

*Christi simus, non nostri.* + We belong to Christ, not ourselves.



## March 7, 2021—3rd Sunday of Lent

### **ST. COLUMBAN PARISH**

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Sunday: 10:30AM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Daily Mass: Wednesdays 9:00AM

*Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass*

#### **Sacraments**

Anointing of the Sick: By Appointment

Confession: Fridays 4:00—5:00PM

**\*\*5:30—6:30PM during Lent\*\***

*The church may be opened upon request during office hours for private prayer*

#### **Faith Formation**

Offered Sundays before and after the  
10:30AM Mass, depending on grade

RCIA: Tuesdays 6:30PM

#### **Adult Education & Outreach**

*Contact the parish office for more information*

Bible Study

Thursdays 6:30PM

Hispanic Prayer Group

Tuesdays 6:00PM

Rosary Prayer Group

Mondays 7:00PM

### **ST. PETER MISSION**

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10:30AM – 2PM

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Sunday 8:00 AM

*Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass*

#### **Sacraments**

Confession: Sunday 7:30 -7:45AM

Anointing of the Sick: by Appt.

#### **Adult Education & Outreach**

*Contact the mission office for more information*

Bible Study Thursdays 10:00AM

**MISSION STATEMENT - WE ARE A CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY THAT SEEKS TO PLACE GOD FIRST, TO KNOW HIM, AND TO GROW IN HOLINESS TOGETHER. WE STRIVE TO LIVE THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE EUCHARIST, IN OUR TEACHING AND WAY OF LIFE.**

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# SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**WELCOME!** Please contact the office to register as a parishioner, for questions about any announcement, how to prepare for a sacrament, schedule a funeral or Mass Intention or to update your contact information.

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## Mass Intentions

Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 and for first responders and caregivers.

March 10—Josh McCormick RIP

## In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands Joseph Waters, Jess & Jessica Nash, Maria Luisa Fregoso, Ray Wilson, Paul Hennigan, and all those in harm's way.

## Financial Stewardship

**St. Columban St. Peter**

Weekly Goal \$5,762 \$712

Feb. 28th \$2,177 \$519

### From a treatise on John by Saint Augustine, Bishop

#### *A Samaritan woman came to draw water*

*A woman came. She is a symbol of the Church not yet made righteous but about to be made righteous. Righteousness follows from the conversation. She came in ignorance, she found Christ, and he enters into conversation with her. Let us see what it is about, let us see why a Samaritan woman came to draw water. The Samaritans did not form part of the Jewish people: they were foreigners. The fact that she came from a foreign people is part of the symbolic meaning, for she is a symbol of the Church. The Church was to come from the Gentiles, of a different race from the Jews.*

We must then recognize ourselves in her words and in her person and with her give our own thanks to God. She was a symbol, not the reality; she foreshadowed the reality, and the reality came to be. She found faith in Christ, who was using her as a symbol to teach us what was to come. She came then to draw water. She had simply come to draw water, in the normal way of man or woman.

Jesus says to her: *Give me water to drink. For his disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore says to him: How is it that you, though a Jew, ask me for water to drink, though I am a Samaritan woman? For Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans.*

The Samaritans were foreigners; Jews never used their utensils. The woman was carrying a pail for drawing water. She was astonished that a Jew should ask her for a drink of water, a thing that Jews would not do. But the one who was asking for a drink of water was thirsting for her faith.

Listen now and learn who it is that asks for a drink. Jesus answered her and said: *If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," perhaps you might have asked him and he would have given you living water.*

He asks for a drink, and he promises a drink. He is in need, as one hoping to receive, yet he is rich, as one about to satisfy the thirst of others. He says: *If you knew the gift of God. The gift of God is the Holy Spirit. But he is still using veiled language as he speaks to the woman and gradually enters into her heart. Or is he already teaching her? What could be more gentle and kind than the encouragement he gives? If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," perhaps you might ask and he would give you living water.*

What is this water that he will give if not the water spoken of in Scripture: With you is the fountain of life? *How can those feel thirst drink deeply from the abundance in your house?*

He was promising the Holy Spirit in satisfying abundance. She did not yet understand. In her failure to grasp his meaning, what was her reply? The woman says to him, *Master, give me this drink, so that I may feel no thirst or come here to draw water.* Her need forced her to this labor, her weakness shrank from it. If only she could hear those words: *Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you.* Jesus was saying this to her, so that her labors might be at an end; but she was not yet able to understand.

Pax et bonum,  
Fr. Dean.

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For daily Mass readings and Event Calendar please see our Monthly Insert, found in the narthex and on our website.

## Faith Formation



*All Adult Learners  
Welcome!*

R.C.I.A.

**March 9th**

**Pillars of Catholic Social Teaching**

Tuesdays at 6:30PM in the Religious Ed  
Bldg. Rm. 103.

*Also available via Zoom*

## CHILDREN'S PRAYERS



Last weekend 5 students  
prayed 165 prayers over  
the prior week.

*"We know that all  
things work for good for those  
who love God, who are called  
according to his purpose."*

*- Romans 8:28*

## Living Out the Pillars of Lent



**PRAYER**  
Table Time  
Theology

Pope Francis said that the family is  
"where Jesus grows; he grows in the  
love of the spouses and grows in the  
life of the children." What things can  
we do to "help Jesus grow" in our  
home and family?



**ALMSGIVING**  
Acts of  
Kindness

Speak less and listen more. Give oth-  
ers the gift of your undivided atten-  
tion.



**FASTING**  
Family  
Fasting

Fast from the habit, substance, prac-  
tice, or mindset that most stands in  
the way of your growing closer to  
God.

## All Masses will resume with modifications, see below for details

### MASS RESERVATIONS

In obedience to the COVID Safety  
Guidelines from the Archdiocese, public  
Mass at our parish has resumed with the  
following safety measures in place.

- ◆ Masks will be required. Those with a  
medical exemption will be seated  
according to Archdiocesan  
guidelines.
- ◆ Attendance will be limited to 90  
people per Mass at St. Columban and  
40 people per Mass at St. Peter.
- ◆ The cry room at St. Columban is  
limited to one family per Mass and  
will be reserved on a first come-first  
served basis.

**Reservations at St. Columban:** call the  
parish office at 360-458-3031 ext. 5

**Reservations at St. Peter:** call the  
mission office at 360-264-2124

If you are unable to call during office  
hours, please leave your name, phone  
number, and how many will be in your  
party and we will call you back to confirm  
your reservation.

**Please note that leaving a voicemail does  
not confirm your reservation**

### Important Things to Remember

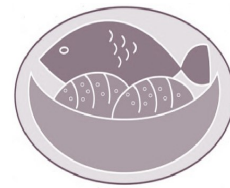
- ◆ Only persons who are under the  
same reservation will be seated  
together.
- ◆ **Please arrive at least 20 minutes  
early for Mass.** You will be checked  
in by a Greeter and then seated by an  
Usher. Seating is first come, first -  
served.
- ◆ We recommend you bring your own  
missal with you for the readings as  
they will not be provided.
- ◆ Please do not sing along with the  
Cantor in accordance with COVID-19  
guidelines.

*Reservations for Holy Week and Easter  
Masses are now open*

### Bonus Bulletin Content!

To save on printing, some extra bulletin  
content will now be exclusively found in the  
online edition of our bulletin, which is also  
emailed weekly to parishioners.

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website [saintcolumbanvelm.org](http://saintcolumbanvelm.org)



In place of our cus-  
tomary Soup Sup-  
pers during Lent, we  
are accepting dona-  
tions to St. Vincent  
de Paul.

Please mark your envelope "for SVDP"  
and place it in with the regular offering.



**March 12**                      **Stations of the Cross**  
6:00PM                              Both Locations

**March 14\***                      **2nd Scrutiny—RCIA**  
10:30AM                              St. Columban

*\*Daylight Savings Begins: Set Clocks 1 Hour  
Ahead*

**March 19**                      **Stations of the Cross**  
6:00PM                              Both Locations



**3 Year Goal for St. Columban: \$307, 368**

As of: January 7, 2021

**Total Pledged: \$164,000    53% of Goal**

**Number of Families Participating: 292**  
**Potential Share: \$24,600**

**3 Year Goal for St. Peter: \$54,327**

As of: January 7, 2021

**Total Pledged: \$105,000    193% of Goal**

**Number of Families Participating: 45**  
**Potential Share: \$43,350**

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# Soup of the Week

on behalf of our SVDP

## Vegetarian Chili

1 Lg can diced tomatoes  
1 can of kidney beans  
1 can of black and/or pinto beans  
1 white onion  
touch of oregano  
salt to flavor  
2 jalapenos peppers (take half the seeds out)  
New Mexico red chili powder  
add water, set it & forget it.



Additional spices to your liking.



## Unleavened Flat Bread

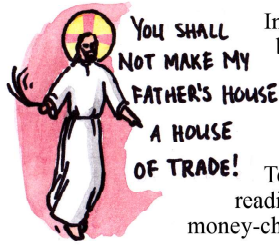
2 cups All Purpose Flour  
2 cups Whole Wheat Flour  
1½ cups water  
2 tsp salt  
2 tbsp olive oil

Mix all the dry ingredients until combined. Add olive oil and gradually add water while kneading until firm. Take the dough out and knead by hand for 3 minutes until smooth and soft. Cover the dough and let it rest for 30 minutes. Divide the dough into 4 pieces and brush with olive oil. Cover again and let it rest for another 30 minutes.

Heat your oven to the maximum temp putting a pizza stone in it or any baking sheet. Roll your dough on another sheet sprinkled with some corn meal. Place the bread on the pizza stone and bake for 3-4 minutes, poking any air pumps with a fork. Serve immediately or place directly in a plastic bag to keep it from getting hard.

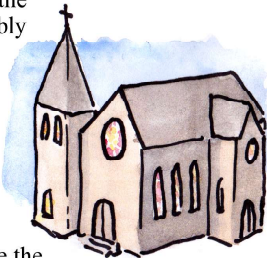
Leftovers stays fresh in room temperature for up to 2 days or it can be frozen for up to 3 months.

# Sacred Places



In the old times, people would bring animals to offer as sacrifices to God. By the time that Our Lord was born, there were people who were selling animals right in the area of the Temple. In today's Gospel reading Jesus drives the animals and money-changers out of the sacred space.

At one time the men who sold the animals for sacrifices were probably really helping the people who came to the Temple from far away. But now they were just trying to make money, and they were taking up space that was supposed to be used for people to worship God.



We also have sacred spaces like the Temple. Every Catholic church is a special place made for worshipping God in the Mass. We should always behave respectfully in church, and remember that Jesus is really there in the tabernacle. We can show our respect by walking quietly, not talking inside the Church unless it is necessary, and by paying attention when Mass is going on. Maybe you can be a good example to your friends of how to act in church!



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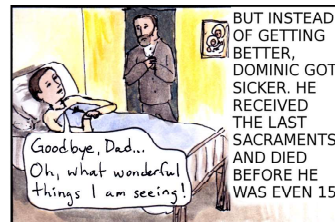
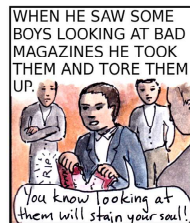
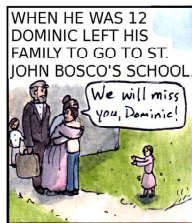
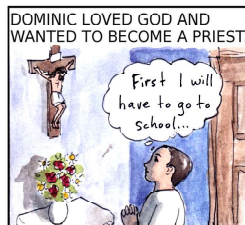
# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 7th, 2021



Here are the Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses for His people. The only problem is that they are in the wrong order! Can you put the right numbers in the spaces?

## Saint Dominic Savio March 9



WHEN DOMINIC DIED, SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS TOO YOUNG TO BE CANONIZED. BUT THE HOLY FATHER KNEW THAT BEING YOUNG DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T BE HOLY ENOUGH TO BE A SAINT. HOW OLD ARE YOU? ARE YOU TOO YOUNG TO BE A SAINT? YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT DOMINIC TO HELP YOU!

## Jesus at the Temple Word-Find



D R O V E S O C T F  
H E V T E P X O T A  
M Z E A L I E I E T  
F O R T Y L N N M H  
O U T A B L E S P E  
P S U L E E H H L R  
T H R E E D O V E S  
M O N E Y I U S I X  
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B O D S H E E P D Y

Find all the words in CAPITALS and then use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks at the end.

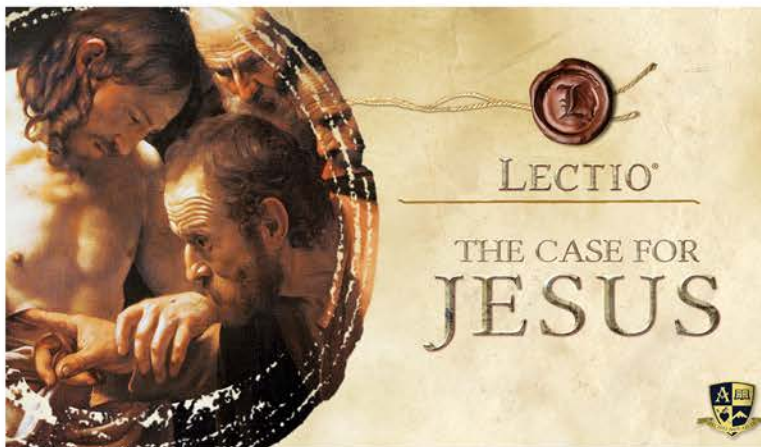
Jesus made a whip out of cords and DROVE them all out of the TEMPLE area, with the SHEEP and the OXEN, and SPILLED the COINS of the MONEY-changers and OVERTURNED their TABLES, and to those who sold DOVES he said, "Take these OUT of here, and STOP making my FATHER'S house a market place." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, ZEAL for your HOUSE will consume me. The JEWS said to Him, "What sign can you SHOW us for doing this?" Jesus answered them and said, "Destroy this temple, and in THREE days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for FORTY - SIX years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

March 7, 2021

WATCH

### EVERYDAY HEROES

Heroism isn't restricted to decorated soldiers or persecuted saints. It's something achievable for all of us even in our ordinary lives. In this documentary, see how the Knights of Columbus have embodied this everyday heroism!



### LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS

In nine sessions, Dr. Brant Pitre answers the key question of faith: Who is Jesus? Dr. Pitre presents evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings that attest to the authenticity of the Gospels. Timed to lead up to the Triduum, Dr. Pitre looks in-depth at the accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion and Resurrection and his proclamation of divinity.

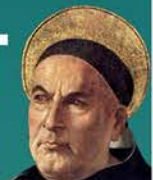
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LISTEN

### 12 STORIES ABOUT AQUINAS WITH PETER KREEFT

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote the equivalent of 500 books, all with a quill pen! Join Dr. Peter Kreeft, an influential teacher of Catholic thought, as he shares some entertaining anecdotes from the life of this genius saint!

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# At Home with Faith

The Ten Commandments provide us an especially helpful guide for our actions. They help us see the boundaries of the path that leads us to God.



In our first reading, we hear the Ten Commandments. We should learn these commandments and commit them to memory because they help keep us on the path in our relationship with God.

Jesus provided us a helpful way to think through about the commandments and make them easier to remember.

The first three commandments help us love God:

1. I am your Lord, worship no other god
2. Do not take God's name in vain
3. Keep holy the Sabbath

The next seven help us love people:

4. Honor your father and mother
5. Do not kill
6. Be faithful to your husband or wife
7. Do not steal
8. Do not lie
9. Do not covet your neighbor's wife
10. Do not covet your neighbor's possessions

## Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

### Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

### Exodus 20:1-17

God gives the Ten Commandments.

### Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life!

### 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom.

### John 2:13-25

Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.

# At Home with Faith

## Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Teach the 10 Commandments:

- **Print out a copy of the Ten Commandments and post it on the refrigerator or leave it on the counter.** Let your child encounter it and become familiar with its tangible presence in your home.
- **If your child asks about it, let them know that you are leaving it out as a reminder of the commandments to help you with an examination of conscience before confession on Friday.** This will help them see the Ten Commandments as a tool for spiritual growth. It will also reinforce the fact that you are working on your own spiritual growth.
- **Go to confession as a family.** If it is safe to do so and your parish is able to support it, participate in an opportunity for reconciliation as a family at your parish.



**Why the Ten Commandments?** Part of the reason is that God himself shared these with Moses and gave them special emphasis. These commandments were meant to be with us always.

**What about other commandments in the Old Testament?** There are some other commandments in the Old Testament that governed ceremonial life such as worship in the temple before Jesus came. For Catholics, those commandments have been replaced with our worship of Jesus in the Mass. Then there were some other commandments that helped govern day to day life in ancient Israel. Those practical commandments are replaced with the civil laws in the places where we live.

**Not only do these commandments help us keep on the right path, they also help us realize when we may be off that path.** Use a list of the Ten Commandments like [this from St. Mary Press](#) or [this more detailed option](#) as a tool for an examination of conscience before confession.

**There's more to explore!** Check out our [Faith Formation webpage](#) for more great resources about the Ten Commandments, or check out the [Catechism's](#) thorough discussion of the subject.

**For more resources, visit us online at:**

<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlarchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>



# The Third Sunday of Lent

MARCH 7, 2021

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

—John 6:68c



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.**





**SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021**

## 3<sup>RD</sup> 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

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

- SUN 3/07** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- MON 3/08** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
- TUE 3/09** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
- WED 3/10** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
- THR 3/11** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
- FRI 3/12** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
- SAT 3/13** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
- SUN 3/14** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

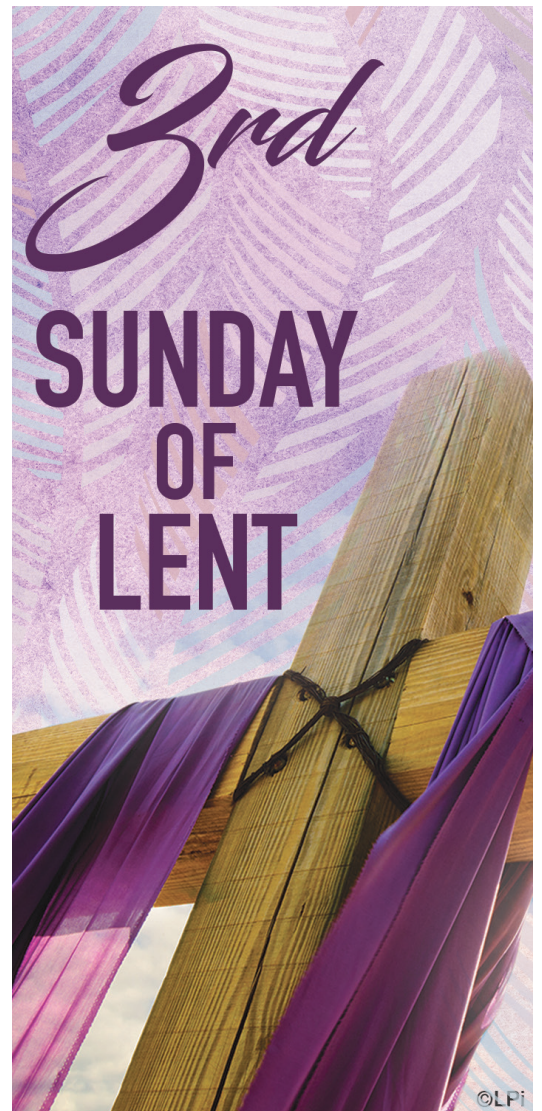
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

- Sunday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** St. John of God, Religious
- Tuesday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Sunday:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.



*Your words are  
everlasting  
life.*

— PSALM 19 —

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. (Ex 20:11)



## PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)



## SECOND READING

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (1 Cor 1:25)



## GOSPEL

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### 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

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### 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.

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And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.*

– Jn 2:16-17

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### First Reading

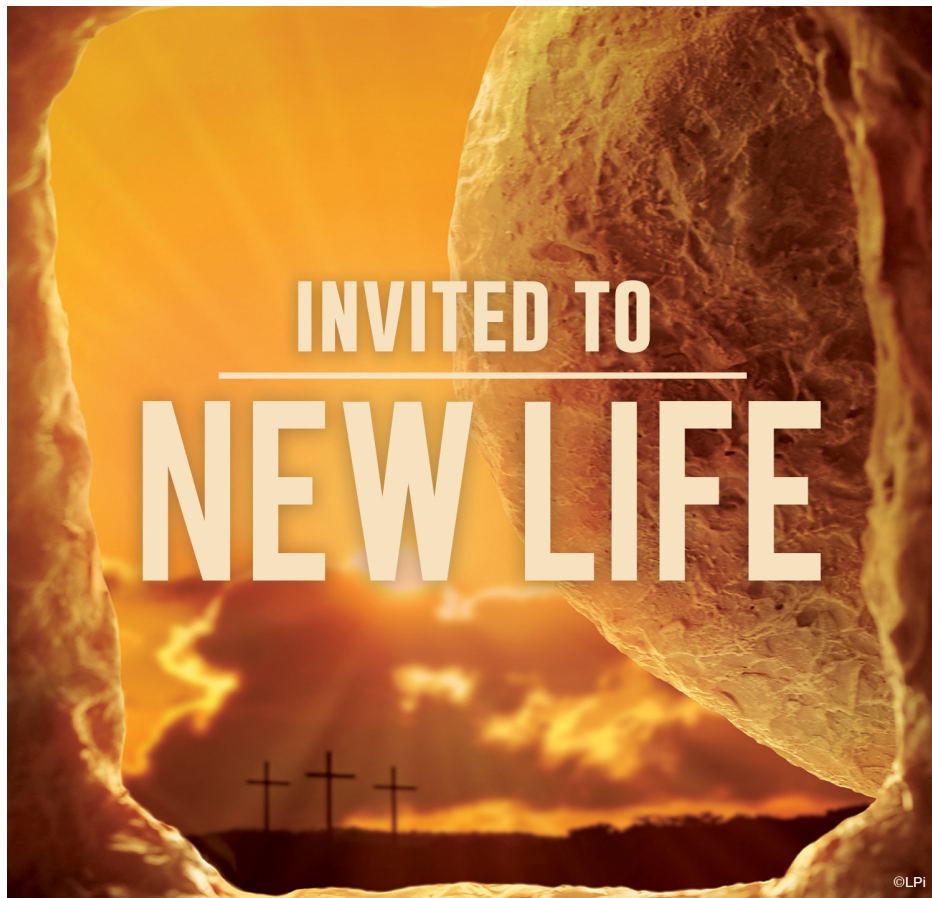
In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

### Second Reading

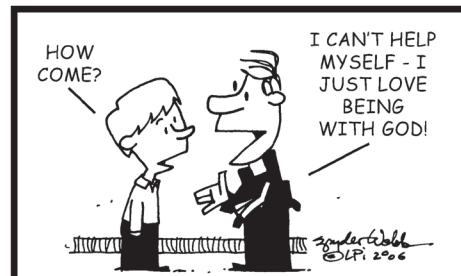
Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

### Gospel Reading

John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith?



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



# LITURGICAL LIFE

## 3 EASY STEPS

### To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



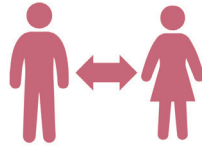
#### Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



#### Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

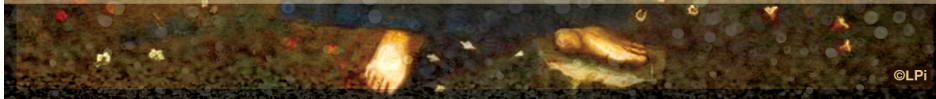


#### Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



# SAINT JOHN OF GOD



*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

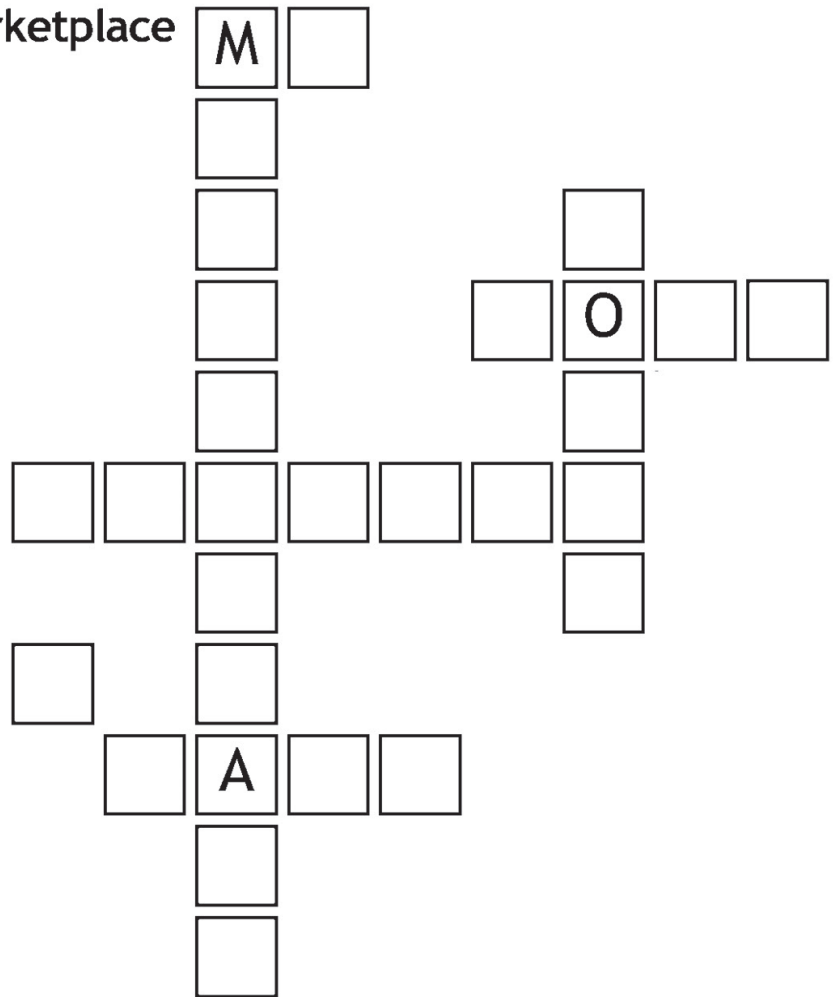
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# KIDS CORNER

## READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Don't make my Father's house a marketplace



### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry.

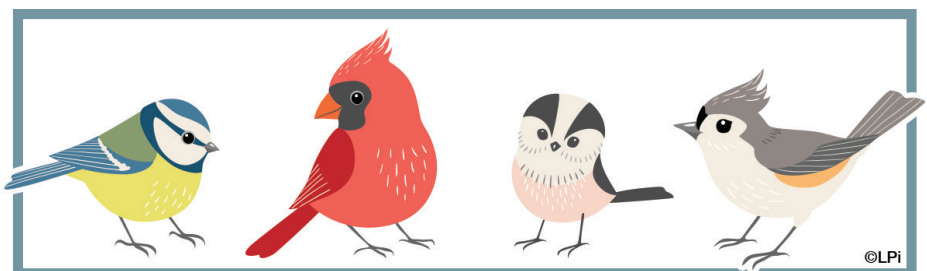
God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God and talk to him. Jesus cleaned out his Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.

### PRAYER

God, my church is a place for prayer. Help me to remember that always.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.





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