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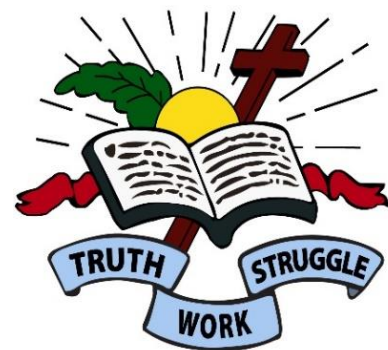
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Third Sunday of Lent

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.

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 transgressions; 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 March 24th

Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Debra Urbanowicz-Pandos offered by her family.

Stations of the Cross following Mass.

SUNDAY March 31st

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Stations of the Cross following Mass.

LENT

Today is the third Sunday of Lent. I hope that everyone is committed to our solemn Lenten journey as we follow our beloved Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ along the path of His Passion. Please be diligent in your daily prayers during this Lenten Season. Remember also to try to abstain from meat on Fridays as a form of penance in honor of our Lord's passion and sacrifice. A blessed and prayer Lent to all.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross after Mass each and every Sunday starting today and leading up to Holy Week. I hope that everyone will plan on staying after Mass to join together in prayer and reflection and that you urge your families, friends and neighbors to attend as well.

FOOD DRIVE

Once again we will be gathering donations of non-perishable food items for distribution to those members of our community who find themselves less blessed than ourselves. This is an excellent way to fulfil our Lenten obligation of almsgiving. Please leave your items in the Narthex. Remember that Christ said, "Whatever you do for the least one of my brothers, you do it for Me."

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE AND HAM RAFFLE

April 14th will be Palm Sunday this year and we will be holding our annual Bake Sale and Ham Raffle. Please plan to join us after attending Mass. Bake, buy or try your luck on the ham, it all goes to help our Parish fund its operation and various charities. Thank you in advance and God bless you for your generosity.

Used Book Drive

Thanks to everyone who has donated or bought used books. This venture has been a great success. We need more new book donations. If you have purchased a book, read it and are returning it, please let Peggy or Michele know this so that we can separate them from the newer titles.

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 Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Ruth Pivovarnick, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Father Senior Gregory Mludzik, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Father Senior Ed and Ann Ratajack, Tom Goff, Roger Seliga, Milton Keiles, Claire Armstrong, David Gavenda, Dorothy Zytczak and Michelle Freer. For the repose of the soul of Debra Urbanowicz-Pandos.

Our Father...

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Today's Hymns

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

Singing off key is better than silence!

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

Opening Hymn

#1 – Hymn Of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#114 – Forty Days And Forty Nights

Communion Hymn

#223 – Sweet Hour Of Prayer

Recessional Hymn

#94 – People, My People