3rd Sunday of Lent

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WORSHIPING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:
- 4:15-4:45 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM Vigil Mass.

SUNDAY: •10:00 AM Mass.

MONDAY-THURSDAY:
- 8:00 AM Rosary
- 8:30 AM Mass

Healing Mass on First Fridays with the Anointing of the Sick
- 9:00 AM Adoration 30 minutes:

(**Love4Life** on Mon, Wed, Thu; **OLPH** on Tue; **Divine Mercy** on Fri).

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SACRAMENTS *and* RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
- **Tuesday**: 5:00 - 6:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
- **Saturday**: 4:15 - 4:45 PM
- **Mon-Fri**: 8:00 AM **Or** by appointment.

MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS:
- **Contact** the office six months in advance.

BAPTISM:
- **Baptismal seminar** is required for Parents and Godparents. Parents meet with the Pastor/Deacon.
- **Godparents** must provide proof of Confirmation in the Catholic Church.

Next Weekend Liturgical Assignments

4th Sunday of Lent

(Please find your substitute if you are unable to serve as assigned)

•1st Reading - Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12 (33C) **•Psalm** - 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
•2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21**•Gospel Reading** - Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

March 30 March 31			
SATURDAY 5:00 PM VIGIL	Max Winkeler Michael Nedd	Rose Demers Sylvia Schwarz Celia Smith	Jermaine Lewis Julie Williams
SUNDAY 10:00 AM	Charlene Vernotzy Mary Walther	Ronald Goldman Sandra Goldman Jill Stone	Louis Russo Vicki Hano

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Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers, " he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

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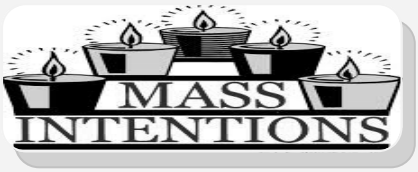


MASS INTENTIONS

3rd Sunday of Lent

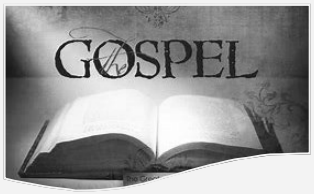
THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 5:00pm Vigil	**3/23**	Joseph Loi Tran, Kenny Perdue and Family, Poor Souls, All Souls, The Conversion of Sinners, Peace & Blessing & Families, Families Deceased, Preston & Amelia Coleman
SUNDAY 10:00am	**3/24**	All Holy Spirit Parishioners, All Souls, The Conversion of Sinners, Kenny Perdue & Family, Families Deceased, Peace & Blessing & Families, Joseph Thoppil, Marie Nunez & Family
Mon 8:30am	**3/25**	For the Twins
Tue 8:30am	**3/26**	Kenneth Bonaparte, In honor of Jesus agonizing suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane
Wed 8:30am	**3/27**	Raphael Mattamal, Kenny Perdue
Thu 8:30am	**3/28**	Celine Mattamal
Fri 8:30am	**3/29**	Monika's Dad, 5th Wedding Anniversary of Cindy Coleman Kessler&Al Diket

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 5:00pm Vigil	**3/30**	Joseph Loi Tran, Poor Souls, The Conversion of Sinners, Families Deceased, Peace & Blessings & Families, Kenny Perdue, Mr. Carter
SUNDAY 10:00am	**3/31**	All Holy Spirit Parishioners, All Souls, The Conversion of Sinners, Kenny Perdue, Peace & Blessings & Families, Families Deceased, Preston and Amelia Coleman, Gwen Jolly and Family

Jesus Lk 13:1-9 Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, **if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did**.



Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them— do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, **if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did**!"

And he told them this parable: "**There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none**, he said to the gardener, **'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?**' He said to him in reply, **'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. If not you can cut it down.'"**

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At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 13:2 He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 13:3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 13:4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them–do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 13:5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." 13:6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 13:7 So he said to the gardener, '**See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?**' 13:8 He replied, '**Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 13:9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down**.'"

Today's gospel begins with two warnings about the need for repentance. It ends with a parable about an unproductive fig tree and a faithful "gardener God". The warnings include two examples of untimely deaths, one reported to Jesus and then used by him to illustrate the urgent need for repentance, the other reported by Jesus as a further illustration of his point. With respect to the first example, Jewish history recounts instances of Pilate's cruelty, but makes no mention of his execution of Galileans and the mingling of their blood with their sacrifices. Neither is there any other record of the collapse of the Siloam tower and the resultant death of eighteen people. Jesus insists that those killed are no more sinful and no more deserving of death than any of their fellow Galileans or Jerusalemites. They are certainly not being punished for their sins and those who make such a link between suffering and sin have got it all wrong.

So why does Jesus twice assert, "**If you do not repent you will all perish in the same way**" or "**you will all perish as they did**"? The answer seems to lie in the constant need for self-reflection and the missed opportunity for conversion or reconciliation in the case of sudden and unexpected death. In other words, Jesus is telling his listeners, "Don't be caught unawares; turn your life around in the direction of the gospel while you are alive and well". The Greek verb "to repent" literally means to think again. It can have the sense of expanding one's vision or one's horizons, to think beyond the narrow confines of one's own interests and one's own little world. In the context of Jesus' teaching, it is a call to take seriously the message of God's empire or reign which embraces the whole Earth community.

The parable of the unproductive fig tree in the vineyard approaches the same topic from another angle. The owner of the vineyard wants to get rid of a fig tree that fails to bear fruit after three years. From an economic perspective, his position is perfectly reasonable: why should a non-fruiting fig tree continue to sap the goodness of the soil? Why not go for more vines, more grapes, more wine, and forget about the fig tree? The faithful or constant gardener, on the other hand, is like the womb-compassionate God of Israel who cares about the soil itself and wants to give the fig tree another chance, to turn it around and assist it to bear fruit, if the owner will relent. At this mid-point in our Lenten journey, we might get in closer touch with our compassionate "gardener" God and open ourselves to a more expansive understanding of the pain of the planet.

Veronica Lawson RSM

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1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert.

These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, **whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall**.

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Announcements – Events – Calendar

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MARCH 2019

✞ **MARCH 25 & 26: LENTEN SERVICE AT 7:00PM**
✞ **MARCH 27: ALL PARISH CONFESSION 5:00PM TO 6:30PM**
♥ **MARCH 31: FAMILY DINNER AFTER 10:00AM MASS, TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!**
✞ **MARCH 30 & 31: 2ND COLLECTION CATHOLIC RELIEF**

⇒ **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR THE CONDO RAFFLE DRAWING ON JUNE 9TH**

⇒ **REMEMBER ON FRIDAYS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY @ ST. ANDREWS**

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