

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 24, 2019

ST. BRIGID

C A T H O L I C C H U R C H

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Cuántas veces hemos escuchado estas frases tan trilladas de personas que se encuentran en diferentes circunstancias. Puede ser entre matrimonios, o de hijos a sus padres, o de alumnos a sus maestros: "Por favor dame una segunda oportunidad, déjeme tratar otra vez, permíteme hacerlo una vez más". Reflexionemos en la higuera de la parábola por la cual el viñador aboga para que no fuera cortada. "Señor, déjala un año más y mientras tanto cavare alrededor y le echaré abono. Puede ser que así de fruto en adelante y, si no, la cortas." Un año más, que corto tiempo, pero sí, es muy valioso para arreglar la tierra y ponerle abono. Los agricultores y jardineros lo entienden muy bien; ellos saben que importante es el cambio total de tierra para que las raíces tomen fuerza. La parábola que Jesús pone de ejemplo con la higuera es clave para que en este tercer Domingo de Cuaresma quede claro que se trata de la conversión

del corazón. Dios nos da el tiempo suficiente para el arrepentimiento. ¡Una Cuaresma más! No perdamos el tiempo; acerquémonos al Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Es tiempo de dejar la falsedad, el egoísmo la flojera. La vida diaria ofrece muchas oportunidades de cambio y de aprendizaje. No importa la edad ni la condición, Dios nos espera con sus brazos abiertos. Imagina ese abrazo de Dios que tanto necesitas ahora. Esta Cuaresma, Dios está cuidando y poniendo abono en nuestra vida. ¿Qué frutos puedes dar por medio del arrepentimiento? ¿Que estas dispuesto ha hacer de nuevo para vivir menos tensionado?



"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none."

We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also ? it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out

Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.

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Monday - Friday 9 am - 3:30 pm

SACRAMENTS

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 6:00—7:00 pm
 First Friday All Day Adoration 8:00 am— 5:00 pm
 Sacrament of Penance, Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
 Or by appointment

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 24	+Jeannie Carlile
Monday, March 25	
Tuesday, March 26	+Jeannie Carlile
Wednesday, March 27	
Thursday, March 28	+Bonnie James
Friday, March 29	+Jeannie Carlile
Saturday, March 30	St. Brigid Parishioners



Weekend Masses:
 Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am English
 12:00 pm Spanish
Weekday Masses:
 Tuesday 5:30 pm
 Wednesday 5:30 pm
 7:00 pm (Spanish)
 Thursday 12:15 pm
 Friday 8:15 am

Pope's March Prayer Intention:

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

FAITH ENRICHMENT—PARISH ACTIVITIES

Religious Ed News: We will not have English RE classes March 24 during Spring Break. Hispanic RE will meet.

C.S.O. - The Catholic Student Organization at NSU is the campus ministry for Catholic students here in Tahlequah. CSO has a student activity every Wednesday evening at 8 pm. All NSU students are welcome... Bring your friends! For more information contact CSO President Anna Gormley at 918-440-1460.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) meets on Sundays at 10:15 am in the Activity Center (first classroom on the right as you enter the hall). This is a great way of learning about the faith for Catholics and those who are curious about the Catholic faith.

Little Portion Fraternity of Secular Franciscans meets the third Saturday of each month in the conference room. Contact Mary Mead 918-457-7409.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS: Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars for the Bake Sale on Palm Sunday!

Quilting/Needlework Group meets the 3rd Saturday of each month beginning at 9 am in the Parish Hall. Contact Barbara Partak for more information: 918-456-9345.

Tahlequah Community Knitting Group meets in the conference room of the Parish Hall on Mondays from 9-11 am. Want to learn to knit or crochet? We can teach you!

YOUNG AT HEART will be Wednesday, April 10, at 12:00 noon. Everyone 55 and older is encouraged to attend. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Readings for the week of March 24, 2019

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: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
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 [12a]/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: 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

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK

March 16-17 Collection: \$3234.30

Next weekend's 2nd collection will be in Solidarity with Foreign Churches, combining the former collections for the Churches in Latin America, in Central & Eastern Europe, in Africa, and World Mission Sunday. Please be generous—although we take up fewer 2nd collections now, we are supporting the same number of causes.

FEED MY SHEEP - The next time St. Brigid cooks will be Thursday, March 28, preparing a meal of 3-way chili. Thank you to all who make Feed My Sheep happen each month. Donations and volunteers are always needed. Contact Jeannie VanVeen if able to assist (918-456-0114).

Seminary Visit - Young Catholic single men—high school seniors and older—are invited to join Fr. David Webb and Fr. Sean O'Brien on a visit to Conception Seminary College the weekend of April 6-8. Email frmpratt3@gmail.com or call/text 918-884-4200 to RSVP or for more information.

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP - Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to take part in the Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma's summer camp June 24-28 at Sequoyah State Park west of Hulbert. Cost is \$200. Registration material is available on the parish hall bulletin board, or by contacting the Diocesan Youth Office (918-307-4907) www.dioceseoftulsayouth.org.

St. Brigid Youth Group - We are in the process of re-establishing the Youth Group for the parish. Sarah Jameson, our diocesan Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, will be visiting Saturday, March 30, at 10:30 am in the parish hall to answer questions and provide information about youth ministry (i.e., how to get started!). All interested members of the parish are welcome to attend this session, particularly parents and those who have an interest in volunteering with youth ministry in our parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anita Brockman, Ruth Winter, Marty Barnett, Dean Harless, Don Leak, Terry Dunlap, Angie Fay, Gary Harrington, Maddie Cochran, Kirby Merrill, Gerald Allen, Sally Hilger, Marquette Lyons, Renee Ridge, Mary Fulk, Ann Payette, Carol Carroll, Tiffany Robinson, Dixon Davis, Caden Murphy, John Albarano, Eugene Nottingham, Kylee Osburn, Donald Sizemore, Zack Kelley, Carrie Ann Mitchell, Melynda Elias, Missy Caughman, Kim Harris, Melanie Medaris, Kelly Callaway, Nedra Tinker, Janie Hanson, Mary DeHaas, Kathy Seidletz, David Alley, Andy Groat, Walter Sizemore, Jessie Casey, Michael Murphy, Tony Croman, Calvin McCoy, Laura Lollar, Cathy Farinelli, Deloris Ackerman, Tom Carlile and all men and women in the military.

FAITH AND WORKS APPEAL

Have you made your gift to the annual Faith & Works Appeal for the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma? For those still considering their gift to this year's Faith & Works campaign, donation materials are available in the foyer and may be mailed to the Diocese, our parish office, or dropped in the regular collection. You may also give online at www.dioceseoftulsa.org/annualappeal. Our goal as always is 100% participation from the families of our parish! Thank you to all who have already responded to this year's appeal to support the Church's ministries in Eastern Oklahoma.

Stations of the Cross & Lenten Meals

Stations of the Cross are celebrated every Friday during Lent at 5:30 pm in English and 7 pm in Spanish. The Secular Franciscans host a Bread & Soup dinner at 6:15 followed by a short faith enrichment video.

Angelic Warfare Confraternity

Dominican priest Fr. James Brent will be coming to Tulsa the weekend of April 27-28. On Saturday the 27th at St. Bernard Church in south Tulsa, Bishop Konderla will celebrate a 10 am Mass with a special ceremony to bless marriages and families. On Sunday the 28th at 1 pm at St. Bernard's, Fr. James will give an overview of the Angelic Warfare Confraternity, a centuries-old fellowship to help Catholics pursue and promote chastity, followed by an opportunity for enrollment in the Confraternity.

Feast of the Annunciation - Monday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation, commemorating the moment of the Incarnation when the Word is made flesh, Mary conceiving Jesus within her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. In honor of the day, we will have a 12:15 pm daily Mass on Monday at St. Brigid.

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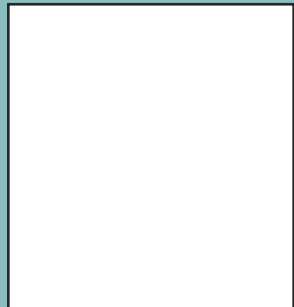
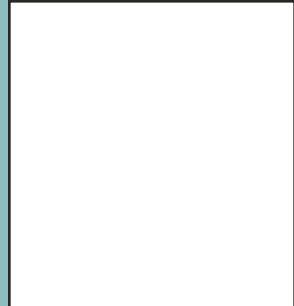


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