Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 7, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent (B)
Ex 20:1–17 or 20:1–3, 7–8, 12–17
1 Cor 1:22–25
Jn 2:13–25

FIZKES/SHUTTERSTOCK

The Long Arm of the Law

Eventually you're going to get caught. That's what this expression means. And that is pretty much how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will get them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. The psalm verses for today insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People.

People who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said: "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the directives for flying a plane are what are uppermost. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- *The laws in today's first reading deal with basic living. Which ones seem to be the hardest to live by? Why?*
- *Which laws give you the most support as you try to live with integrity?*

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Catholic Community of Saint Patrick

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Our Mission

As an assembly empowered by the glory of the Resurrection, we are committed to one another and to the tradition of the Catholic Church in celebrating the Seven Sacraments, the Sacred Liturgy, proclaiming the Good News through Education, sustaining the community of Faith, and promoting Charity, Peace and Justice for all people, now and forever.

Saint Patrick Church Mass Schedule
(Masses are also Live-Streamed)

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	10:00 AM
(Reconciliation , Saturday 2:30-4:00 PM)	

Misas en Español

Domingo	12:30 PM
Comunión	1:15-2:15 PM

Communion at St. Patrick

Saturday	4:45-5:15 PM
Sunday	10:45-11:45 AM
Sunday	1:15-2:00 PM

Mass at St. James

Sunday	10:00 AM

Baptisms
Parents must be registered in the parish and attend Mass regularly. Parents and godparents are required to attend a pre-Baptism class. Please call the parish office for information regarding the next pre-baptismal class.

Sacrament of Marriage
A couple wishing to be married in Saint Patrick Church or Saint James Church must contact the parish six months prior to the intended date.

Sacramento del Bautismo
Los padres deben estar registrados en al parroquia y deben estar atendiendo Misa regularmente. Los padres y padrinos deben tomar una clase pre-bautismal. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para información sobre la próxima clase.

Sacramento de Matrimonio
Una pareja que desee casarse en la parroquia de San Patricio debe comunicarse con la parroquia seis meses antes de la fecha prevista para la boda.

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Saint Patrick Cemetery 895 Green Street, Placerville
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To schedule the following events at Saint James please contact:

Baptisms:	Susan Korn	530.888.9971
Weddings:	Fely Hayes	530.333.4486
Funerals:	Sharon Lopez	530.391.7832
RCIA:	Craig & Ann Marie Davis	530.333.2946

Monthly meetings of the Saint James Society are held directly after Mass on the second Sunday of each month. If you wish to address the Board or have an item placed on the agenda, it must be received by our President Craig Davis ***in writing*** no later than the Friday before the meeting. For information call Craig at 333.2946 or bearstate@hughes.net

MASS INTENTIONS

03/08	**L**	Paul Doyle
03/09	**L**	Mike Tomlinson *by the Tomlinson Family*
03/10	**†**	Mary Ann Zack *by Norma Mulligan & Family*
03/11	**L**	Chad Murdoch *by Renee Murdoch*
03/12	**†**	Sal & Rita Ignoffo *by Sally Avery*

FAITH FORMTION NEWS

1st Confessions are next Saturday, March 13, at 1:00 p.m. Parent & child only. Please, no other siblings should attend.

Las primeras confesiones son el próximo sábado, 13 de marzo, a la 1:00 p.m. Solo padres e hijo/hija. Por favor, no deben asistir otros hermanos.

Year #2 of Confirmation students, the required retreat is coming up soon:

- **Friday, March 26th:** Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner.
- **Saturday, March 27th:** Sponsors & students meet at 12:30 p.m. in Gurnell Hall. Confessions, reflections & Mass.

Año # 2 de estudiantes de Confirmación, el retiro requerido se acerca pronto:

- **Viernes 26 de marzo:** Estaciones de la Cruz a las 6:00 p.m., seguido de una cena
- **Sábado 27 de marzo:** padrinos o madrinas y estudiantes se reúnen a las 12:30 p.m. en Gurnell Hall (salón grande).

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Paul Doyle, Jean Myers, Julia Milos, Cris Sanchez, Cathy Nolan, Daniel Hansler, Robert Wee, Angela Zavala, Domingo Panglao, Jeffrey Viernes, Pricilla Sanchez, Margarita Hernandez, Janice Slusher, Marcelina Jones, Donna Zacher, Katie Meuser, Kathy Cope, Sara Mott Beal, Maria Mindt, Gary Gibson, Rosemary Fronczak, Diane Lagorio, Paul Weber, Earl Tice, Blanche Windham, Barbara Hoover, Patricia Garrison, Christy Powers, Vern Courtney, Albert Trejo, Lucille Geddes, Michelle Cox, Graydon B. Young Jr., Joseph Janowiak, Miriam Dixon, Eileen Von Emster, Kaden & Koulton Lazon, Eric Rousseau, Ramona Bratton, Jonathan Hayes, Kathy Edwards, Ysabella Sanchez, Maria Victoria Pilapil, Claire Rose, Carlan Meyer, Marie Hughes, David, Barbara Glosup, Christine Kraning, Linda Makis, Rita Castro, Cliff Flannery, Wyatt Crowder, Andrea DuValle, Megan Miemiec, Jan Gates, Aurelio Jimenez, Marie Ferraiolo, Dana Douglas, Mary Perkins, Haylie Jo Allen, Diana Montgomery, Mike DuValle, Michael Nobriga, Herb Bizzell, Darrel Stovall, Brianna Himan, Nicholas Romero, William Conley, Carol Davis, Patricia Evans, Yelinia Khavin, Lyle & Leslie Mackey, Priscilla Lavin, Diane Hilton, Rosemary Raney, Mary Jean Hohn, Betty Jo Frazier, Darci White, Velia Dunn, Isaiah Carney, Nancy Harrison, Cynthia McCarty, Julie Fitzgerald, Carol Ann Miller, Kelly Thompson, Phyllis Hoffman, Matthew Thomas, Kimberly Stanley, Martina Ortega, Tom Kozlowski, Ascencion Lopez Garcia, Helen Brickley

STATIONS OF THE CROSS VIACRUSIS

Bilingual Stations of the Cross are taking place on Fridays, at 6:00 p.m., in the church. Reflect, pray, and commemorate Christ's last day on Earth before His sacrifice for us on the cross.

Las Estaciones Bilingües de la Cruz (Viacrucis) están tomando lugar los viernes a las 6:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Reflexiona, ora y conmemora el último día de Cristo en la Tierra antes de su sacrificio por nosotros en la cruz.

We adore you, O' Christ , and we bless you
Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

IMPROVEMENT FUND DONATIONS

2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

SAINT PATRICK

July-September	$ 14,983.97
October-December	$ 17,390.53
January	$ 3,748.76
February	$ 5,551.39
Total	**$ 41,674.65**

SAINT JAMES

July-September	$ 625.00
October-December	$ 471.25
January	$ 171.25
February	$ 170.00
Total	**$ 1,437.50**

Thank you for your continued support of both Saint Patrick's and Saint James' Improvement Funds.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

COVID restrictions and precautions are keeping many people indoors. You are invited to join other parishioners as they pray. The Rosary is recited by many in the comfort of their home at 8:00 am each morning then the Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited by many at 3:00 pm. Join in communion with fellow parishioners during this difficult time in offering praise and glory to our Lord through prayer.

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Dear Padre,

Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to *metanoia*. What did he mean?

Most of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your deacon is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to *metanoia*, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."

ROBYN MACKENZIE/SHUTTERSTOCK

We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to see a new direction and the courage to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make.

The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on metanoia. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to metanoia.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2018, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Calendar

Monday
MARCH 8
Lenten Weekday
2 Kgs 5:1—15ab
Lk 4:24–30

Tuesday
MARCH 9
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34–43
Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday
MARCH 10
Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5–9
Mt 5:17–19

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

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

Saturday
MARCH 13
Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1–6
Lk 18:9–14

Sunday
MARCH 14
Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23
Eph 2:4–10
Jn 3:14–21

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