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## Third Sunday of Lent

### March 7, 2021

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021

While reflecting on today's Gospel reading, I am reminded of a story in the book "Divine Renovation" written by Father James Mallon.

At 31 years of age, in his very first parish, Father James sequestered the parish hall for 10 Monday nights. There was a small problem. The hall had already been reserved for a group of card players, and they were reluctant to change their booking. Fr Mallon insisted that he needed the hall for the Alpha Course, an introduction to Christianity originally developed by an evangelical Anglican parish in London. One woman shouted at him: "We don't need to know about Jesus. We need to play cards!"

The similarity between this story and the Gospel reading rang true for me! We find Jesus in Jerusalem at the temple. The temple is filled with people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. These people are selling animals for sacrifices and converting money into local currency. Jesus comes along and throws them all out. This is not what his Father's house is for.

Jesus radically up ended the establishment, and the established customs of the practices at the temple. Jesus also cleanses the temple of its sacrificial offerings to make way for the one true sacrifice of his own body, the temple he will raise up. There will be no need for money changers to make a sacrifice. Jesus will pay the price for all of us. Would this be the end of religious practices as they knew it?

Yes, this was a dramatic shift in culture for his disciples and the Jews, to accept and understand. Father James Mallon came up against resistance to change in his parish because he was changing how things were always done. Changing the culture of a parish is never easy. But when we do, we go from being a people hanging onto what we have always done - known as maintenance- to becoming a parish willing to change and embark on its mission, to spread the Good News to all!

As we go through the third week of Lent, perhaps ask yourself, what needs to be up ended and radically changed in my life? What needs to be changed in our homes, our churches, our families, in our attitudes. How do we go from maintenance to mission?

Those who heard Jesus say "destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" misunderstood what he meant. Do we understand the message intended for us to change? Are we too comfortable in our ways or even too stubborn to see change is needed? If there is any lesson to be learned from this pandemic, it is the need to be missionary. Where have our people gone? Who will bring them back? The mission of the church is to make disciples! Are you ready to do your part?

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister

# News for all parishioners ....



## Mass Intentions

\* Until further notice, we will be celebrating one weekday Mass on Fridays at 9:00am, followed by Stations of the Cross, in Strathroy, Glencoe and Parkhill.

### All Saints Church Site

**Thursday, March 11 –**

6:00pm Stations of the Cross in Portuguese followed by  
6:30pm Mass (English/Portuguese)

Leonel e Maria Tereza Goncalves - Family

Joao e Helena Raposo - Connie e Aristides Jesus

**Friday, March 12– 9:00am Mass**

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Cathy Bigrass - Mels & Ruthanne van der Laan

Bill Jones - Anne & Brian Jones

John Hartman - Anne & Brian Jones

### Sacred Heart, Parkhill Church Site

**Friday, March 5– 9:00am Mass**

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Special Intention—Pete & Julie de Gouw

### St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe Church Site

**Friday, March 5 – 9:00am Mass**

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Ana Rosa Assunção Antunes - Michael Antunes

Ardith Carpenter - Rich & M.L. DePelsmaeker

Dr. Dias - Idith & Peter Fleuren

## Private Prayer Time

All Saints Church site will be open for set times on Tuesday to Friday, for private prayer. Limited to 10 people total in the church at a time. Masks must be worn at all times in the building.

Fr. Steve will be present during this time and available, by appointment, for Confession.

The church will be open on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please be cognizant of sharing the time with others.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2:00pm-3:00pm

Wednesday 5:00pm-6:00pm



**ALL PERSONS ENTERING  
OR REMAINING IN  
ENCLOSED PUBLIC SPACES**



**SHALL WEAR A MASK OR  
FACE-COVERING WHICH COVERS THE  
NOSE, MOUTH AND CHIN, AT ALL TIMES.**

## **New Protocol for All Masses**

All weekday and weekend Masses are now on a first-come, first-serve basis. That being said, please ensure that you arrive early for registration and seating. At the point where there are no seats available, the doors will be closed and no additional people will be allowed in. Thank you for patience and understanding as we navigate this new procedure.

*Sacred Heart Delaware Parishioners*

**Mass on Sunday, March 14th**

**11:30am at All Saints Church site**

No registration required. First-come, first-served. Doors will open for seating at 11:00am. See you then!



## **REMINDER**

Check the website for links to register for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

## **Virtual Mission**

Check out our website for Lent resources, including videos, readings, and activities. **Also on Sunday, March 7th at 7:00pm, a Virtual Mission with Chris Bray, will be available on the website.**



### Pastoral Team/Staff

**Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22**

**Fr. David Johnston, Associate Pastor ex. 23**

**Fr. Steve Eckert, Associate Pastor ex. 25**

**Deacon Henry Tomaszewski**

**Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister ex. 26**

**Olga Ferreira, Office Administrator ex. 21**

**Anna Garcia, Secretary ex. 0**

**Marg VanderBurg, Secretary ex. 24**

*\*personal emails can be found on the website*

### **World Day of Prayer**



This year, because of COVID-19, the organizing committees in Strathroy and Glencoe have decided to not hold an in-person services. For those interested, the World Day of Prayer 2021 service video, prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, can be accessed by going to [wicc.org](http://wicc.org) and clicking on the One Hour Service Video button.



Check out our website for Share Lent 2021 information, links and how to donate!



Check out our website or contact Fr. Thom at 519-245-0644 ext. 22 for information with respect to Confirmation 2021.

### *A Child's note to God ...*

*Dear God:*

*Did you mean for giraffes to look like that or was it an accident?*

*Norma*

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### **Office Hours**

***Office is closed until further notice. Messages are retrieved.***

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)**

*By appointment. Please call the office.*

### **Sacrament of Baptism:**

*Congratulations! Please call Julie to make arrangements at 519-245-0644 ext 26.*

**Sacrament of Marriage:** *Congratulations! Please call the office to make an appointment.*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES**

**All Saints, Strathroy**

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am/10:00 am

**Sacred Heart, Delaware**

(check website for future dates)

**Sacred Heart, Parkhill**

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

**St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe**

Sunday 9:00 am

Just a reminder to find and follow us on our social media platforms. We are on Facebook and Instagram, as well as YouTube, just search for West Middlesex Catholic.

There are a lot of plans for the future of these platforms to make them more a interactive place where we can chat and be social, and when things open up and we are able to meet again in person there will be more pictures and fun, but in the meantime you can follow and see what is going on in our Parishes, and it will alert you to new content to check out on the website. Tell your kids and grandkids to follow us on Instagram, it will help them to keep up with what is going on in the parishes. We're planning some fun content for them as well.

