

A Message from Archabbot Douglas Nowicki

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today we mark the Third Sunday of the Lenten Season. As noted previously, Pope Benedict says that the Lenten Season is a time for us to reflect on our relationship to God. Where is my life headed? Am I heading in the right direction, i.e. toward God? Is heaven my destination? Is God part of my life?

The readings for this Third Sunday of Lent provide us with how God draws us into his work. In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, God comes to Moses in a burning bush which is not destroyed or consumed by the fire. The point is that when God is present, nothing is destroyed. Moses is given the mission to liberate God's chosen people from the bondage of slavery in Egypt. Moses at first resists. He stutters and is fearful that Pharoah will dismiss his plea. God insists. So, Moses reluctantly complies when God tells him to take Aaron with him.

all of us to trust in God's presence when he draws us into his work. He wants us to become extensions of that burning bush by being consumed with his mercy and compassion.

In the second reading, Saint Paul in his first Letter to the Corinthians points out that the Chosen People even in the midst of their liberation grumbled and complained as they wandered through the desert. They doubted that God was really with them- "we were better off living in slavery." Saint Paul says: Let this be a "warning to us." we need to trust that God is with us on this journey. He is with us at every moment in life.

Finally, in the gospel, Jesus speaks of two recent tragic events that were on everyone's mind (much like 9/11): 1.) Pilate ordered a massacre of some Galileans who had come to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices in the Temple, and 2.) 18 people were killed in a construction accident when a tower collapsed in Siloam.

Jesus makes it clear: these tragedies did not occur because they were greater sinners than anyone else. Jesus says, "Do you think they suffered because they were greater sinners...By no means!" Jesus uses these recent experiences as a reminder that there is an even greater tragedy that we will experience unless we curse what we do not The first reading is a challenge for turn to God to be saved from our condition of spiritual death.

> After warning about perishing in our sinful state unless we repent and turn to God, Jesus adds the parable of the Fig Tree. The point Jesus makes is that if we do not

bear the fruit of good works we will be cut down like the fig tree that bears no fruit.

Yet even when we live a good life and do good and honorable deeds, tragedy sometimes strikes. A few years ago, Rabbi Harold Kusher wrote a book entitled: When Bad Things

Happen to Good People reminding us that even though God does not prevent bad things from happening, God provides strength and consolation in the midst of suffering. Oftentimes, people blame themselves or God or others for their misfortune. Kushner encourages us to accept difficulties as a part of life and with God's help, we can rebuild our lives through God's love and caring presence.

In the midst of life's challenges there is a tendency to ask "why me?" I didn't deserve this cancer, job loss, divorce, emotional or spiritual brokenness in my life. All of us at some point experience suffering we may feel we don't deserve. Did Jesus deserve to die on the cross? What Jesus teaches us again and again is that we have to trust where we cannot see and not understand. Saint Paul reminds us: "Nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39).

-Archabbot Douglas Nowicki

Mass Intentions

Week of March 20, 2022

Saturday, March 19

8:00 AM † Grace & Ted Arnold

By Maria Arnold

5:30 PM † Nancy Faloona

By Carron Newcomer

Sunday, March 20

9:00 AM † George Andrews

By The McGinn & Dick Families

10:30 AM Parishioners and Benefactors

12:00 PM **†** Rod R. Fink

by Helen & Paul Grady

Monday, March 21

8:00 AM Special Int. The Arnold Family

By Maria Arnold

Tuesday, March 22

8:00 AM † Roderic Fink

By Ann & John Maus

Wednesday, March 23

8:00 AM † Danny Catalfumo

By Ann & John Maus

Thursday, March 24

8:00 AM † Elizabeth Dawson

By John Dawson

Friday, March 25

8:00 AM † James Manning

By Carole Manning

Saturday, March 26

8:00 AM † Jr. Summerville

By Garry Collins

5:30 PM † Dale McNulty

By The McNulty Family

Sunday, March 27

9:00 AM † Istavan Sipos

By Ildiko Sipos

10:30 AM Parishioners and Benefactors

12:00 PM † Lela Burton

By The Javarone Family

Mass Intentions

UNSCHEDULED MASSES FOR LIVING AND DECEASED

Special Int. Tom Shebell

By Tom O'Neill

Special Int. Al Irato

By Tom O'Neill

† Margaret Dickinson

By Nannette Cassidy & Michael Polasek

† Patrick Joseph Hughes

By Nannette Cassidy & Michael Polasek

Special Int. Dick Schmeelk

By Jo Anne & Craig Burkholder

† Samantha Henson Klein

By Bob Slater

† Rita Sherman

By Kay & Art Rooney, Jr.

† Brian P. Burns

By Eileen C. Burns

† Ira Harris

By Eileen C. Burns

† John Freeman

By The Fell Family

Barbara Prendergast

By Carole Manning



Bible Study

Please join in our bible study group which will meet on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in the parish center. Sister Colleen Brady will facilitate our prayer, study and discussion utilizing the following Sunday's gospel reading.

Diocesan Prayer for God's Protection in the face of the Coronavirus Pandemic

Loving and gracious God, as in all times, we turn to You and implore Your protection and healing as we face a new threat to our health and peaceful wellbeing in the coronavirus pandemic before us. Help us to be united with each other and with all of our brothers and sisters around the world affected by this illness.

We pray for all those in the medical field who are assisting patients and in the field of science who are discerning a cure, as well as for all government leaders. Remember those who, through this virus, have passed from this life as well as their families in their loss.

At this time of fragile uncertainty, we also humbly implore You to grant us prudence, hope, courage and patience. Dispel from us fear, panic and distrust which disrupt us in spirit to the detriment of our wellbeing.

We make our prayer in the name of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who always cured those who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. Our Lady, Patroness of our Diocese, Queen of the Apostles and Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us, Amen.

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The Diocese of Palm Beach is committed to the safety and protection of minors and vulnerable adults in its care. Visit www.diocesepb.org/safe-environments for information on policy and procedures, education, background screening, real life and online safety resources, parenting tips, and helpful websites. The Diocese has implemented numerous procedures to minimize risk, build barriers, and continue to foster a culture of safe environment.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; 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: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;

Lk 1:26-38

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

14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

The parish of St. Edward's goal for the Diocesan Services Appeal, DSA, is \$209,000.00. As of last weekend our parish has pledged/donated a total of \$111,000.00. If you have not made your pledge/donation yet, please consider doing so. Thank you in advance for your generosity to the Diocesan Services Appeal.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.

Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are not forbidden. So, it is permissible to use margarine and lard. Even bacon drippings which contain little bits of meat may be poured over lettuce as seasoning.

Each year in publishing the Lenten penance requirements, the U.S. bishops quote the teaching of the Holy Father concerning the seriousness of observing these days of penance. The obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the days of penance is also serious.

But no one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe individual days of penance is not considered serious. Moral theologians remind us that some people are excused from fasting and/or abstinence because of sickness or other reasons.

Lenten & Easter Services 2022

Communal Penance Service April 6

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 14

Holy Thursday evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

Good Friday April 15

12:00 Noon, Stations of the Cross
1:30 PM, Solemn Celebration of the
Passion of the Lord
Liturgy of the Word, Homily,
Solemn Intercessions,
Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion

EASTER

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil April 16 5:30 PM

Easter Sunday April 17 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12 Noon

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations for Altar Flowers for Easter. It is a beautiful way to remember your loved ones at Easter time. Flower envelopes can be found in the pews.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; Spring begins **Wednesday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Friday: Annunciation of the Lord; Abstinence



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Registering in the Parish of Saint Edward

The law of the Church defines a parish as a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a [Diocese]. The pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop. The law of the Church also states that a parish is to be territorial and embraces all the Christian faithful within a certain territory [cc 515, 518]

The certain territory for Saint Edward Parish established at its founding is the area of Palm Beach Island from the north end of the Island south to Sloan's Curve.

To register as a parishioner of Saint Edward requires residence within its territory.

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for information.

First Penance and First Eucharist Programs

Beginning in the First Grade, children of registered parishioners are to be enrolled in a two- year Parish Religious Education sacramental program. Registered parishioners whose children attend Catholic Grade Schools are to participate in the immediate sacramental preparation programs of the Parish. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Confirmation Program

Children of registered parishioners who are to be enrolled as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation must have been baptized, capable of renewing their Baptismal promises, and properly instructed by participation in the two-year parish program beginning in the seventh grade. The Sacrament of Confirmation is usually scheduled for September, when the candidate is a ninth grader.

Marriages at Saint Edward Parish

Saint Edward Parish reserves the celebration of the sacrament of marriage to registered parishioners who are practicing Catholics and their immediate family members. Registration requires residence within the territory of the parish [the North End of the Island south to Sloan's Curve.] New parishioners must be registered for one year before being considered for the scheduling of a marriage.

Saint Edward Marriage Regulations

All couples intending to marry at Saint Edward must meet with the pastor. No date is promised or scheduled before this initial meeting with the pastor, who is to assess the freedom to marry of the couple and explain other marriage regulations. Saint Edward Parish is not a destination site for marriage and Saint Edward does not rent the Church to non-parishioners for marriage ceremonies.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can be administered to the sick after the age of reason when the person begins to be in danger due to sickness or age. It is preferred that the sacrament be administered when the person is in control of their faculties. Please contact the parish in emergencies. After hours leave a message as directed by the parish voicemail.

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