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March 14, 2021

4TH SUNDAY *of* LENT



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“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” - Jn 3:21

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All of us need to be extra 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.

Stay Connected While You're Away.

Now more than ever, it's important to stay connected within your community. You might not be able to visit our church, but you can still stay in touch! Just go to www.parishesonline.com to sign up to receive your church bulletin delivered straight to your inbox. Just search for our church's name and click Subscribe.



The Pastor's Prayer Request for...

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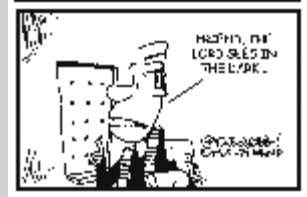
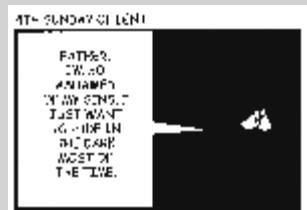
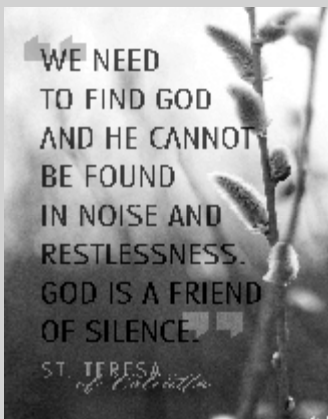
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Christine Simmons
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Zelma Williams

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

May you get all your wishes but one, so that you will always have something to strive for!



Readings for the Week of
March 14, 2021

Sunday

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

Monday

Is 65:17-21
Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a
and 13b [2a]
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15
Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14
Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]
Jn 5:31-47

Friday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20
Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]
Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday

Jer 31:31-34
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]
Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]
Jn 11:1-45 or
11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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Fridays of Lent



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP —
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

AWAKE, O SLEEPER!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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FOOD for THOUGHT—
The Lighter Side

One Liners

What do you call a sleepwalking priest?
A roamin' Catholic

What do you call the pastor in charge of the school play?
The spiritual director

Have you heard about the drama at the convent?
It's nun of my business

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