



St. Mary's Catholic Church



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

3/8: Malta - To Be Announced

3/9: Malta - 5:30 PM: Repose of Don Nevrivy ^{r/}_b Dave & Brenda Rummel

3/10: Malta - 8:30 PM: Poor Souls. ^{r/}_b Lana Fortin

3/11: Malta - 8:30 AM: Special Intentions ^{r/}_b Lana Fortin

3/12: Malta - 8:30 AM: Repose Ashley Cosby ^{r/}_b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

3/13: Malta - 4:00 PM: Repose Randy Skinner ^{r/}_b Dave & Brenda Rummel

3/14: Saco - 8:30 AM: Repose Diane Diddler ^{r/}_b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

Malta - 10:30 AM: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—12:30 PM: Repose of Don Hould ^{r/}_b Dave & Brenda Rummel

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00,**
Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon; and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every **Friday** from **9 to 10 AM** after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.



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Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

3/7: 3rd Sunday of Lent; Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Psalms 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25 or Exodus 17:3-7; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9; /Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

3/8: St. John of God, Religious; 2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Luke 4:24-30

3/9: St. Frances of Rome, Religious; Danial 3:25, 34-43; Psalms 25:4-9; Matthew 18:21-35

3/10: Wednesday in the 3rd week of Lent; Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalms 147:12-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19

3/11: Thursday in the 3rd week of Lent; Jeramiah 7:23-28; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 11:14-23

3/12: Friday in the 3rd week of Lent; Hosea 14:2-10; Psalms 81:6-11, 14 and 17; Mark 12:28-34

3/13: Saturday in the 3rd week of lent; Hosea 6:1-6; Psalms 51:3-4, 18-21; Luke 18:9-14

3/14: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins; 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalms 137:1-6; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21 or 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalms 23:1-6; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Saco - 8:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Dodson - 12:30 p.m.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are really present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Lary Poulton, Sarine Venerble, Dallas Green, Missy Boos, Corrine Hould, Ann Clouse, Chayten Pippin, Jim Niebur, Hi-Line Retirement Center, Terry Idler, Marshal Kline, Paul LaBrie, Jacob LaBrie, and those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Dale Bruckner, David Broadbrooks, Jack Lind, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 or Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

Everyday Stewardship

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Thank you for all your prayers and financial support! Although we're not "passing the basket", we still need your generous donations. You can drop off your donations at the baskets in the front of the church, mail them to Box 70, Malta, MT 59538.

***There is no longer online giving. Direct deposits from your account into your parishes account is available at Bank of Malta and FSB . Please contact Mariah or Brenda for routing numbers* 301-0936, 654-1311**

Pope Francis' Intention

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Fr. Felix

LENT III [B] : Ex 20: 1-17; I Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, today's readings remind us to be faithful to our Covenant with Jesus.

Today's first reading invites us to reflect on the Covenant God made with His chosen people through Moses at Mount Sinai. In that Covenant God promised to make the Jews His own people, to lead them to the Promised Land and to protect them from their enemies. The people, in return, agreed to obey the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments is the Constitution of the people of God, based on two basic principles, namely, the principle of reverence and the principle of respect. The first four commandments demand from us reverence for God, reverence for His holy name, reverence for His holy day (Sabbath) and reverence for our father and mother. The remaining commandments ask us to respect life, to respect the bodies of other persons, to respect the good name of people, to respect our own words in a court of law and to respect our neighbor's wife and his property. Jesus summarized all the commandments into two: love of God and love of neighbor and later clarified further: "Love others as I have loved you."

In today's Second Reading, St. Paul says that Jesus' cross is a scandal, or stumbling block, to the Jews and the Gentiles, as it did not fit into the Jewish concept of a triumphant political Messiah. In the same manner, the idea of a suffering God who was crucified but rose again did not appeal to the intellectuals of Corinth. Hence, the Apostle simply reminds the Corinthian community of something they already know: "The foolishness of God is

wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." After the death and Resurrection of Jesus, they discovered it was essential to follow Jesus himself rather than a series of laws. The only way to live a fulfilled life was to imitate Jesus' dying and rising, whether it scandalized others or not.

From today's gospel we come to know that it was the time of Passover, a major Jewish festival when pilgrims from all over Palestine and beyond would come to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast and to pay their annual Temple tax. So, the sound of the merchants selling animals and birds to the pilgrims and that of the money-changers converted the Court of the Gentiles into a noisy market, making it impossible for the Gentiles to worship Yahweh. The merchants sold the animals and birds at unjust and excessive prices - 18 to 20 times the regular price. The animal-inspectors were bribed by the merchants who disqualified even the healthy animals brought by poor shepherds, farmers and humble pilgrims and blackmailed them into buying animals and birds from the Temple booths. The Temple authorities, by sharing the profit, allowed it. The moneychangers, who exchanged the Temple coin (Galilean shekel) for Roman coins, demanded 1/6 of the value of the coin as their commission. It was this great social injustice done in the name of religion that enraged Jesus. By chasing the money-changers and merchants from the Temple, Jesus was questioning the validity of the entire sacrificial system itself for the atonement of their sin and relationship with God. He pushed

people and animals out of the way, overturning tables, and dropping the money-changers' coins. With over a hundred thousand pilgrims in the city, it seems likely that there would have been hundreds of thousands of sheep and cattle. Considering the crowd and the damage, it is one of the silent miracles of Jesus' ministry that he was not killed by a mob of outraged businessmen and Temple police! Because of his righteous zeal, Jesus inspired people with

respect for his actions. His words bit into the consciences of those who were taking advantage of the system. Thus, this passage reminds us, also, that Jesus cannot spare us if we defile his temple: whether it is church, our neighbor or our own soul.

Let us pray for the grace that we are faithful to our covenant made with Jesus in our baptism, Amen.

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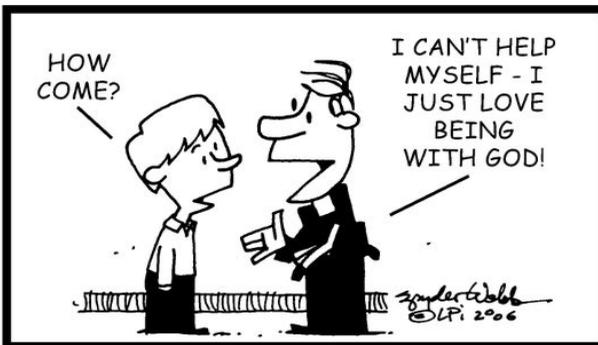
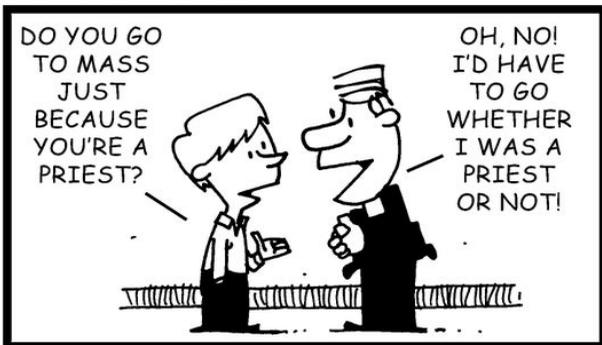
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Gospel Meditation

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct.

Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

Join us in praying the Rosary before Mass.

Tuesdays at 5:10 p.m.

Wednesday—Friday at 8:10 a.m.

Saturday—3:40 p.m. K of C

Sunday— 10:10 a.m. Volunteers

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Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.



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Dodson:	\$2,409.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	2-22	Needed	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$1598.00	\$3,879.78	\$25.00
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Please send bulletin announcements to office@SaintMarysMalta.org by Thursday Morning. Thanks!

- **Stations of the Cross** - each Friday during Lent starting at 6:30PM @ St. Mary's Malta
- **Prayer Tree** - located in the back of the church during Lent. Intentions can be left on our Lenten Prayer Tree and will be remembered in prayers and Masses throughout Lent. When you add your intention to the tree, pray also for others and their intentions.
- **Youth Mass** - will be followed by a PCCW Brunch on the 3rd Sunday of each month. All are invited, social distancing is encouraged.
- **General Church Cleaning lists in preparation for Easter will be posted soon.** All parishioners are invited to assist in this effort and PCCW will host a final cleaning day on Saturday, March 20th beginning at 8:30AM
- **Lenten Penance Service...**is Wednesday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m.
- **Education Committee...**There will be an Education Committee organizational meeting on March 28th after Sunday Mass. All those interested are encouraged to attend.
- **The Lenten Rice Bowls...**are located by the doors of the church. Please take one and contribute to the needs of those who are less fortunate than we are.
- **Raffle tickets...**for the outdoor packages are still available. Contact Brenda Rummel or Tom Golik to purchase a ticket. They can also be found at Valley Drug, Todd's Technology, Bank of Malta, and Independence Bank.
- **Scam Texts from Fr. Felix...**There have been scam texts being sent out in Fr. Felix's name. These texts are asking for itune cards and other gift cards. **DO NOT RESPOND TO THESE TEXTS.**

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406-727-6683

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He made a whip out of
cords and drove them all
out of the temple area.

JOHN 2:15A

Entonces hizo un látigo de
cordeles y los echó del
templo.

JUAN 2, 15