



Third Sunday of Lent

March 11 / 12, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Boniface:

Saturday

5:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sunday:

**8:00 am-8:45 am Adoration &
Rosary**

8:30 am Confession

9:00 am Mass

Novena

Stations of the Cross

Tuesday & Thursday:

5:30 pm

Bible Study

Thursday 8:00 pm

Mission Statement: We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.



What's in Your Heart?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In the past fifty years, there seems to have been a quiet but noticeable shift in the lived faith of Catholics in the pews. None of it has been officially or formally decreed, though it might very well be the natural unfolding of what the Second Vatican Council was about. It seems to have simply happened, perhaps by the workings of the Holy Spirit. I would highlight four common shifts.

People's faith seems to have moved from a primary concern with doctrine or what we believe, to spirituality or how we live out what we believe as people of faith and where God is in our lives.

What's in our hearts has been a focus. It suggests that while actions are important, where the actions originate and what they say about who we are is also important in trying to understand why we do what we do.

People pray differently. While the rosary and devotional prayer is nurturing to the faith of many, there has also been a discovery of other forms of meditation, quiet reflection, and praying with sacred scripture.

Confession no longer seems to be about only reporting kinds and numbers of sins but also about what is in one's heart and how people find themselves relating to others. People confess both attitudes and actions that are destructive rather than moral lists.

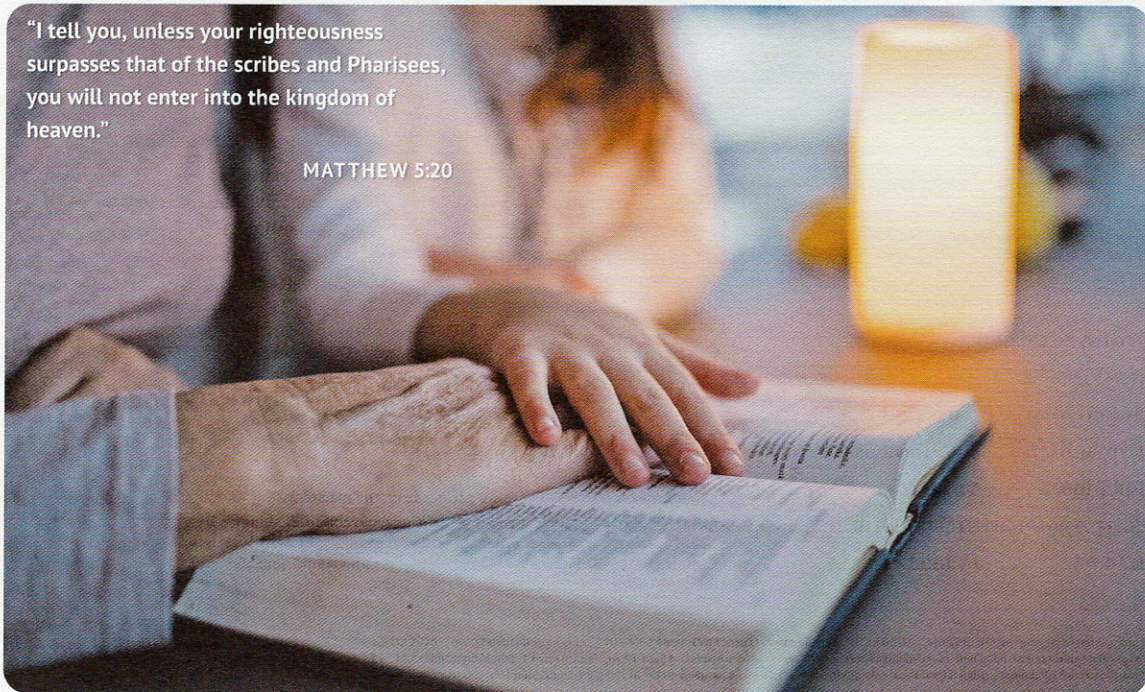
It would seem that all of this echoes this week's Gospel, which focuses on divisive anger, lustful lifestyles, and faking the truth, that is, what is in our hearts. ●

Reflect

***How is your faith different today
than it was ten or twenty years ago?***

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:20



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<i>Thursday</i>	<i>No Mass</i>	
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	<i>OLPH</i> <i>Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE</i> <i>Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
Date	March 12	March 19	March 11	March 18
Lector	Joe McNaughton	Creed Farthing	Mary Jo Leygraaf	Jerry Nowak
Server	Creed Farthing	Joe McNaughton		

Mass Intentions	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>St. Boniface</i>
March 11 / 12	Heyward McCowan Tibbs, Jr	Heyward McCowan Tibbs, Jr
March 18 / 19	Heyward McCowan Tibbs, Jr	Heyward McCowan Tibbs, Jr

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
March 4 / 5	\$155.00	\$50.00

*May God bless you for your generous contributions
to our Church!*

*Next Sunday, there will be a second collection for
Catholic Relief Services. Please give generously.*

Reading I

Ex 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water,
the people grumbled against Moses,
saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?
Was it just to have us die here of thirst
with our children and our livestock?"
So Moses cried out to the LORD,
"What shall I do with this people?
a little more and they will stone me!"
The LORD answered Moses,
"Go over there in front of the people,
along with some of the elders of Israel,
holding in your hand, as you go,
the staff with which you struck the river.
I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb.
Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it
for the people to drink."
This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel.
The place was called Massah and Meribah,
because the Israelites quarreled there
and tested the LORD, saying,
"Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

Responsorial Psalm

95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading II

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters:
Since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have gained access by faith
to this grace in which we stand,
and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
For Christ, while we were still helpless,
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,
though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.
But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Verse Before the Gospel

Cf. Jn 4:42, 15

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Gospel

Jn 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar,
near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
Jacob's well was there.
Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well.
It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water.
Jesus said to her,
"Give me a drink."
His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.
The Samaritan woman said to him,
"How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"
—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—
Jesus answered and said to her,
"If you knew the gift of God
and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,'
you would have asked him
and he would have given you living water."
The woman said to him,
"Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep;
where then can you get this living water?
Are you greater than our father Jacob,
who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself
with his children and his flocks?"
Jesus answered and said to her,
"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst;
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
The woman said to him,
"Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty
or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her,
"Go call your husband and come back."
The woman answered and said to him,
"I do not have a husband."
Jesus answered her,
"You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.'
For you have had five husbands,
and the one you have now is not your husband.
What you have said is true."
The woman said to him,
"Sir, I can see that you are a prophet.
Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain;
but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."
Jesus said to her,
"Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You people worship what you do not understand;
we worship what we understand,
because salvation is from the Jews.
But the hour is coming, and is now here,
when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth;
and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him.
God is Spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in Spirit and truth."
The woman said to him,
"I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ;
when he comes, he will tell us everything."
Jesus said to her,
"I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned,
and were amazed that he was talking with a woman,
but still no one said, "What are you looking for?"
or "Why are you talking with her?"
The woman left her water jar
and went into the town and said to the people,
"Come see a man who told me everything I have done."

Could he possibly be the Christ?"
They went out of the town and came to him.
Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat."
But he said to them,
"I have food to eat of which you do not know."
So the disciples said to one another,
"Could someone have brought him something to eat?"
Jesus said to them,
"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me
and to finish his work.
Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'?
I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest.
The reaper is already receiving payment
and gathering crops for eternal life,
so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together.
For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.'
I sent you to reap what you have not worked for;
others have done the work,
and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him
because of the word of the woman who testified,
"He told me everything I have done."
When the Samaritans came to him,
they invited him to stay with them;
and he stayed there two days.
Many more began to believe in him because of his word,
and they said to the woman,
"We no longer believe because of your word;
for we have heard for ourselves,
and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

REFLECTION

People of Israel were in the desert since there was no water they complain to God or cry to God for water. Samaritan woman was thirsty, so she comes to the well. At the well she meets the savior and escaped the hell. Today, let us

reflect about divine encounters. In the Bible, there are many examples of encounters. But let us base this particular reflection on the Samaritan Woman's encounter with Jesus. five truths about encounters we can learn from this passage.

An Encounter is a Heavenly Appointment (Read John 4:1-6)

The opening verses of this chapter have the impression that the entire incident was circumstantial. But it wasn't so. Jesus' life was always in sync with the Spirit. He traveled across Samaria because he was led by the Spirit into that village. Just because encounters take place when we least expect them, doesn't mean they are coincidental or circumstantial. They are heavenly appointments.

Encounters aren't Seasonal or Geological (Read John 4:7-8)

The Samaritan woman didn't meet Jesus on a Shabbat or in a building dedicated to carrying out religious activities. It was just another ordinary and busy day in which she carried out her routine household duties. Encounters aren't seasonal or geological. We can experience an encounter regardless of the season or place if we seek the experience earnestly.

An Encounter can Convict us of Sin (Read John 4:9-26)

Confronting her issues with the opposite sex was the turning point of the encounter. This was essential. Understandably she felt very uncomfortable at this point; and so shifted the direction of the conversation from her personal problems to worship. The fact that encounters can get very uncomfortable sometimes because they convict us of our own sinfulness and our need for a savior.

An Encounter can Reignite the Fire in Us (Read John 4:27-38)

Her genuine interest in the topic of worship indicates she was very religious. Her lifestyle, however, indicates that she was spiritually dead. Jesus' words ignited in her a fire more powerful than any religion. She rushed back to tell others about the man she just met. Mere religion can't empower us for service. Only the fire of the Holy Ghost could. Only an encounter with God can reignite the fire within us.

An Encounter can bring Transformation (Read John 4:39-42)

We are introduced to two types of transformation. The first type is individual

transformation. (The transformation of the Samaritan woman.) The second type is the transformation of the community. (The transformation of the village.) An authentic encounter will always be followed by individual transformation as well as a transformation of one's community.

UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

*Saint Patrick, Bishop**

March 17

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

March 18

**In honor of the Apostle and Patron Saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick, whose liturgical commemoration on March 17 falls on a Friday in Lent this year, there is a dispensation from the Requirement of abstaining from meat on that day for the Diocese of Lexington.*

Since our current penitential practices are rather minimal, Catholics are encouraged to either substitute another day of the week to abstain from meat, or to perform a special act of charity on Saint Patrick's Day.

+ J. Stumpf Karen Abbey
Chancellor

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon, Linda Mills, Judy Patrick, Bob and

Marie Alvaro, JoAnn Brown, Cathy Sims, Robert Moses, Kristina Neitsch, Danny Ezell, Yvonne Laschon, and Iva Lee Hamblin.

Mass intentions in memory or honor of someone are a beautiful tribute representing the love and admiration you have for them and the impact they made in your life.

Whether you have lost someone or want to support a person in your life, this special mass intention invites peace and the love of God into them. It is a way for you to bring joy into their soul and heart. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one, please contact Father Lobo or the office.

*Mark your calendar: there will be a **Lenten Penance Service** at OLPH on Sunday, March 26, immediately after Mass and Adoration.*

OLPH Catholic Church

76 West Sycamore St. • Williamsburg, KY

FISH FRY

\$10.00
Per Ticket

Friday, March 24, 2023

5:30PM - 7:30PM

**Meal Includes: Fish, Salt & Vinegar Chips,
Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, & Dessert**

Takeout Available at 6:00PM

Delivery within City limits & Surrounding Businesses

Our fish fry fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, March 24. This fundraiser is to raise funds for Parish needs and development of the Parish.



Lenten Retreat

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

703 Master Street
Corbin, Kentucky 40702

*Parish Lenten Family Revival with Fr. Norman
Fischer Jr ,*

Theme - "Remember Who You Are"

Date: Wednesday March 15, 2023, 6:30 pm

Penance Service

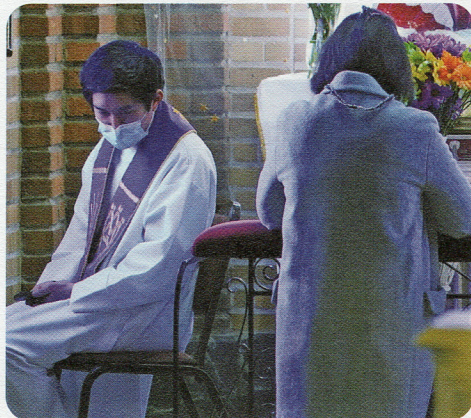
Date: Thursday March 16, 2023, 7:00 pm
with Confession Afterwards

Dear Padre,

I have done some really terrible things in my life. When I did them, I didn't think anything about them, but now I feel very guilty. Can God really forgive me?

As we Redemptorists like to say, "With God there is plentiful redemption." God's mercy is everlasting and overflowing in its abundance. As we continue in Lent, let's remember that Easter is the sign that God forgave even the great sin of the crucifixion of his only Son. Time and time again throughout the Scriptures, Jesus demonstrates this bountiful mercy. He forgave Zacchaeus, the tax collector. He forgave the woman caught in adultery. He was tender with the Samaritan woman we hear about in today's Gospel. He spent his days living among and forgiving all manner of sinners. He even forgave Peter's great denial. The Church has named a multitude of saints, but note that in 2,000 years it has never declared anyone to be definitively condemned to eternal punishment. There is hope and mercy for all.

No matter how great the sin, God will forgive it. All you have to do is ask for mercy sincerely. All that takes is a repentant heart. From the tone of your message, you are truly sorry. Find a priest with whom you are comfortable and ask him to celebrate with you the sacrament of reconciliation. If you don't know how to go to confession, just ask. The priest will help you. Be at peace. ●



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Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab	Dn 3:25, 34-43	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Jer 7:23-28	Hos 14:2-10	Hos 6:1-6	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Lk 4:24-30	Mt 18:21-35	Mt 5:17-19	Lk 11:14-23	Mk 12:28-34	Lk 18:9-14	Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

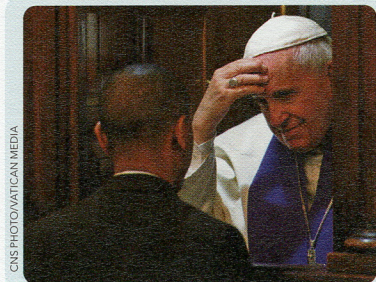
Know Someone Overly Anxious about Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We all have the right to be forgiven. All of us....Forgiveness is a "right" in the sense that God, in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, has given it in a total and irreversible way to every person willing to accept it with a humble and repentant heart.

ADDRESS AT A COURSE ORGANIZED BY APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY,
MARCH 25, 2022



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