



HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY

Stonington & North Stonington, Connecticut

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites:
I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

SECOND READING:

These things happened to them as an example,
and they have been written down as a warning to us,
up on whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

GOSPEL:

"But I tell you, if you do not repent,
you will perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/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/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

THE OFFICE OF FAITH EVENTS

Receive information weekly for seminars, faith enrichment, and youth events, as well as Catholic Family Services programs.

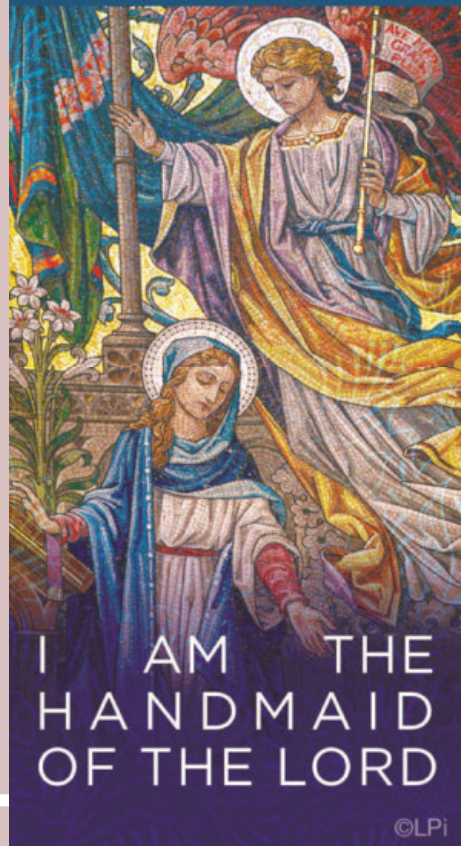
Email the Office of Faith Events today at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net to be put on the events email list.

LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

The 9:00 am Sunday Mass is live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on their webpage:

www.cathedralofsaintpatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



REFLECT

FIRST READING

In his initial encounter with the Lord, Moses learns the name of God, "I AM." What insight does this give us into the nature of the divine?

SECOND READING

Paul believed that the past mistakes of the ancient Israelites in the desert served as an example of the dangers of too much self-confidence. How can one best avoid arrogance in faith?

GOSPEL

In the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus taught the crowds of the need to repent in order to bear good fruit. For what do you need to repent in this season of Lent?

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MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 19—VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: † Helen M. Bonomo
Requested by her children
- 5:00 pm St. Patrick: † Intentions of the Giannattassio, Sharble,
and Palembas Families
Requested by Loretta Palembas
- St. Thomas More: Parishioners
- 5:30 pm St. Mary: † Frank Gonsalves
Requested by the DaSilva family

MARCH 20—THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † William Pasqualini, Jr.
Requested by William Pasqualini
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Deceased Members of the Prendergast
and Osetek Families
- 8:30 am St. Michael: † Dee Mooney
Requested by the Bovino family
- St. Patrick: Parishioners
- 10:00 am St. Michael: † Francesco Ritacco
Requested by his wife and family
- 10:15 am St. Patrick: † John Feeney
Requested by Kathleen
- 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † Nelson Tavares &
Maria and Joseph Pacheco
Requested by their parents

MARCH 21—MONDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Joan Grabowski
Requested by David and Marcia Erskine
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Evangeline Sardo
Requested by Manuel and Rosemary Sardo
- 12:05pm St. Patrick: † Djurdica “Regina” Hartnett
Requested by David and Kathleen Blaney

MARCH 22—TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Rita Whewell
Requested by Tom and Anita Kapolowicz
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Laurinda Sardo
Requested by her daughters
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Ed and Jennie Przybysz
Requested by Janet and Richard Przybysz
- 7:00 pm St. Michael: † TBD

MARCH 23—WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Owen and Mary Sherry
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † TBD
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Willard A Reed, Jr. (12th Anniversary)
Requested by his wife

MARCH 24—THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Frank and Olive Galanti
Requested by their family

MARCH 25—FRIDAY: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Edward J. Dolan, Sr.
Requested by his wife and family
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Frank Gonsalves
Requested by Veronica Triplett, a friend of the family
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Fred Jones
Requested by his family

MARCH 26—SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Marilyn Pouliot
Requested by a friend

MARCH 26—VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: † M. Joseph Shea
Requested by his daughter
- 5:00 pm St. Patrick: † Marilyn Sorenson
Requested by Loretta Palembas
- St. Thomas More: † Nonie Irey
Requested by her sisters
- 5:30 pm St. Mary: † Alayna Bickham
Requested by her family

MARCH 27—FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Gilda DeCosta
Requested by her husband and family
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Joao deBrito
Requested by Anita Gonsalves
- 8:30 am St. Michael: † Jose Silveira
Requested by his family
- St. Patrick: † Dale Johnson
Requested by the Knights of Columbus, Mystic
- 10:00 am St. Michael: Parishioners
- 10:15 am St. Patrick: Parishioners
- 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † David Cordero
Requested by Bob and Sandy Calabro

To schedule Mass intentions for Masses at St. Mary, St. Michael, and St. Thomas More, please contact Anita at the parish rectory at 860-599-5580 or by email at akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com. To schedule Mass Intentions for Masses at St. Patrick, please contact Kim at the parish rectory at 860-536-1800 or by email at secretary@saintpatrickmystic.org.

Saint Mary
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Sunday Mass

5:30 pm (Saturday), 8:00 am

Weekday

8:00 am Monday—Friday
except Thursday



Saint Michael
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Sunday Mass

4:00 pm (Sat.), 7:00 am,
8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am
(Traditional Latin Mass)

Weekday Mass

7:00 am Monday—Saturday

Confessions

3:00—3:45 pm Saturday



Saint Thomas More
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87 MYSTIC ROAD

Sunday Mass

5:00 pm (Saturday)



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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barbara Arenth, Keelin Arseneault, Dale Barile,
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Gerry Gianutsos, Alice Harrison, Thomas Harrison,
Karen Hess, John Hesse, Margaret Hickey,
Francesca Kinnecom, Martha Kowack, Paul Kowack,
Helen Lauterio, Ledyard Lewis, Sean Madden,
George McCullen, Keith McGrath, Justin McKenna,
Joseph Pacheco, Nancy Pampel, Brenda Pavo, Michael Quick,
Raoul Roy, Judy Schiller, Brandon Smith, Jerome Ward,
Margaret Ward, Jennifer Flaherty Whipple

*Please pray for the sick of our parish and for
those who serve our country.*

STEWARDSHIP

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March 13, 2022

Weekly Offertory _____	\$	9,951.00
EFT _____	\$	1,000.43
Ukrainian Relief _____	\$	9,811.00
Operation Rice Bowl _____	\$	1,102.00
Easter Flowers _____	\$	20.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

Electronic Funds Transfer

For your convenience, the churches of St. Mary, St. Michael and St. Thomas More offer the option of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your weekly offering. For more info, email Amy Bennett at abennett@stmichaelpawcatuck.com.

ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY

Single graves, as well as 2, 3, and 4-grave lots are available in St. Michael Cemetery. Cost is \$1,400 per grave. For more information, please contact Fr. Perkins at: (860) 599-5580 or frperkins@stmichaelpawcatuck.com.



Saint Michael the Archangel Church
Pawcatuck CT



Daily Mass Schedule

7:00 am Mon. – Sat. St. Michael
 8:00 am Mon. – Fri. (exc. Thur.) St. Mary
 12:05 pm Mon. – Fri. (exc. Thur.) St. Patrick
 7:00 pm Tue. St. Michael

Holy Hour

6:00 pm Thur. St. Michael

Foundations of Our Faith

6:00pm Fridays St. Mary

Stations of the Cross and Benediction

7:00pm Fridays St. Mary

Confessions

3:00 – 3:45pm Saturdays St. Michael
 4:15 – 4:45pm Saturdays St. Thomas More
 6:30 am Sundays St. Michael
 7:30 am Sundays St. Mary
 11:15 am Sundays St. Michael
 6:30 pm Tuesdays St. Michael
 6:00 – 7:00 pm Thursdays St. Michael



FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH

Our God is God of justice as well as mercy. Come hear about the role of **Justice** in the life of our Church on Friday at 6:00 pm in St. Mary Church hall. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:00 pm in the church.

VIRTUAL WAY OF THE CROSS

The Diocesan Office of Faith Events invites you to join virtually each Friday during Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross with a different focus each week.

- March 25: Through the eyes of peace and justice
- April 1: Through the eyes of the divorced & separated
- April 8: Through the eyes of Pope Francis' in **Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home**.

The stations will begin at 7pm and requires participants to have an internet connection. Registration is also required. To register, call Marianne Nicholas at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or email mnicholas@norwichdiocese.net. You may register for one evening or all.

CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE EXTENDED

ONLY \$15,000 TO GO!

AS OF MARCH 11TH, WE HAVE RAISED \$135,000!

*An anonymous donor has put forth a fundraising challenge for the parish. All donations or new pledges to the Capital Campaign for the new St. Michael Church, as well as proceeds from the monthly Mortgage Collection, will be matched up to a grand total of \$150,000. **The deadline has been extended to March 27, 2022.** With a successful Christmas Challenge, we can bring the balance to \$500,000! We have been witnesses to truly miraculous things over these past 10 years!*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Recently many of you received a letter and brochure describing the many programs and ministries that the Diocese supports through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Today, we will watch a heartfelt message from Bishop Cote thanking you for your prayers and kindness during last year's successful campaign. Over the next week, as you reflect on your many blessings, please remember God calls each of us to be generous in thought, word, and deed. We thank you for any sacrificial offering that you can make. Please bring your completed ACA gift/pledge envelopes to church next weekend or if you have not received one, you may find one at entrances to the Church.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thank you to all who have answered our prayers and have supported Catholic Charities in the past. As many still struggle through these tough economic times, Catholic Charities continues to help those most in need. We are currently in need of, and are collecting toiletries for adults and children -- toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant. Donations can be brought to any one of our four locations in Norwich, New London, Middletown, and Willimantic. Visit ccfsn.org or call 860-889-8346 for more information. Thank you once again for your help in creating hope for our neighbors in need.

ST. SEBASTIAN CEMETERY NOTICE

If any families have loved ones buried in St. Sebastian Cemetery in Westerly, please remove winter decorations during the month of March. Any decorations remaining after March 31st will be removed and discarded. Please contact Blanche with any questions at (401)348-1028. Thank you.



Saint Patrick Church

32 East Main Street, Mystic, CT 06355

Office: 860-536-1800

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Sunday Mass:

5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil), 8:30 am and 10:15 am

Weekday Mass:

12:05 pm Monday — Friday except Thursday

Confessions:

4:00 pm — 4:45 pm Saturdays

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm First Tuesday of month

Rev. Kevin M. Reilly, Pastor

Kim McGowan, Parish Secretary

secretary@saintpatrickmystic.org

Richard Georgetti, RCIA Coordinator

Elizabeth Limkemann, Organist

Richard Schumacher, Choir Director

STEWARDSHIP

Due to early submission, the March 13th and 20th totals will be printed in the March 27th bulletin.

Campaign Paid to Date _____ \$3,135,657.65

Pledge Total _____ \$3,368,415.46

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Lenten Schedule

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Tuesdays during Lent: 12:05pm Mass, Confessions 5—6pm

Fridays during Lent: 12:05pm Mass, and Stations of the Cross at 7pm, confessions to follow.

Saturdays (usual Mass times): Confessions from 4—4:45pm, Mass @ 5pm

Sundays (usual Mass times): 8:30am and 10:15am

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MYSTIC IRISH PARADE

The Mystic Irish Parade is back and St. Patrick's is once again participating as a parish unit on Sunday, March 27th. All parishioners are welcome to join in as we walk and proudly proclaim we are members of St. Patrick Parish. All marchers must be at the Seaport parking lot by noon (you must be dropped off—no cars can park there). Kelly green sashes will be provided! We are in need of flag and banner bearers too. For more info: Janet Chapman, 860-536-2151 or janetchap@gmail.com.



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ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL BUDDIES

One of the favorite memories of former St. Michael School students is working with or being with their “buddies.” The students in the upper grades have buddies in the lower grades. They will get together at various times for “reading buddies” and “math buddies.” These get togethers are beneficial to both the younger students who have an older mentor to assist them, and to the older students who learn responsibility and reinforce their own learning by teaching others.

The most important buddy duo is “Church buddies.” The older students walk to Church with their buddies, sit with them during the liturgy and teach them how to behave and participate. It is wonderful to see since the older students take their responsibilities very seriously and the younger students learn appropriate Church behavior and how to be attentive and participate in the service.

We, of course, have had to discontinue the buddy system during the past two years. But we are happy to announce that it is back. Students are reading together, learning math together and attending Church together. And they are loving it!

Doris Messina



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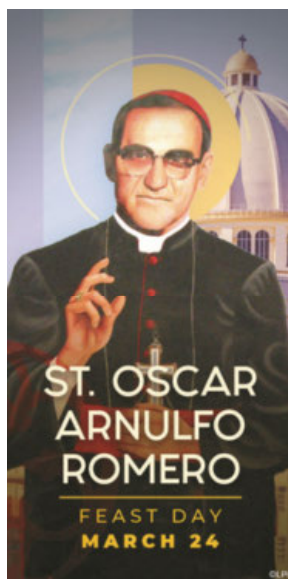
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LIVE THE LITURGY

God clearly reveals his identity as “I am who am.” God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply “is” as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we walk, God gives us yet another chance to bear fruit and return. ©LPi

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Oscar Romero | Feast Day March 24



When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.

On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero’s heart.

Calling him a “a martyr for the faith” nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died. ©LPi

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there’s a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you’re fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you’re doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you’re in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don’t feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

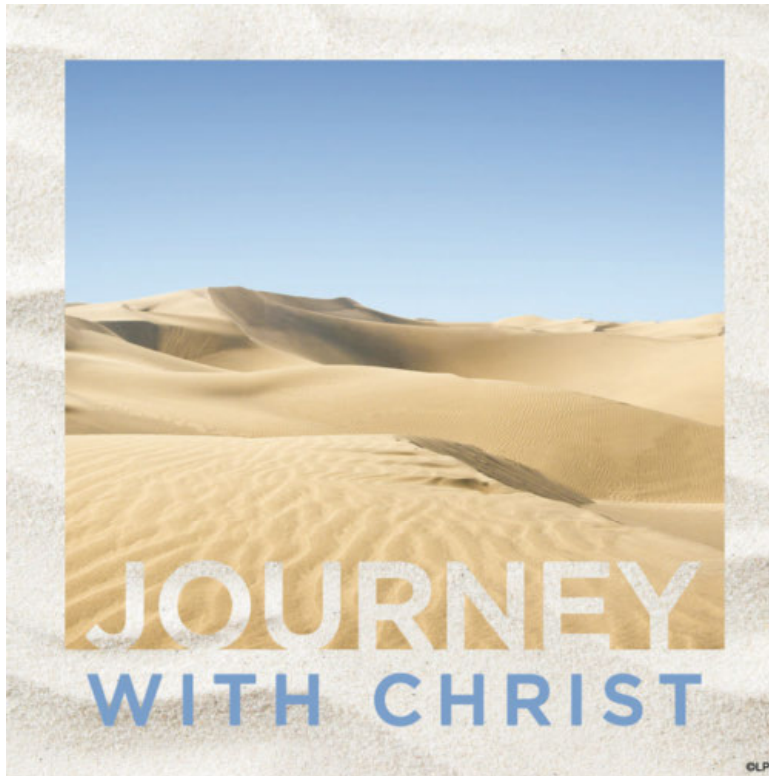
Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the “I am” of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from

the limitations of our sight. That’s when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where



our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God’s work, the pondering of life’s mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep

within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God’s presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn’t rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek

is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don’t get lost or confused and stay on course.

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And he told them this parable: “There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?’” —Lk 13:6-7

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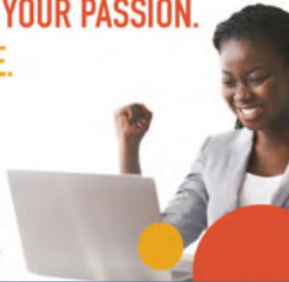
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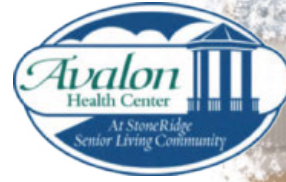


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