

February 28, 2016

A Sabbath Thought

We can celebrate today as *Second Chance Sunday*. God is always giving us another chance to try again. It is our responsibility - indeed, our privilege - to help transform our world into a holy place.

About Today's Bible Readings

EXODUS 3:1-8, 13-15

After the creation of the world, the history of salvation begins when God makes a special choice of the people of Israel and reveals to them the divine name.

Responsorial Psalm: 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6, 10-12

Membership in a group does not always bring group benefits. Even Christians suffer as a people because of sinful members.

LUKE 13:1-9

Sin can be both individual and social, sometimes injuring even innocent members of the group. But God offers us a second chance to divert the suffering that sin brings.

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Third Sunday of Lent

ENTRANCE RITE (Habakkuk 3:17a, 18; Isaiah 3:10)

- V. For though the fig tree blossom not, nor fruit be on the vines, yet will I rejoice in the Lord and exult in my saving God.
- R. Happy the just, for it will be well with them, the fruit of their works they will eat.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Tract (Recited in place of the Alleluia during Lent)

- V. Repent and turn from all your trangressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.
- R. Cast away from you all transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!

THE GOSPEL (LUKE 13:1-9)

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them, do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – February 28th Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist. Stations of the Cross following the Service.

SUNDAY – March 6th Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament after the Service. Stations of the Cross following Adoration.

Special Parish Committee Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the Parish Committee downstairs in the fellowship hall immediately following the Service today. It will be brief and I hope that all committee members will attend.

Palm Sunday Bake Sale and Ham Raffle

We will be holding our annual Bake Sale and Ham Raffle on Palm Sunday, March 20th after the 9:00 AM Deacon's Service. Please plan to bake, buy or take a chance in the raffle. Nobody's luck is all bad.

ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST

In celebration of the founding of the Polish National Catholic Church we will join together to share breakfast and offer thanks to God in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, March 6th following the 9:00 AM Deacon's Service. All are welcome.

Tickets are, as usual: Adults - \$10 & Children under 12 - \$3

Lent Continues

As we continue our Lenten journey and prepare our hearts and our souls for the joyous resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I urge you all to spend a few minutes each day in silent prayer and reflection. The booklets available in the narthex are an excellent resource to aid you in your meditations on the Lord's passion and sacrifice. Please be sure that each of you takes one home and uses it daily.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health of Barbara Sub, Claire Armstrong, Raymond Priester, Bob Rush, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Victor McAlanis, Walter Schilling, Phillip Kuhn, Marie and Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Dennis Wunderlich, David Wunderlich, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Bob Piechota, Dane Smith and Father Fred Mechowski. For the repose of the souls of John Rusnak and Robert Schaffer. **Our Father...**

Today's Hymns

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord!

The Hymns listed below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Book.

> Processional Hymn #1 – Hymn Of Faith

Entrance Hymn #110 – Cross Of Compassion

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 - Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn #113 – When I Survey The Won'drous Cross

Communion Hymn #90 – Jesus Christ, Our Lord And Savior

Recessional Hymn

#94 - People, My People