

THRID SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 7, 2021

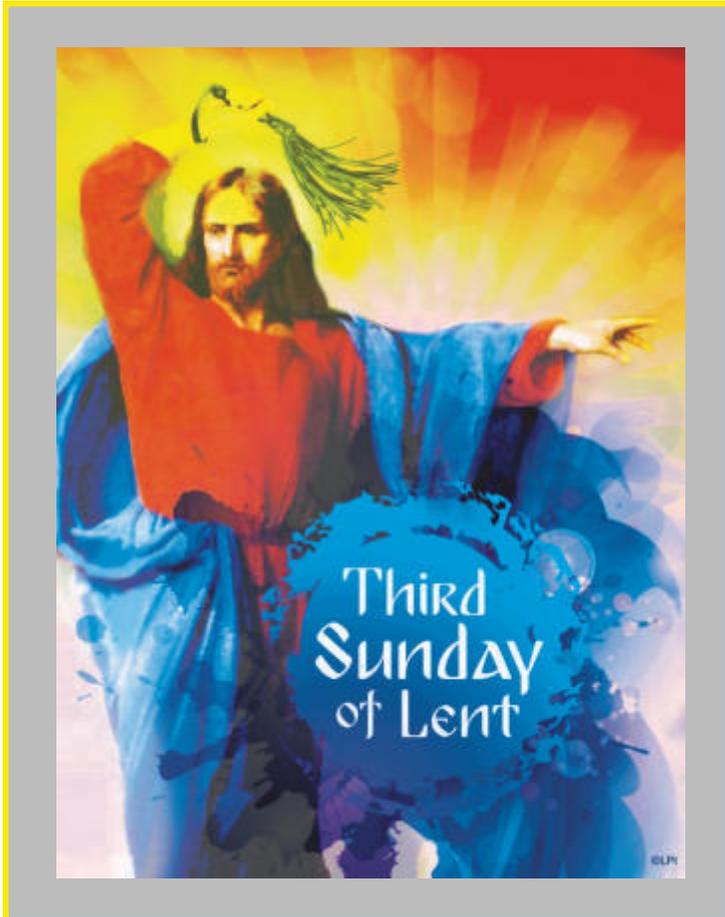


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March 6th 4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart

March 14th 9:30 a.m. Saints Martha & Mary

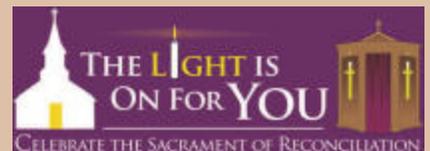
March 21st 8:00 a.m. St. Rose of Lima

Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.

The Light is ON for you

Confession will be held every Monday and Thursday during Lent from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Saints Martha & Mary



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Saints Martha & Mary. Stations of the Cross will be live streamed for those at home to participate.



From the Pastors Desk

Dear Parishioners,

This past Sunday at the announcement of our 2021 Catholic Appeal, we had the opportunity to hear the “Witness Talk” (from Karl Tinsley, Kevin Dolan and Rich McNeil) highlighting all the ways in which the Archdiocese Central Ministries assist our parish and help us carry out our mission. Over the course of the past year, that help has never been more needed or available.

If you’ve not already done so, please take just a few minutes and watch this year’s Catholic Appeal video on St. Isidore Parish Website that highlights the tremendous impact the Catholic Appeal support is making across the Archdiocese, especially during the pandemic, to ensure we can all live our faith together in a meaningful and safe way.

This Weekend of March 6th/7th is Commitment weekend as we begin our annual commitment to the 2021 Catholic Appeal. I understand that these are challenging times as the past year has been difficult for so many of you, but if you are able, I ask you to join to support the Appeal by making a commitment of your own. If you have already responded to a letter or email from Cardinal O’Malley and donated to this year’s Appeal, thank you! If you haven’t had the chance to give, you can go online to make your donation at bostoncatholicappeal.org

I can assure you that your participation has an immediate and lasting impact. As always, I am so grateful for your support and everything that you do for our parish community and the Church.

Wishing you a blessed and safe Lent.

Fr. JT

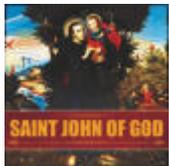
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Weekly Bible Study With Father JT



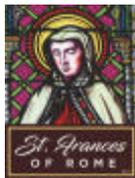
Thursday, March 11, 2021
at **Saints Martha & Mary Church Hall**
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1 Corinthians 16:1-24 Expressions of Love



St. John of God
Feast Day– March 8th
Patron of Booksellers
Birth–1495
Death–1550

St. Francis of Rome
Feast Day– March 9th
Birth–1384
Death–1440



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bill Dow, Regina R. Perez, Ruth Santos, Jim Medas,
Jacob Layman, Wanda Daglis, Bill Eaton,
Joyce Parenteau, Elaine Tomlinson,
Christopher Perry, Marie LaFrance, Marissa-Lynn,
Janet Macedo, Sue Kinney, Kevin O’Hara,
Melissa Hatfield, Aidan Dougherty, Joseph Drolette,
Rebecca & Steven Cummings, Katie Westhaver,
Bernard Moisan, Jessica Morrison, Alan Douillette,
Walter and Marilyn Campbell, Maryann Wilson,
Kechy Ikejiofor, Nathan Ware, William Hedlund, Jr.,
Kathaleen Arruda, Marianne Cokely,
Claire Rousseau, Vivian Lee, Brian Martin
and Mickey Clark

To be added to the prayer list please call the parish office.
Names will remain on the list for one month and will only
be listed as requested by family members please.

Fiat

A gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. The topic will be “**The Stations of the Cross.**” If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

Mass Intentions—Saints Martha & Mary

Sunday, March 7th

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. David Duquette, Memorial

Monday, March 8th

8:00 a.m. Manuel Pacheco, Memorial

Tuesday, March 9th

8:00 a.m. The Souls of Purgatory

Wednesday, March 10th

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 11th

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Dias and their son, Memorial

Friday, March 12th

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 14th

7:30 a.m. Robert E. Brady, Memorial

9:30 a.m. Henry Hicks, Memorial

Mass Intentions—Sacred Heart

Saturday, March 6th

4:00 p.m. Kathleen Clifford, 5th Anniversary

Sunday, March 7th

11:00 a.m. Alice & John McLaughlin, Birthday Memorials

Saturday, March 13th

4:00 p.m. Rita A. MacLeod, 1st Anniversary

Sunday, March 14th

11:00 a.m. Frances Murphy, Memorial

Mass Intentions—St. Rose of Lima

Sunday, March 7th

8:00 a.m. Maryann Cutler, Memorial

Sunday, March 14th

8:00 a.m. Roger Bolduc, Memorial

Financial Blessings 2-28-2021

Saints Martha & Mary	\$2,574.00
Sacred Heart	\$4,201.33
St. Rose of Lima	\$890.00

2021 Catholic Appeal

This weekend, we launch our annual Catholic Appeal, along with all the other parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Each year, the Catholic Appeal provides the faithful with a way to help support the ministries that support our parishes, our schools, and our communities. This is our Church, and every gift makes a difference. Please consider making your gift today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org or by scanning the QR code above. Your gift has an immediate impact on our parish and the work of our Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

“Love is never defeated.”

— St. John Paul II —

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Did You Know?

What is almsgiving and why do we do it?



Almsgiving means making a gift of alms. It is a physical gift of money, food, or goods intended to help those who have less than us.

Jesus calls all Christians to charity. He mentions almsgiving throughout the Gospels. During Lent we are asked to fast, pray, and give. Giving being the most important of the three.

Why is almsgiving better? Because almsgiving is all three in one. Giving to someone in need is a form of prayer to God. It is also fasting because you are sacrificing something you have. You're not just giving, but also giving up something.

Jesus wants us to give and He tells us how, “When you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.” (Mt. 6). God helps those in need. One way He does this is by using those He has given much to.

Many Christians have used the Old Testament practice of "tithing" as a guide. They give a tenth of their income to God. That means giving it to the poor, the Church, or to charitable institutions.

“Giving alms to the poor is a witness to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

**NEXT WEEKEND!!!
MARCH 14TH AT 12:00 A.M.!**



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CCC TIMELINE PLAN FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST (YoE)

Know that nothing in the plan is written on stone. Adjustments/tweaking may happen if real need arises, especially within the pandemic environment.

Sunday, March 27/28 (4th Sun):

Homily Topic - Eucharist: Renewal & Transformation

Sunday 12-1pm: Teaching Holy Mass, for Youth & Young Adults (SH) **(POSTPONED)**

Sunday, April 24/25 (4th Sun):

Homily Topic: Eucharistic Devotions

Sunday 11am-12pm: Teaching Adoration, for Youth & Young Adults (M&M)

Sunday, May 22/23 (4th Sun):

Homily Topic - Eucharist & Priesthood

Monday, May 31, 5-6pm: Outdoor Rosary Procession- Bible Rosary of Luminous Mysteries (RoL)

Sunday, June 19/20 (3rd Sun) - Corpus Christi:

Closing Mass of YoE 9.30am (M&M) or 11am (SH), Followed by Parish Luncheon & Socials.

Setting Our Hearts Aflame

One Year Ago

Oh my! One year ago, this weekend, our family of faith last gathered together to worship as we Catholics have for centuries. We wore no masks, we entered through any door and we could talk and could hug one another. We did not know then it would be the last time we could practice our faith in the normal way. We did not know our Church doors would be shuttered by the following weekend. And when we did shut down we could not fathom that this would be very long term. One year ago... our lives changed forever. One year ago...

Today the dispensation from attending Mass is still in effect, the number of active cases is decreasing as more people are following the guidelines and becoming vaccinated. We have hope on the horizon. We are still in a year-long version of Lent but Lent foretells of a hope in the future.

As a Lenten exercise I invite you to take some time and reflect upon where you were a year ago and where you are now. A year ago I was full of hope and excitement as we explored new ways of being Church that could perhaps carry on into the future. But yet as the days turned to weeks, turning into months that hope faded, as I saw the sorrow and grief take hold of us as COVID raged on. I asked myself would our parishioners come back when the danger passes? What will our ministries look like? What new ministries will be needed?

As I write now I am full of hope and excitement once more. The sky is blue and birds are chirping outside my window. Snow is melting away making room for springtime. My faith tells me hope is near and while our ways of being Church has changed our faith in Jesus has not. Our lives changed forever a year ago... and we are now the stronger for it!

Peace be with you, Holly Clark, Pastoral Associate

Lakeville Music News

How Do We Compute the 40 Days of Lent?

Many of the Lenten hymns make mention of the forty days of Lent, such as "The Glory of These Forty Days" as well as "These Forty Days of Lent," but there are forty-six days from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Although we speak of "The First Sunday of Lent," "The Second Sunday of Lent," and so on, each Sunday of the year, and not just Easter Sunday, is a day to celebrate Christ's Resurrection, and early Christians were forbidden to fast and do penance on Sundays. Thus, if we subtract the five Sundays of Lent and Palm Sunday, a total of six, from the forty-six days, we will arrive at the forty days of Lent. Even today some Christians who might fast from some sort of treat during Lent will indulge in that treat during the Sundays of Lent since they know that each Sunday, even the Lenten Sundays, is a celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

Laetare Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14th, is also known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare in Latin means to rejoice. We are midway through our Lenten fast, so it is a Sunday to interrupt our Lenten mood and to be joyful as Easter draws near. The celebrant may choose to wear rose colored vestments in place of the Lenten purple, and musically, the trumpet will return to the 9:30 a.m. Mass for this Sunday. Parishioners may recall that we have a similar Sunday midway through the Advent season, the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, with Gaudete also Latin meaning rejoice, and with the third candle of the Advent wreath rose colored rather than purple.

Henry A. Rondelli,
Music Director at Saints Martha & Mary





This week we are on Episode 4, **Forgiven - Biblical Foundations**. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is founded on the powerful revelation of God's love and mercy for His people throughout Scripture. God's delegation of His authority to the priest in Confession is a continuation of the way God uses both angels and men in Scripture as His mediators.

There are many things about lent that can be confusing, and we may not understand many of the things that are said or what we are told we should practice. This week kids let's watch lent with **Brother Francis Episode 1 "A Time to Repent."** Repent is one of those things we just may not fully understand. Brother Francis is going to teaches us what Repent means and how we do it.



THIRD WEEK OF LENT

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.



We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Eve

4:00 p.m. Middleboro

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Lakeville

8:00 a.m. Rochester

9:30 a.m. Lakeville

11:00 a.m. Middleboro

Weekday

Monday–Thursday 8:00 a.m. Lakeville

Friday 6:00 p.m. Lakeville with Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Holy Days - As Announced

Confessions

Mondays and Thursdays 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Lakeville

For the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/

Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or

4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next 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

Observances for the week of March 7, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. John of God, Religious

Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time



Al-Anon and A.A.

Al-Anon: Meets at Saints Martha & Mary downstairs in the Parish Hall every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous: At Sacred Heart Church on Saturdays in the Parish Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

At United Church of Christ in Lakeville on Sundays.

The beginners' meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

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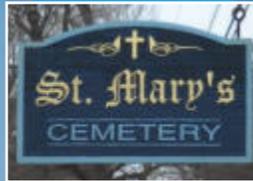
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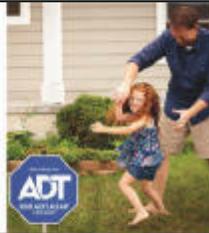
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