along with their pastor.

Currently we have only about 10 spaces left so if you think you might like to join us sign-up soon by sending in the RSVP Form that is inside the Trip Brochure. You can pick up copies of the brochure either in church or at the parish office. You can also request to have one sent to you by emailing me at [ryanos@st-eugene.org](mailto:ryanos@st-eugene.org) or by filling out the form at the bottom of the Norway and Sweden advertisement page in today's bulletin and I'll be glad to send you one.

We always have a great time on these trips. Hope you can join us.

Have a great week ahead, everyone!

*Fr. Rich Yanos*

