



Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 6

8:00am: Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Immaculate
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5:00pm: Ray Geraci
Marge Vena
Barbara Stephens

Sunday, March 7

10:30am: Parishioners of Immaculate
Conception Parish
Anna Cortesi

Monday, March 8

8:00am: Egidio De Rose

Tuesday, March 9

8:00am: Barbara Stephens

**Wednesday, March 10**

8:00am: Tom Smith

Thursday, March 11

8:00am: Margaret Vena

Friday, March 12

8:00am: Laurie Nault Popp

Saturday, March 13

8:00am: Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Immaculate
Conception Parish
5:00pm: Parishioners of Immaculate
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Sunday, March 14

10:30am: Gretchen Callahan
Violetta Lattanzi
Frank Waldeck

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Father Mike's Homiletter – March 7, 2021 Third Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8-11; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

How is your Lent going? Constructively, I hope. When we take a road trip, we are often nervous until we get on the key highway – then we can relax, because we know we're on the right road. As we approach the third Sunday in Lent, it may be a good time to review our efforts so far and make sure we're on the right road. Our Religious Education students had some wonderful things to say about Lent in last week's bulletin [see our website], and I was particularly pleased that so many of them focused some of their Lenten plans on others.

Our Lenten practices can be helpful building blocks for our faith lives. Forming a habit makes it easier to include the things which will strengthen our relationship with God in our daily lives. At first, it takes effort, but after a time, we will automatically remember to pray at whatever time we have selected, to call the lonely relative each week, to do the small kindnesses which can make someone else's day. If we have made it a habit, we don't have to debate whether or what to do each time the opportunity arises; we won't have to figure out how to fit it into the schedule; we will learn to do something nice on the fly; we'll start to look for chances to do something kind. And over time, we will become a greater source of goodness in the lives of others. But as our actions become easier and more automatic, we may need to be watchful that the point behind them does not get blurred. When things become routine, it can be tempting to forget the real reason for doing them, to want to get them done and off the "to do" list, rather than to do them intentionally as an offering to God. While God is pleased with any kindnesses we do, making sure that they are accompanied by the offering of our minds and hearts will make them more pleasing to God and more beneficial for us. We need to take care the routine does not obscure the reason.

Our readings this week made me wonder if they were talking about this. Although the Jews outwardly acknowledged God as responsible for their liberation from Egypt, they forgot God pretty quickly when things got difficult and Moses was away, up on the mountain talking with God. And although many of the ten commandments were social standards in the ancient Near East, apparently God thought Israel needed to hear them more clearly and directly: hence, God intervened and gave them a clear, concise and very personal list of behavioral standards: "...thou shalt..." and "...thou shalt not..." The Israelites may have celebrated the Sabbath and acknowledged that God led them out of Egypt, but they seemed to forget the significance of those things for their relationship to God. When Jesus came to the Temple in Jerusalem, he found a collection of money changers and animal merchants doing business – necessary for worshippers to have the right coin to pay the temple tax or the right animal offerings to make - but the ultimate reality behind those offerings had been lost in the business transactions. Once again, God intervened – in this case, with Jesus chasing the market makers out of the temple. In both cases, it was as though a clear window had become dirty and dusty over time, and no one noticed that what was on the other side was not bright or clear any more.

The Temple authorities ask Jesus what "sign" He could give of His right to clear the Temple. Used to receiving direction from God through Moses and the prophets, they could not imagine a simple itinerant preacher knowing better than they how the Temple should be run. Undoubtedly, many of the affected merchants thought they were providing a public service – so that visitors to the Temple could change their money for the required Temple tax coin, or obtain animals for a Temple sacrifice. And since the Temple was regarded as the place to worship God at this point, there was an element of controlling access to God as well. Who did this young preacher think he was? Though no one realized it at the time, He was pointing out that He was the real temple, not the building, and that when seemingly "destroyed" on Good Friday, He would rise again three days later on Easter Sunday. Paul comments on the tendency to fall back on old systems – the Jewish expectation of signs and the Greek search for wisdom, but ends by reminding the Corinthians that God's foolishness is wiser than any human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than any human strength. Jesus was not the God anyone expected, but He was the God they needed.

The Psalm says it all: "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul...trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple...sweeter than honey from the comb." If we have established some Lenten habits in the last two-and-a-half weeks, let us refresh our awareness of God's love and care for us as we do them, and focus on how they strengthen our relationship with Him. How we do them may mean as much as what we do.

Peace, Father Mike

Food for Thought...

We could not become like God, so God became like us. God showed us how to heal instead of kill, how to mend instead of destroy, how to love instead of hate, how to live instead of long for more.

-Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday*



A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week Night of Reflection in Church

March 23 at 7pm

Registration required

Event will be Livestreamed and Recorded.

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THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Lenten Regulations (Ash Wednesday - Good Friday)



Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on all the Fridays of Lent.

The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.



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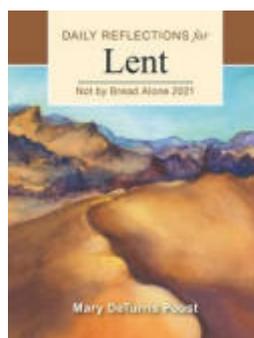
Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30

March 13

March 20

March 27



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March 12

March 19

March 26

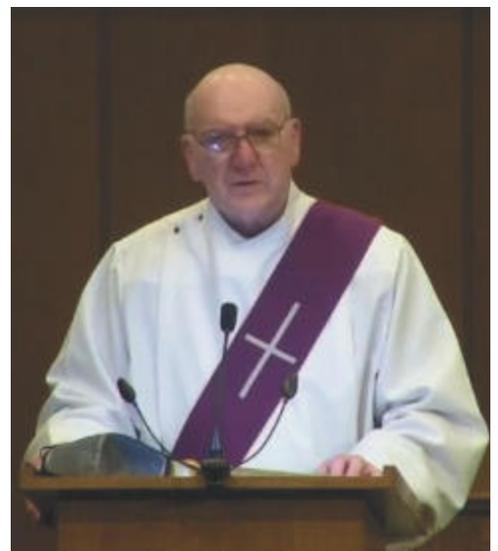
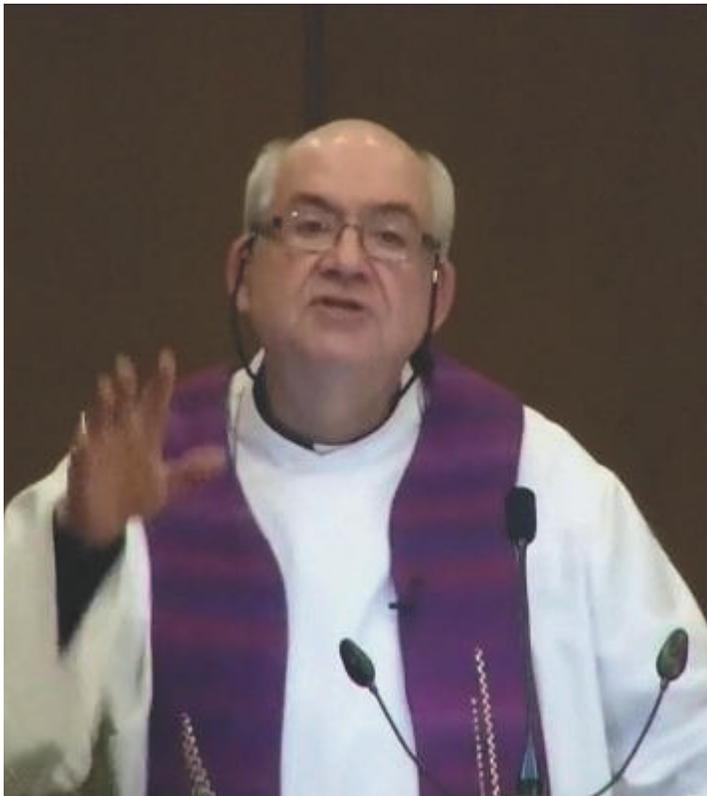
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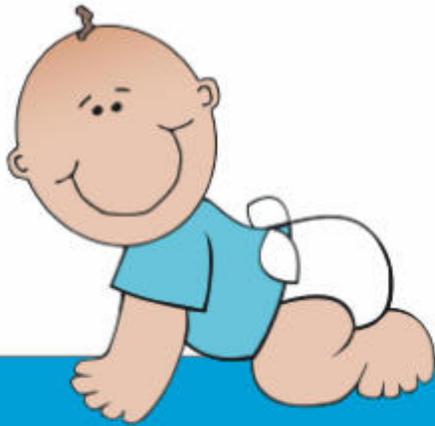
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SPIRITUAL JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

If you were not able to attend on March 2nd A Night of Reflection at IC, A Spiritual Journey Through Lent you can watch the Livestream Video at your leisure. Here's the link: <https://vimeo.com/517654364>

Father provided an insightful reflection on the first 5 weeks of Lent. Thanks to Louie, Gina and our cantor who provided their support, and also Bill who always lends a helping hand with our Livestreaming, along with our parishioners who attended in-person and watched from home. It was wonderful to be together as a parish community.





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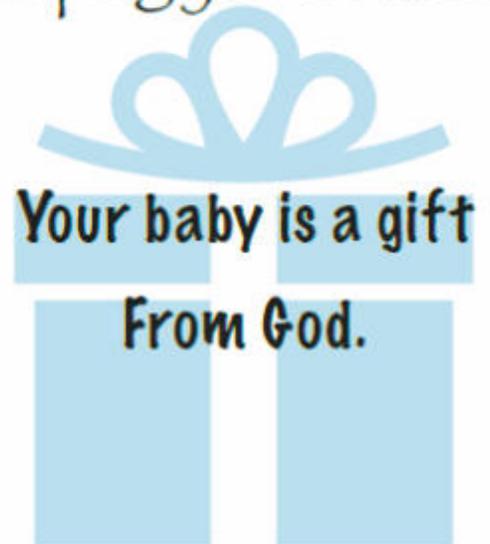
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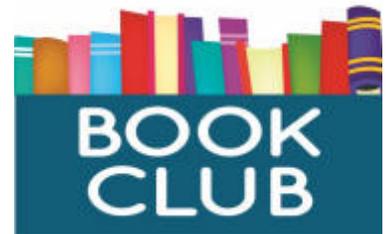
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Additional Activities



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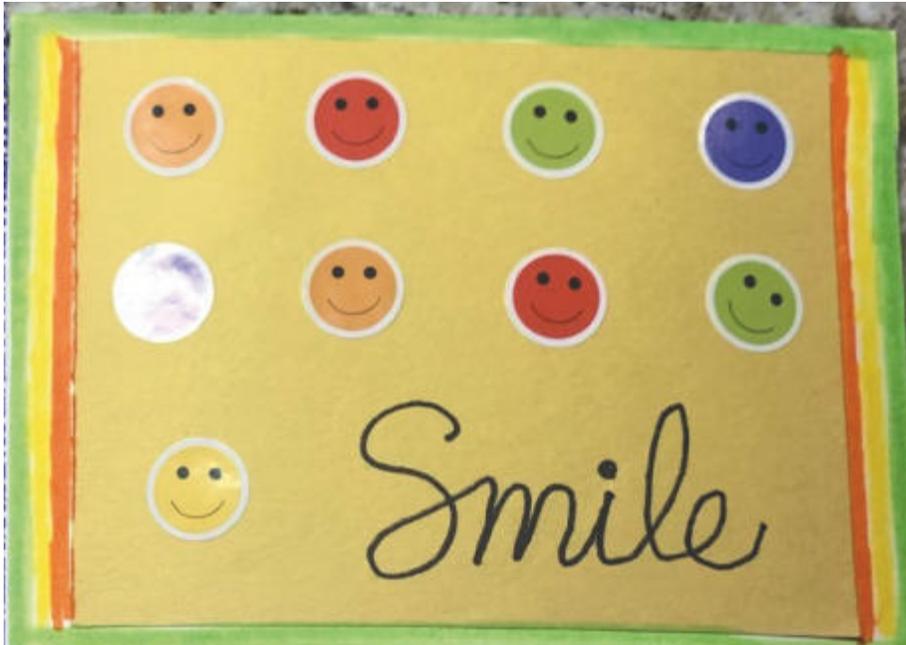
Call Carol Kosirog at 847-433-3018 if you would like to become a praying member of the IC Prayer Network. If you have a prayer request, please contact Carol. (Only first names are used).

PRAYER SHAWLS

Please contact Mary Roberts at 847-445-7483 if you or someone you know would benefit from a Prayer Shawl. Prayer Shawls are made by hand and come with a prayer to help comfort and ease the suffering of those who wear them.

Some 8th grade PREP students volunteered to make cards to go with meals for a local Catholic Charities event to provide meals for those who are struggling. Their thoughtful messages will surely touch the heart of many meal recipients this Lenten season.

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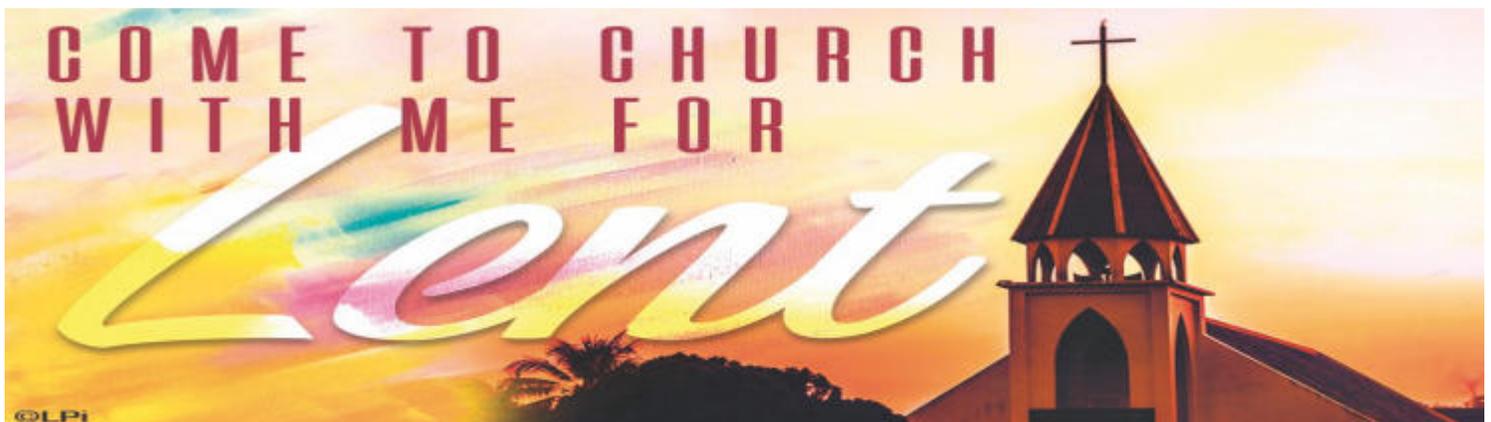
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