Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent (C)
Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15
1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12
Lk 13:1–9

Appreciating God's Patience

God is very patient, but his patience doesn't last forever.

In the Old Testament, after God spoke to Abraham and Lot's subsequent rebellion, some 500 years passed before God revealed himself again—this time to Moses. God takes the first step toward Abraham and, when his descendants turned away, he steps back. He reached out again to Moses and revealed his name so that Moses could enter into a personal relationship with him and explain his name to others. God wants to be known by his people and by you!

So here we learn that with this revelation of God comes a responsibility. He unveils his mysterious face but he also desires a loving response and for us to witness about him to others.

Saint Paul makes it clear that God eventually ran out of patience with the Chosen People in the desert. After freeing the Israelites from Egypt with signs and wonders, giving them his law, and feeding them in the desert, they complained against him. Like the fig tree in the gospel, he gave them ample time and multiple encores of his love and mercy. Yet eventually, his love took the form of tough love—forty years of desert wanderings.

Lent is another expression of God's patience toward us. He is once again sowing the seeds of conversion, hoping for the fruits of our change of heart—fruits of love, forgiveness, repentance, and renewal.

He gives time for his cultivating efforts to take effect and for fruit to appear, but our life on earth is finite, so that time isn't unlimited.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Scenes from the Life of Moses* (detail), 1481-1482
Artist: Sandro Botticelli
Location: Sistine Chapel

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For Reflection

Is there a particular way I "desire evil things," as St. Paul says in the second reading?
God shows me patience and mercy yet again this year. How shall I respond?

"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."
Luke 13:8

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Saint Day Celebrations for the Week

Mon. Mar 25	The Annunciation of the Lord
Tue. Mar 26	Lenten Weekday
Wed. Mar 27	Lenten Weekday
Thu. Mar 28	Lenten Weekday
Fri. Mar 29	Lenten Weekday
Sat. Mar 30	Lenten Weekday

"Let us remember the words of the psalm: "The foolish man thinks that God does not exist." Prayer is absolutely necessary."

Week End Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 6:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM

Weekday Masses:

Tues – Thurs:
9:00 AM Mass

Confession Schedule

After Saturday Vigil Mass

Nocturnal Adoration

Mondays
3:00PM – 8:00PM

Public Rosary

Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday 8:35AM

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar 23	6:00PM	Luwanna Lange (B'day), by Vivian Rogers
		+ Otto Klein (B'day), by Deacon Curtis Klein
		+ Catherine Saulter, by Lee S. Bernhard family
		+ Pauline Abramski (Death Anniv.), by Richard & Parlet Kunz
Sunday, Mar 24	9:00AM	Sidney Heinemannn, by Leo Heinemann family
		+ Parents of Joe & Julia Esquell
		+ Angelique Gauther (Death Anniv.), by Vivian Rogers
		+ Catherine Saulter, by Lee S. Bernhard family
Tuesday, Mar 26	9:00AM	
Wednesday, Mar 27	9:00AM	+ Irene Klein (B'day), by Deacon Curtis Klein
		+ Annie Lange (B'day), by Sharon Kasper
Thursday, Mar 28	9:00AM	+ Gail Howard, by Vivian Rogers
Saturday, Mar 30	6:00PM	+ Catherine Saulter, by Mary Bernhard
		Alfredo & Blanca Garcia family, by the Hollis family
Sunday, Mar 31	9:00AM	+ Joe & Julia Esquell
		Molly Lynn Prices, by Vernon & Sharon Wahrmund
		Summer May Prices, by Vernon & Sharon Wahrmund

Pray for the health of: Elena Barber & family, Tony Daniels, Jackie Dukes, Dick Estenson, Lauren Hammond, Hal Hart, Bob Hoch, Paul Jenschke, Thanos Kyriakopoulos, Marilyn Lange, Steve Long, Rebecca Rendon Lott and family, Theresa Rogers, Vivian Rogers, Darrell Stewart, Karen Young, Maggie Decker, Michael Valdez, Karen Conway, Camryn Robertson, Werner Schumpelt, Marian Strackbein, Benno Jenschke, Cecil Harper, Jane Esquell, Mary Ann Kneese, Charlie Bisson, Linda Esquell, Osteen family, Mary Caldwell, Pastor Johnny Long, Wilfred Canning, Berta Avila

Two and a half weeks ago, as we began our Lenten journeys, we may have been told, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." It was not a suggestion. It was a command, a command to orient ourselves toward God. Have we followed this command? Are we putting our faith into action? It's not too late. Like the fig tree in today's Gospel, we are cared for by a patient gardener. We have been given another chance to bear fruit.

Hace dos semanas y media al comenzar nuestra jornada cuaresmal probablemente nos hayan dicho: "Conviertete y cree en el Evangelio". No fue una sugerencia, sino un mandato; un mandato a orientarnos hacia Dios. Hemos cumplido con ese mandato? Hemos puesto nuestra fe en acción? No es muy tarde. Asi como sucede con la higuera en el Evangelio de hoy, a nosotros nos cuida un vinador paciente. Se nos ha dado otra oportunidad para dar frutos.

Soup Supper/Stations of the Cross with Communion Service
Every Friday during Lent at 5:30

CONGRATULATIONS! – THANKS BE TO GOD!

Anniversary of Installation of Pope Francis, Supreme Pastor of the Universal Church (March 19, 2013)

Anniversary of Gustavo Garcia-Siller of Episcopal Ordination of the Metropolitan (March 19, 2003)

Last Week's Attendance

Saturday (6:00 PM) 54
Sunday (9:00 AM) 94

Weekly Income

Offertory $1986.00
Cemetery ..... -
CCD $35.00
Building Fund ..... -
Flowers..... -

EASTER FLOWERS

We are accepting Easter Flower donations in memory of: or in honor of a loved one. Envelopes are at the entrance of the church. Donations may be placed in collection basket or dropped off at the church office. Deadline is April 14.

MOTHER'S DAY FISH FRY BUCKET DRAW & SILENT AUCTION

The Mother's Day Fish Fry Bucket Draw and Silent Auction need your help! Gift cards, hand-crafted items, a basket of goodies (*be creative*), cash towards a prize – your donation makes it a success! Please call Cindy Hansen at 214-202-4258. Items must be received by April 28. Thank you!

Third Week of Lent

ENCOUNTER THE DHATHCROOS FAMILY

The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refuges in your community to rebuild their lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

The Men's Acts Retreat is the weekend of April 14 at Camp Tecaboca in Mountain Home, TX. The cost of the retreat is $175.00 with a $50.00 deposit to hold your spot. For an application call Vernon Wahrmund at 864-4518 or 830-353-3329.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in need of a volunteer to help count and enter the collections in the computer. Preferably someone with computer knowledge. If your are interested please call Paulette Leyendecker at 512-497-4937.

Date	*Alter Servers*	*Extraordinary Ministers*	*Lector*	*Ushers*
Sat, Mar 30 6:00 PM MC: Art Hansen	James Maurer	Jo Ann Spaeth Parlet Kunz	Art & Cindy Hansen	Linda Rech
Sun, Mar 31 9:00 AM MC: Annie Rendon	Triston Schubert Zane Schubert	Annie Rendon Emilio Rendon Jay Harper Shae Tatsch	Robin Harper	Sharon Kasper Wes Hollis

Calendar

Monday
MARCH 25
Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10–14; 8:10
Heb 10:4–10
Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday
MARCH 26
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34–43
Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday
MARCH 27
Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5–9
Mt 5:17–19

Thursday
MARCH 28
Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23–28
Lk 11:14–23

Friday
MARCH 29
Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2–10
Mk 12:28–34

Saturday
MARCH 30
Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1–6
Lk 18:9–14

Sunday
MARCH 31
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a, 10–12
2 Cor 5:17–21
Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Dear Padre,

Is the sprinkling rite at Mass necessary?

Occasionally on Sundays and Saturday evenings, especially in the Easter season and on feasts including Pentecost or the Baptism of the Lord, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take the place of the customary Penitential Act as a reminder of baptism. While the Penitential Act invites us to acknowledge our sins, the sprinkling rite not only reminds us of our failings but of our conversion through baptism.

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Water is blessed before the sprinkling using these or similar words: "Grant, O Lord, in your mercy, that living waters may always spring up for our salvation, and so may we approach you with a pure heart and avoid all danger of body and soul" (*The Roman Missal*). If salt—a symbol of strength—is added to the water, it's first blessed in a prayer to God "who commanded the prophet Elisha to cast salt into water, that impure water might be purified" (*RM*).

Also, the Church empties holy water fonts on the days of the Triduum to prepare for the blessing of water at the Easter Vigil, but removing holy water fonts during the season of Lent isn't permitted. To do so "is contrary to a balanced understanding of the season of Lent, which though truly being a season of penance, is also a season rich in the symbolism of water and baptism, constantly evoked in liturgical texts" (Congregation for Divine Worship). After all, every Sunday, even during Lent, is a little Easter!

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A Word from Pope Francis

Gathered before Jesus crucified, we hear his words ring out also for us: "I thirst" (John 19:28)....What does the Lord thirst for? Certainly for water, that element essential for life. But above all for love....He thirsts to give us the living waters of his love, but also to receive our love.

—Visit to Assisi, September 20, 2016

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