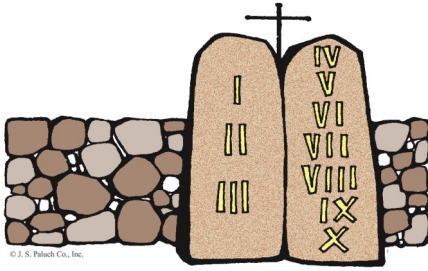


St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church | Tullahoma, Tennessee



I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods
besides me.
— EXODUS 20:2A, 3



STATIONS
of the **CROSS**
immediately follows
6:00 PM Mass on
Wednesdays in Lent



Heaven is at present out of
sight, but in due time, as snow
melts and discovers what it lay
upon, so will this visible
creation fade away before
those greater splendors which
are behind it.
—JOHN HENRY NEWMAN



TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God's protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

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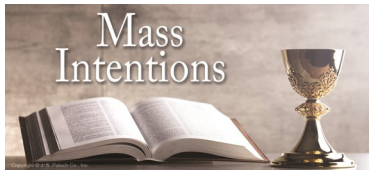
St. Anthony, Fayetteville | Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM

LORD, *hear our* PRAYER

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Sat	Mar 6	Mass without congregation	For the Parish
Sun	Mar 7	Mass without congregation	†Brian Mielneczek
Mon	Mar 8	8:00 AM	Ed French & Family
Tue	Mar 9	8:00 AM	†Lt. Col. Thomas G. Bonser, Air Force Retired
Wed	Mar 10	8:00 AM	Ashley & Family
		6:00 PM	†Robert Pepper
Thu	Mar 11	8:00 AM	Marianne & Matthew Augustine
Fri	Mar 12	8:00 AM	†Mary Kurnat
Sat	Mar 13	Mass without Congregation	†Barbara Myers
Sun	Mar 14	Mass without congregation	For the Parish

Youth Group Outing Wednesday March 10, 2021

from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. We will meet at Faith Reflections, 312 E. Coffee Street, Tullahoma, for a Painted Prayer Class. Cost is \$20 for a 9" x 12" canvas or wood painting. Bring payment to March 3rd meeting or sign up online. Watch your email for more information and link.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

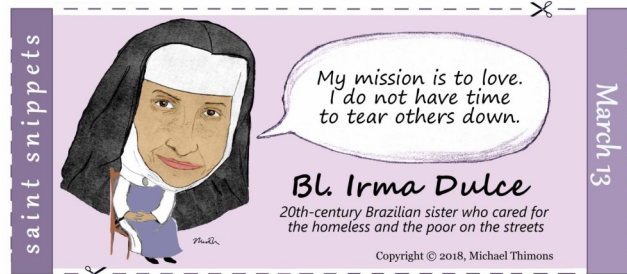
Mar 6	Saturday	6:00 No Public Mass
Mar 7	Third Sunday in Lent	8:30 No Public Mass 9:30 Faith Formation Classes Gr 2, 7, 8 9:30 RCIA
Mar 8	Monday	8:00 Mass
Mar 9	Tuesday	8:00 Mass
Mar 10	Wednesday	8:00 Mass 6:00 Mass <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
Mar 11	Thursday	8:00 Mass
Mar 12	Friday	8:00 Mass
Mar 13	Saturday	6:00 No Public Mass
Mar 14	Fourth Sunday in Lent	8:30 No Public Mass 9:30 Faith Formation Classes Gr 2, 7, 8 9:30 RCIA



LORD REMEMBER THESE

*God has called to Himself
Parishioner, †William Bruno.*

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. We offer our deepest sympathy and assurance of prayer for his family and friends.



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SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

Eucharist:

Saturday

4:00 PM St. Mark

6:00 PM St. Paul

Sunday

8:30 AM St. Paul

10:30 AM St. Mark

1:30 PM San Marco en Español

Weekdays (Monday—Friday)

8:00 AM St. Paul

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptismal and Marriage,

contact Church Office to make arrangements.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation are celebrated

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READINGS for the WEEK



Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph." It is a wonderful opportunity to increase our love for St. Joseph and knowledge, "to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal" (*Patris Corde*).

The USCCB has composed this novena to be prayed yearly on March 10-18, the nine days that precede the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19. Each day of the novena will be accompanied by a reflection video from bishops across the United States. The novena may also be adapted for use at other times of the year, especially feasts celebrating Saint Joseph and occasions when his intercession is sought by the faithful.

<https://www.usccb.org/saint-joseph>

If you would like to join this Novena to St. Joseph with other parishioners via Conference Call, please call Susan at the Church Office 931.455.3050.

Weekly Offering



FUND	2/14/2021	2/21/2021	2/28/2021
Church Offering	\$1,505.00	\$4,870.00	\$3,145.00
Charity	\$110.00	\$1,120.00	\$387.00
Church Maintenance	\$150.00	\$10,200.00	\$300.00
Church in Eastern Europe	\$202.00	\$125.00	\$25.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$25.00
Tennessee Register	\$137.00	\$108.00	\$50.00
Easter Flowers	—	—	\$75.00

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Mar 6 Emmy Huffman

Mar 7 Mason Auger, John Loboda, Ellen Statum, Maria Torres

Mar 8 Gustavo Castro, Helen Lankford

Mar 9 Emma Kanios

Mar 10 Mike Gattie

Mar 11 Ed Daigle

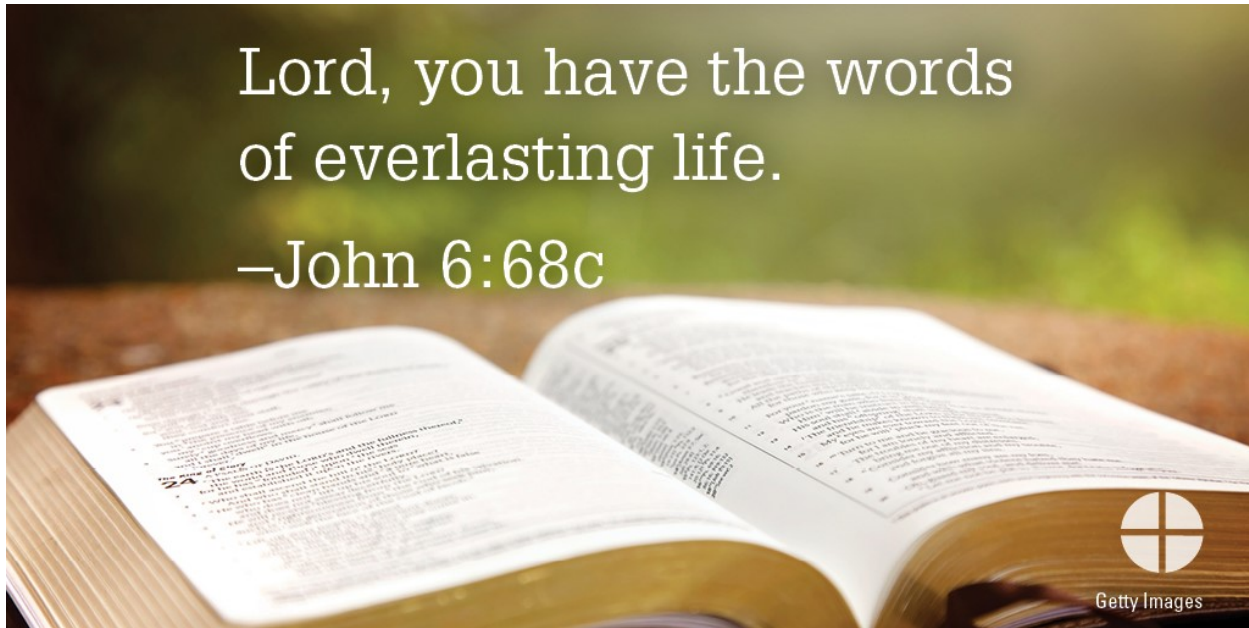
Mar 12 Cecil Fermanis, Tim Frazier, Austin Headley

Mar 13 Susan Eckles, Vicky Porte, Roni Steidl, Laurel Stone

Mar 14 Katharine Hills, John Wilson



The Third Sunday of Lent | March 7, 2021



In today's first reading, we are reminded of the Ten Commandments. Which commandment do you struggle with the most? Aim for one small improvement this week.

A Prayer for Pope Francis

On March 13th, we celebrate the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' election! Say a prayer for the Holy Father.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Francis,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



Jesus said,
“Destroy this temple
and in three days
I will raise it up.”

JOHN 2:19



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THIRD LENT
SUNDAY OF
MARCH 7, 2021

THE LAW

Today's reading from Exodus tells of God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses; this passage is well known to Christians, but it is only the introduction to the entire Mosaic Law, or Torah. The Psalm is a small section of the longest in the Psalter—172 verses—which are generally couplets (two lines) praising the Law as perfect, true, just, right, and so on. The Law is both the source of Jewish identity and the centerpiece of the Jewish intellectual tradition. Paul briefly compares this tradition with those of the Greeks, the two groups in the church at Corinth that were often quarreling. The passage from John's Gospel shows Jesus' righteous anger as he chases the moneychangers from the temple. His actions are a sign of Jesus' own reverence for “my Father's house,” which in turn reflects his deep appreciation for the Law.

“THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT . . .”

For pious Jews in first-century Palestine, the Mosaic Law prescribed the way every action in life is dedicated to God. Today's reading from Exodus tells how the Ten Commandments, the introduction to this larger legal code, is given to Israel as a gift from God.

In the Gospels Jesus is portrayed as a rabbi, or someone learned in the Law. A rabbi's learning ideally included both the precepts of the Law and its reverent contemplation as a divine gift, within which one could hear God's own voice. This was the way rabbis through the centuries used the Law to adapt to changing circumstances. This seems to be what Jesus was doing with the moneychangers in the temple.

JESUS, THE LAW, THE JEWS—AND US

When Jesus accused the moneychangers of sacrilege and cleared them out of the temple, the onlookers asked for a sign of his authority to do such a thing. After all, wasn't it a sacrilege to purchase animals for sacrifice with pagan coins? Wasn't this how the Jews adapted to Roman rule? Jesus says nothing about that; he only knows that this commercial activity inside the temple was a sacrilege. Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus is criticized for not being strict enough with the Law, as when he ate with prostitutes and tax collectors, but here he is prescribing something stricter, something “more.”

Jesus is doing something extraordinary, contrary to ordinary practice, prompting the onlookers to request a sign, evidence that God is acting here through Jesus. His insistence that the moneychangers depart, his clear vision regarding “my Father's house,” and his cryptic reference to himself as a temple, are signs of his contemplative intimacy with his Father that is the source of his authority about the Law.

Catholics, like first-century Jews, have our regular means for living in God's presence. We have the liturgy, sacraments, devotions, and personal prayer. During Lent, we are asked to be a little stricter with ourselves, listening for God's own voice. If we do, we might discover that we, too, are being called to something “more.”

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 20:1–17 [1–3, 7–8, 12–17]

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

1 Corinthians 1:22–25

John 2:13–25