

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, March 6th  
5:00 p.m. Debbie Harp Court by Thomas Harp  
Sunday, March 7th  
9:00 a.m. Steve Tucker by Jones Family  
Tuesday, March 9th  
9:00 a.m. Prayer Service  
Saturday, March 13th  
5:00 p.m. George Priselac by Mary Lou Foster  
Sunday, March 14th  
9:00 a.m. Caroline Kelly by Friends

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule: March 14, 2021				
Mass	Lector	EM/Bread	EM/Cup	Servers
5:00 PM	Becca Szekely	Deacon Ralph		Mary Matuszak
	Becca Szekely			
9:00 AM	Lorie Floreanini	Lorie Floreanini		Becca Szekely
	Lorie Floreanini			
Parish Stewardship Week of Feb. 28, 2021				

Collection 2/28/21 Envelopes: 60  
Sunday Offertory \$2025.00 Attendance: 86  
E-Offering \$ 628.18 Weekly Budget: \$ 3,050.00  
Candles \$ 3.00  
Solemnity \$ 10.00  
Overseas comb. \$ 20.00  
Ash Wednesday \$ 30.00  
Ascension \$ 20.00  
Expenditures \$ 10.00  
Exponent \$ 5.00  
Needy \$ 20.00  
Easter Flowers \$ 85.00  
New Years \$ 10.00  
Catholic Schools \$ 10.00  
Total -- \$2876.18

Stations of the Cross  
Fridays at 6:00 pm



A Season of Renewal  
March 9, Rosary at 8:45 am before Prayer Service  
March 12, 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
March 21 10:30 am Parish Council Mtg.

Birthdays  
March 9 Tim Gabrelcik  
March 12 Lori Fitzpatrick  
March 13 Tom Andrjwski, Kevin Lippiatt, Michael Cranmer, Cayden Early

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 ©LPi

"What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God."  
— Hans Urs von Balthasar

Readings for this Sunday  
First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
Gospel: John 2:13-25

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. ©LPi

Readings for next Sunday  
First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23  
Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10  
Gospel: John 3:14-21

March 7, 2021



Question: What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?  
Answer: The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:  
The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).  
Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories: A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service. B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.  
Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.  
Monks, Friars, and Canons: These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities. ©LPi



And the Lord said:  
I will give you a new heart,  
and place a new spirit within you,  
taking from your bodies your stony hearts,  
and giving you hearts of love.  
I will put my spirit within you,  
and make you live by my ways,  
careful to observe my decrees.  
(Ezekiel 36: 26-27)