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And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. — Jn. 3:19-20

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Mass Schedule

In-person masses are cancelled. Live-streamed masses are held Tue-Fri at 9:30 am, Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 10:30 am. These masses can be viewed on Facebook or the tri-parish website. See links at the bottom of this page.

Office Hours: (usual hours)

Tues - Fri 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
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March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent
by Mary M. McGlone

Robert Burns, an 18th century Scottish poet, once penned an apology to the mouse whose house he destroyed while plowing. With obvious sympathy for the little creature, he wrote:

I doubt not, sometimes, that you may steal;
 ... Poor beast, you must live!
 An odd ear in twenty-four sheaves
 is a small request;
 I will get a blessing with what is left
 ... cozy here, beneath the blast,
 you thought to dwell,
 till crash! The cruel plough passed
 ... But Mouse, you are not alone,
 in proving foresight may be vain:
 The best laid schemes of mice and men
 go often askew,
 And leave us nothing but grief and pain,
 for promised joy!

Burns' delightful poetry depicts the compassion and solidarity the godly great can show the vulnerable defenseless. It also reflects the theme of Laetare Sunday when the mood of Lent is interrupted with invitations to rejoice, be joyful, exult, and be content.

The invitations to rejoice in the middle of Lent sing in a different key from the jubilant songs of Christmas or Easter. Our first reading, which seems to have inspired our Fourth Eucharistic Prayer, outlines the history of the people of God as a saga of infidelity, rejection of prophets, and of losing our way by seeking our own advantage. But we remember this history only because God continually refused to let it define our future. The real story underneath our first reading is that there has been nothing we could do to lose ourselves permanently or to spurn God definitively; God responds to every rejection with a counteroffer of love.

This leads directly to the Gospel which quotes Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus. Nicodemus had come to Jesus at night — meaning in secret and in ignorance. In the course of their exchange, Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, a concept Nicodemus interpreted too literally. In what followed, Jesus spoke the first passion-resurrection prediction in the Gospel of John; he announced that he would be lifted up and that everyone who contemplated and believed in him could have eternal life. Of course, Nicodemus did not understand this any more than the disciples understood Jesus' more direct teachings about his coming death, as recounted in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

Although the mystery of the cross might have been impossible to comprehend, Jesus' next statement explained the context for understanding him and his mission. He said that God so loved the world that the only Son was sent so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life. That's a one-line summary of Jesus' mission — a summary reiterated twice in the coming verses and an explanation of everything else Jesus ever taught and did. Paul refers to this mystery as God's "kindness to us in Christ Jesus," God's offer of "the immeasurable riches of grace" for those who have faith. Paul insists that this brings a joy that does not originate in or depend on us. It is the gift of God. This is our reason for rejoicing on Laetare Sunday.

We may have started Lent with hopes, as St. Teresa of Kolkata might say, to "do something beautiful for God." But this Sunday tells us that anything we try to do is but a sideline. Everything of genuine value begins with God's great love — the love that created us in the divine image, the love that inspired prophets, the love that became incarnate in Jesus and that we can encounter in community. Today's readings invite us to refocus our Lenten practice, to abandon attempts to improve ourselves or try to be more acceptable to God.

Today's Gospel proclaims that we are acceptable because we are loved. When we comprehend that, even a little, we receive the power to respond with the kind of freedom that leads us to be what Paul calls "God's handiwork, created for the good works" that flow, not from our own efforts, but from a gratitude that engenders a share of God's own generosity in us.

We can live our lives like the mouse whose house Robert Burns unwittingly destroyed. We can try to make our plans reliable, build our cozy castles of mud or reputable accomplishments, or even of our own attempts at holiness. But nothing we build that way can be stronger than we ourselves are.

Laetare Sunday invites us to take time out to bask in God's great love, to sing songs of joy in a minor key that blend with harmonies of humility and gratitude. The God who neither needs nor wants our sacrifices became flesh simply and solely to draw us into all-encompassing love. Rejoice (and relax)! God refuses to allow that divine plan to go awry!

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.]

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Palm Sunday and Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday - March 28th
 St. Pius - 8:30 am St. Mary - 10:30 am

Holy Thursday - April 1st
 St. Pius - 7 pm

Good Friday - April 2nd
 St. Pius - 12 pm (noon)

Holy Saturday (Vigil) - April 3rd
 St. Mary - 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday - April 4th
 St. Pius—8:30 am St. Mary - 10:30

Lenten Reconciliation Service - Tuesday, March 30th
 St. Pius - 5:30 pm
 St. Mary - 7:30 pm

Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Dawn DenHartog	Joseph Treb
LaVerne Treb	John Poole
Virginia Bartelt	

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-

Kids Corner

Hey Kids!

Wow! We have two great party days this week! On Wednesday we really party-up St. Patrick who taught the Irish about the Holy Trinity(God-Jesus-Holy Spirit) using the three-leafed shamrock. Be sure to wear green on Wednesday and maybe put a couple of drops of green food coloring in your milk for dinner!
 On Friday, March 19th, we celebrate St. Joseph, husband of Mary and stepfather of Jesus, Pope Francis thought we should dedicate a whole year (Dec. 2020-2021) to honor St. Joseph. Joseph was a carpenter who hammered nails, sawed wood, made tables and chairs, and fixed things that got broken. But Saint Joseph had an even greater job of taking care of Jesus and his Mother, Mary! St. Joseph lived in a little town, worked hard, and never got rich or famous even though he was a descendant of King David. But he never complained. He was happy because he knew he was doing the work God wanted him to do— and **THAT** was the most important job in the whole world! Do you complain too much? Don't mumble and grumble. Be humble –like Saint Joseph. **Dear St. Joseph, help take care of me like you did Jesus. Thank you God for giving us St. Joseph!**



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