



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

Readings for the week of March 15, 2009

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a (St. Joseph)
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Stewardship: "You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

Questions of The Week

Adults: What are some ways I can cleanse and purify my heart's intentions this week?

Children: How can I worship and praise God more often each day?

Religious Education

First Communion Parent Meeting: All parents of students making First Eucharist are required to attend a meeting from 7-9pm in the St. Ann School Gym Monday evening, March 16th.

First Communion Retreat: Saturday March 28th from 9:30-11:45am in the Parish hall. All First Eucharist students and a parent should come prepared with banner making materials, and a snack to share.

Grade 7, 8, & 9 Students & Parents: On Sunday March 29th all students and parents of students in grades 7, 8, and 9 are to attend a talk on Chastity & Abstinence at Our Lady of Hope, Linebrook Road, Ipswich, MA. This will take the place of class. Mass begins at 6pm and the talk will begin at 7:15pm. For more information contact Dawn Alves at 978-281-4820.

Middle & High School Students

Holy Family Youth Ministry team will be planning events for spring/summer 2009 on Monday evening, March 30th, 6:30-8pm. The meeting will take place in the youth room, bottom floor of St. Ann School. All students in middle school and high school are encouraged to join us to share ideas and plan events. Refreshments will be served, and there will be time for socialization and games after the meeting.

Holy Family Coffee Mugs

Holy Family coffee mugs will be available after all Masses the weekends of 3/21-22 and 3/28-29. Mugs are \$5 each or 2 for \$8. All proceeds will benefit Holy Family Parish Youth Ministry.

3rd Sunday of Lent

I've had the opportunity to visit and speak at hundreds of parishes throughout the Midwest, and I've noticed that some have gift shops. Thankfully, most clearly state that their proceeds are shared with local charities, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, etc. But take a look at gift shops from a variety of churches of all faiths from around the country, and you will find coffee mugs, T-shirts, bumper stickers, health and beauty products, incense sticks, even a gold-plated money clip! Somehow, I can easily envision tables being flipped over.

Today's Gospel reading from John recounts Jesus' visit to the Temple in Jerusalem shortly before Passover. There, he finds that the house of his Father has been allowed to be used as a marketplace. In one of the Gospel's rare descriptions of Jesus showing anger and emotion, he turns over the tables and drives the vendors out of the Temple with a whip. But when asked by the elders as to what authority he has to do this, Jesus proclaims that when they tear down the temple, he will rebuild it in three days. He is of course referring to his own body, the temple of the Lord, and his impending death and resurrection.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "the human body shares in the dignity of 'the image of God': it is a human body precisely because it is animated by a spiritual soul, and it is the whole human person that is intended to become, in the body of Christ, a temple of the Spirit" (364). If we truly understand that our bodies are temples, places where God resides in our hearts and souls, then let's turn over those tables of wickedness and sin that dwell within us, and drive them from the temple of the Lord.

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The Arise Corner



Lent is a season when we are presented with contrasts. Last week's Gospel contrasted thirsting and water. In this week's Gospel, **John 3:1-21**, we are confronted with darkness and light; night and day. Jesus is the One that calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. And he calls us to new life.

If there are contrasts before us, then there are choices for us to make. Lent is that special time when we are asked to consider and chose anew-turning toward the light, toward life, toward Jesus. Pray for yourself, your family, your ARISE group, for the parish, that we would welcome the opportunity to consider our choices, and that we would chose Light.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions March 14th—March 22nd, 2009

Saturday, March 14, 2009

4 p.m. (St. Ann).....**Capt. Salvatore & Josephine Santuccio
and Capt. Stephen & Catherine Demetri & Families**
From Kathleen

Sunday, March 15, 2009

8 a.m. (St. Ann).....**Jennie Faye Lupo**
From Family

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Pro Populo**

10 a.m. (St. Ann).....**William & Eunice Smith**
From Maryanne Koeller

11 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Maureen Powers**
From Mother

Monday, March 16, 2009

9 a.m. (St. Joachim)

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

9 a.m. (St. Joachim)

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Ethel Cilla**
From Children

Thursday, March 19, 2009

9 a.m. (St. Ann).....**St. Joseph's Day Mass**

Friday, March 20, 2009

9 a.m. (St. Joachim)

Saturday, March 21, 2009

4 p.m. (St. Ann).....**Samuel & Sandy Curcuro**
From Family

Sunday March 22, 2009

8 a.m. (St. Ann).....**Pro Populo**

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Arthur J. Munroe, Jr.**
From Mother & Sisters

10 a.m. (St. Ann).....**Capt. Michael & Lena Lovasco**
From Family

11 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Russell Kennefick**
From Family

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Den Mar: Monday—March 16th at 3:30pm
Golden Living Center: Monday—March 23rd at 3:00pm

St. Joseph's Day Mass

Join the school children at a Mass in honor of St. Joseph, Thursday, March 19th, 9am at St. Ann Church. Please note there will not be a 9am Mass at St. Joachim. Join us for this feast day.

St. Joseph Altar Blessings

The custom remains strong in many families to have an altar or table blessed in honor of St. Joseph on his feast day. Anyone wishing to arrange for this blessing in their home is asked to contact the parish office during regular business hours to schedule a time. There will be a limited number of appointments for a priest or deacon to come and offer this blessing in the home – these will be filled on a first come, first served basis.



Lenten Evening Prayer Service

A Lenten evening prayer service will be held tonight, Sunday March 15th, 6:30pm at St. Joachim Church. Holy Family Youth Choir will be providing music for this service.



Host & Wine

The Host & Wine for
March was donated in
loving memory of

Paul LeBlanc
From Family



Memorials & Donations

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges
donations received in memory of:

Kevin Sweeney
Karen Stevens



We commend into God's care those
who were buried from our Parish recently

Nancy Merchant
Clifford Muise

Paschal Candles

Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation in memory of a loved one to help purchase the Paschal Candles used at St. Ann and St. Joachim Churches please contact the office.

Legion of Mary

The Stations of the Cross will be said every Friday during Lent at 3pm in St. Ann Church. Richard Pierce will lead this service.

Lenten Regulations

Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

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