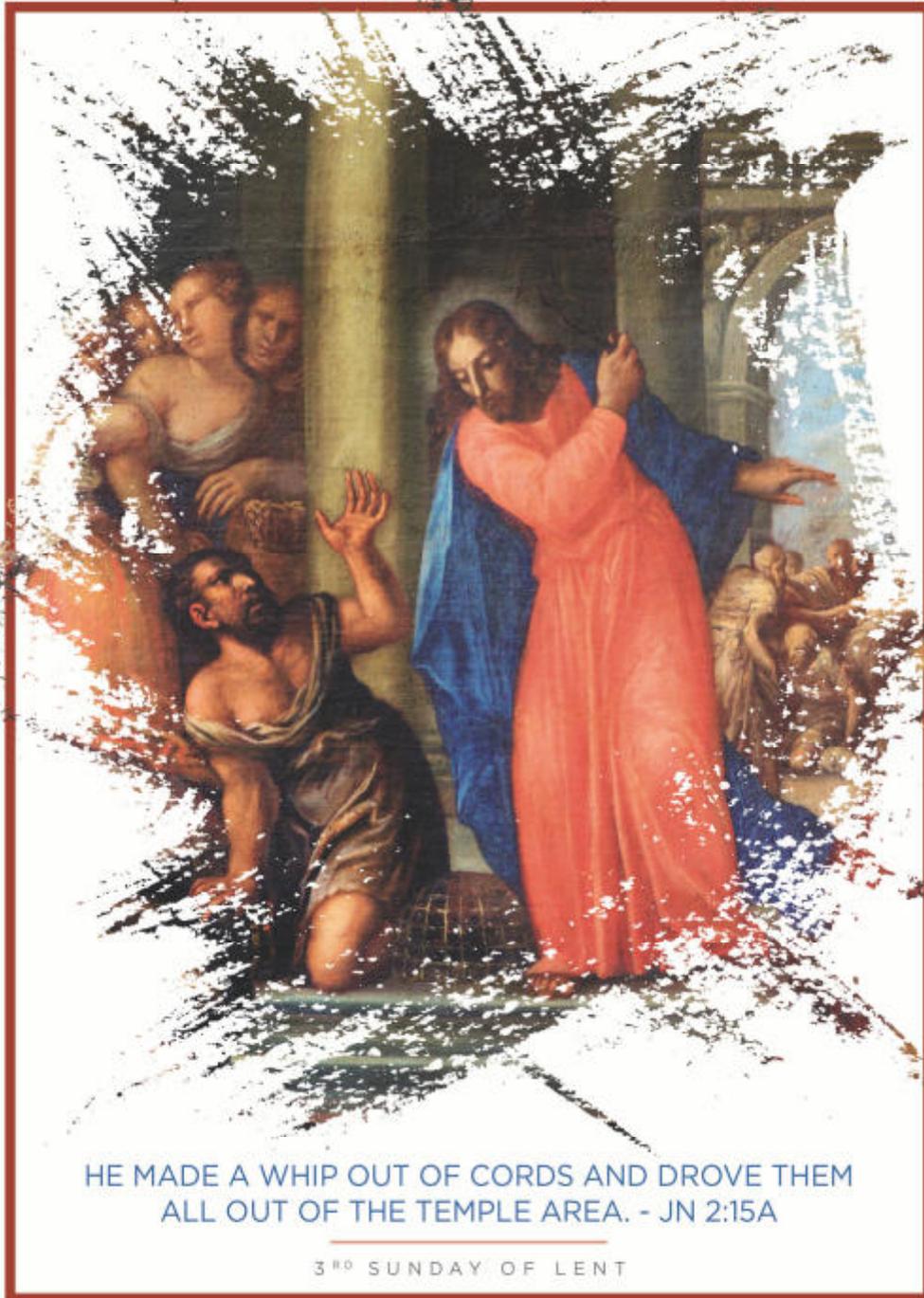


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HE MADE A WHIP OUT OF CORDS AND DROVE THEM
ALL OUT OF THE TEMPLE AREA. - JN 2:15A

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Sacraments & Liturgies

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish), 10:30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

First Friday Mass: 12:00 p.m. at

St. John's Chapel

Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

Baptism: By appointment, contact
Parish Office.

Weddings: Six months notice
required. Please contact the pastor
to begin the preparation process.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Friday
6:00-7:00pm.

March 7, 2021 • 3rd Sunday of Lent

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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.

Catechetical Corner

Religious Education Classes

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

First Communion & 5th - 8th Grade

Prayers for the Sick:

Please pray for:

Juan Franco, Jean Beesley, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Don Perno, Garry Mohs, Judy Diskin, Dianne Perno, Lindsey Roberts, Richard Contu, Evangelina Harly, Donna Esko.

Happy Birthday to:

Kay Dickerson, Jeanne Fordonski (8); Joe Beuchat (9)

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the office so we can update our information.

Mass Intentions: March 6th - March 12th, 2021

Saturday Betty Conway t / Catherine Ritchie
Sunday 8:00 Bob Nabozny t / Mike & Cindy Tanner
Sunday 10:30 Special Intentions of Justin & Rosemary Irechukwu
Tuesday Rosie Kieffer Lewis t/ Jake & Vicki Dunkel
Wednesday Vincent Hoehner t/ Jennifer & Rick Rumsey
Thursday Jim & Willine Ryan/ Buddy & Stacy James
Friday Monica Sunstrum/ Sue Ann Williams

Readings for the week of March 7th, 2021



Sunday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Lectors: Saturday 1st & Second Readings

February 27th - Jeff Everard
March 6th - Karen Sontag
March 13th - Mike Tanner
March 20th - Jeff Everard

Lectors: Sunday 1st & Second Readings

February 28th - Josette Haskell
March 7th - Sara Beuchat
March 14th - Nancy Wise
March 21st - Marie Chapman

Ushers - volunteer basis

Sacred Heart Church Collections



February 28, 2021 Collection

Envelope\$ 2,391.00
Loose\$ 477.00
Total Weekend Collection\$ 2,868.00

February 21, 2021 Collection \$ 3,550.00

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus: The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Contact Grand Knight Robert Mulvihill 918-906-7170.

Prayer Network: For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at *skfgma14x@gmail.com* or contact the office.

Women's Bible Study Group: Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.

Fatima Ladies: Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.

Grief Support Group: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays/8 wk sessions Contact Connie Anderson by text at 319-470-2800.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, March 12th - Please join us for Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Annual 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive. The Knights of Columbus Council 9333 is asking each member of the Parish to join them in celebrating Lent in the spirit of almsgiving by donating one non-perishable food item or toiletry item each day during Lent.

There will be a 2nd collection next weekend, March 13/14 for the Solidarity with Foreign Churches. This collection helps support the Church in Latin America, Central & Eastern Europe, Africa and World Mission Sunday.

Rachel's Vineyard - Hurting after abortion? You are not alone. Join us April 30th - May 2nd for a weekend retreat for healing after abortion. For more information and to register call (918) 508-7142 or email: *Rachel@cceok.org* Must register by Monday, April 26th.

Men are impacted by abortion, too. The door to healing is open for men also.

If you have not received any periodic emails from the parish office since the COVID-19 pandemic began, please contact the office to make sure we have your current email address on file. If you are new to our parish and would like to register as a parishioner, registration forms are available in the gathering area or contact the office.



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