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HE is HERE! | March 14, 2021 | 4th Sunday of Lent

"Nicodemus Coming to Christ," by Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1924-27

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT + MARCH 14, 2021

PROCESSIONAL—“Turn to the Living God ”

Turn, turn to the living God, the God of healing and comfort, and with delight, God will turn to you. With delight, God will turn to you.

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FIRST READING—2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: “Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled.”

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: “Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!”

RESPONSORIAL—Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Response: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps. (R.)

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, and our despoilers urged us to be joyous: “Sing for us the songs of Zion!” (R.)

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten! (R.)

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, if I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy (R.)

SECOND READING—Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

GOSPEL—John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 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. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

POST CONSECRATIONEM (MYSTERY OF FAITH)

*All: Mortem tuam annuntiámus, Dómine, et tuam resurrectiónem confitémur, donec vénias.
(We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.)*

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RECESSIONAL—“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy, Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

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COMFORTABLY NUMB

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAY

There is something about Pink Floyd's *Comfortably Numb* that strikes a chord in my heart. The main character of the song is someone who is anaesthetised before coming onto the stage of life. We can all play the part on stage, numbing ourselves to who we are backstage.

HELLO? (HELLO? HELLO? HELLO?)
IS THERE ANYBODY IN THERE?
JUST NOD IF YOU CAN HEAR ME
IS THERE ANYONE AT HOME?...

THERE IS NO PAIN YOU ARE RECEDING...
YOUR LIPS MOVE BUT I CAN'T HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
WHEN I WAS A CHILD
I CAUGHT A FLEETING GLIMPSE
OUT OF THE CORNER OF MY EYE
I TURNED TO LOOK BUT IT WAS GONE
I CANNOT PUT MY FINGER ON IT NOW
THE CHILD IS GROWN
THE DREAM IS GONE
I HAVE BECOME COMFORTABLY NUMB *

No, I'm not saying you should light up and become "comfortably numb"... But what strikes me is an interior search to greet and say hello to that little child in all of us. Perhaps our greatest challenges in life are not played out on the stage of school, work and home but in the sanctuary of our conscience where our heart beats.

"Comfortably numb" is being enslaved in a world where...

"...lips move but I can't hear what you're saying..."

"I turned to look but it was gone..."

"The child is grown..."

"The dream is gone..."

For me it's living in a "Groundhog Day" where hours turn to days, days to weeks, weeks to months—and now we are a year through "Corona Time," just surviving in virtually-masked family, school, job, and religion.

No matter what makes us numb, Jesus Christ comes like he did to Lazarus to free us, to wake us up to the fullness of life. Saint Paul boldly says, after waking up from the numbness to Jesus, "For freedom Christ set us free." Freely receiving Jesus' mercy, Eucharist food, encouraging Word and gentle blessing-touch releases us from the numbness. We are at our best when we are not comfortably numb but comfortably in the embrace of our loving Savior Jesus.

In 2006, the British radio station *Planet Rock* asked listeners to vote for the most beautiful solo of all time. *Comfortably Numb* was the winner. Our beauty wins out when we invite Jesus into our numbness... although it is uncomfortable at first, the freedom one feels is so comfortably loved. 

LENTEN JOURNEY

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So, here we are halfway through our Lenten journey.

The First Sunday of Lent, I preached on the journey into the desert, so I thought it would be a great opportunity to do a reality check, to stop, reflect and most importantly to ask ourselves a very important question: *How am I doing on my journey in the desert?*

A few questions that I have been asking myself, that might help you with your own personal journey (from "How Is Your Lenten Journey Going?" by Melissa Knoblett-Aman, bellaonline.com/articles/art300972.asp):

- Did I give anything up for Lent? If so, how am I doing?
- Am I doing anything for Lent? If so, how am I doing?
- How are my Lenten commitments going overall?
- If I have faltered, how can I get back on track?
- How will these commitments deepen my spiritual growth and strengthen my relationship with Jesus as I journey toward Easter?
- Have I availed myself to the amazing gift of reconciliation and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Confession this Lenten Season?
- Is there something more God is calling me to do this Lenten season?

Some of these points, I ask myself each day, others not. I will admit there have been struggles in my Lenten journey—one instance was recently a box of Girl Scout Cookies ended up in my journey! But the temptation did not win! 

"The season of Lent is a time of renewing our baptismal promises. It is a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is indeed a penitential season, but it is also a time when we are to deepen our relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior. A time to draw our focus back to what is most important. A time to distance ourselves, if you will, from the things of this world and strengthen our faith journey a time to take notice of God's love all around us." (from "How Is Your Lenten Journey Going?" by Melissa Knoblett-Aman, bellaonline.com/articles/art300972.asp)



Recently, I lost my beloved Aunt Elizabeth to COVID. She was 98 years old. As with so many of us who have suffered the loss of someone dear, I was thinking of her frequently. Many times over the next couple of weeks I felt like she was handing me stacks of yearbooks from my past. I thought of a young man who passed away when I was a freshman in high school, college friends, neighbors, and other relatives. What was she trying to tell me if anything at all? I was beginning to think that I might need professional help.

My fears and concerns were answered when I signed into *Adoration Chapel*. There on a table was a booklet called *READ ME OR RUE IT*. Intrigued, I picked it up and quickly scanned its contents. It was about praying for the Souls in Purgatory. I discovered a promise that our Lord made to St. Gertrude that he would release 1,000 souls from Purgatory if one would pray devoutly the prayer that I was now reading. Continuing on the last pages of the booklet was a *Litany for the Souls in Purgatory*. It stated to pray for the least remembered, neighbors, friends, relatives and so many, many more. I found out what I needed to do—that was to pray DAILY for the Blessed Souls in Purgatory and ask God to have mercy on them.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8AM-8PM at Our Lady of Peace

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regular Holy Hour at
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Questions? Contact Deacon Tom Boucek at
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MASS SCHEDULE

beginning **APRIL 17, 2021**

ADORATION Monday-Thursday 8AM-8PM at Our Lady of Peace

DAILY MASS

Monday 8AM at Good Samaritan
Tuesday 6:30PM at Good Samaritan
Wednesday 8AM at Saint John the Baptist
Thursday 8AM at Our Lady of Peace
Friday 8AM at Saint John the Baptist

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 4PM at Our Lady of Peace
and 4PM at Saint John the Baptist

Sunday 8AM at Saint John the Baptist (outdoor)
9AM at Good Samaritan
11AM at Good Samaritan
11AM at Our Lady of Peace (Maronite)
4PM at Good Samaritan (Spanish Mass)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3PM at Our Lady of Peace
and 3PM at Saint John the Baptist



CONFESSION

In addition to our normal Confession schedule during Lent we have Confession available following each weekday and weekend Mass. We will also be offering an evening of Confession at **Saints John & Paul on Wednesday, March 17 beginning at 7PM on the lower level of the church.**

LENTEN ENRICHMENT

Join us every Thursday during Lent for our Lenten Reflection on the Seven Last Words of Jesus spoken while he was on the cross. We meet every **Thursday at 7PM in Good Samaritan church.** Attend in person or on the Good Samaritan Live-stream. Recordings of this series can also be found on the Great Grouping Beaver Valley YouTube Channel.

7 TABERNACLE WALK

St. Philip Neri began the tradition of a Seven Church Walk in the mid-16th century as a devotion for Wednesday of Holy Week. In the spirit of this devotion, the Great Grouping offers the following devotion for use while visiting the seven tabernacles in our grouping. At each tabernacle you are invited to pause and reflect on one of Jesus' seven last words from the Cross. All material can be found at greatgrouping.org/lent

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Please pick up a copy of the Saint Joseph Novena. We are asking all parishioners to participate in praying this novena beginning on **Wednesday, March 10** until the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19. We will be celebrating the Solemnity of Joseph with a Mass in Latin on **Thursday, March 18 at Saints John and Paul beginning at 7:00PM.** We will also celebrate a Mass on **Friday, March 19 at 8:00AM at St John the Baptist.**

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

Join Fr. Jay weekly in Exploring Catholicism! This series airs weekly on Tuesdays at 2PM and is available to view anytime on our YouTube & Facebook pages. **Tuesday, March 16** Fr. Jay will sit down with Regina Donahue & Amy Scheuring. They will discuss Woman's Choice Network. greatgrouping.org/exploring-catholicism

FISH FRY & PIEROGI SALES

Visit our website to see all of the information concerning our famous fish fries and pierogis sales happening during Lent. greatgrouping.org/fishfry We are in need of volunteers to make this successful. You can sign up to help on greatgrouping.org/outreach and click *Beaver Valley Outreach SignUp.*

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

St. John the Baptist Christian Mothers will resume meeting in March. Due to Palm Sunday our meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 21.** We will meet in the cafe at Quigley following 9:30AM Mass.

The Good Samaritan Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild March meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 16 following the 6:30PM Mass.** Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

EASTER BAKE SALE

The Great Grouping will be holding their Easter Bake Sale on **Saturday, March 27, 9AM-1PM at Good Samaritan.** Nut Rolls, Apricot Rolls & Poppyseed Rolls \$13 each, Apple Strudel \$13 & Lady Locks \$7/dz. Place orders by calling (724) 266-1670.

Calling all bakers! Volunteers are need for our Easter Bake Sale. We will be baking on **March 15 and 22 at 9AM in Jericho Hall.** Lunch will be provided. If you are able to lend a hand, please call Bobby at (724) 266-6565 x215

DISCOVER CROATIA

The Great Grouping is sponsoring a trip to Croatia, Slovenia, and the Adriatic Coast on September 10—21, 2021. Our journey will begin in the medieval city of Dubrovnik, Croatia. We will visit Medjugorje, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina we will end in Zagreb, Croatia. A meeting and presentation will be held on **April 7 at 6:30PM in Stephans Hall, Our Lady of Peace.** For information, please call Jackie (724)869-9908 or Jim (724)775-8127.

MARIAN PRAYER GROUP

Did you know there is a faithful group of people that gather **every Friday at 7:00 PM at Good Samaritan** for Adoration, reciting the Rosary, and Mass. All are welcome to join in this beautiful evening devoted to our Blessed Mother Mary.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 15 (Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54)

8:00 AM Good Samaritan • Anthony Lugowski (Joe & Steve Salopek)

TUESDAY, MARCH 16 (Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16)

6:30 PM Good Samaritan • Shirley Vranic (Barbara Couch, Cousin)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 (Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Debra Miketa (Janice Bonaparte)

THURSDAY, MARCH 18 (Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47)

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • Continued Health Improvement for Jean Poland

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 (2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • In Honor of St. Joseph (JoAnn Smith)

SATURDAY, MARCH 20 (Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53)

4:00 PM Quigley • Mike Adams (Ron & Mary Jane DaParma)

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 (Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33)

8:00 AM Quigley • Kami Simon (Mom & Sisters)

9:30 AM Quigley • Sandra Miller (Ted & Jodi Kotula)

11:00 AM Quigley • Gladys Topolski (Great Grandson, Samuel)

4:00 PM Quigley • Spanish Mass • In Honor of Saint Anthony (Jean DiMarzio)

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE CANDLE

(GS) In Memory of Lynn Berckmiller
by Mary Ann Costanza & Tammy

SANCTUARY CANDLE

(GS) In Memory of Anthony Lugowski
by Joe & Steve Salopek

BREAD & WINE

(SJ) In Memory of Patrick Hudak
by Merkel/Hudak Family

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(GS) In Memory of John & Margaret Fedorko
by Mary L. Ross

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For the weekend of March 7

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Parish Share to date—
\$10,234

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Weekly Offertory—\$2,884
Online Giving—\$1,886
Parish Share to date—
\$34,173

SAINTS JOHN & PAUL

Weekly Offertory—\$16,889
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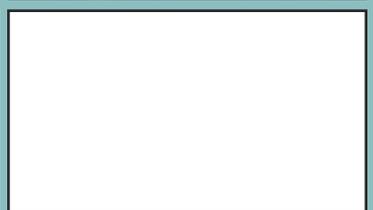

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 15

9:00 AM Baking for Bake Sale (GS)
4:00 PM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
6:00 PM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
6:00 PM Sacramental Prep (OLOP)
6:00 PM K-5 Faith Formation (OLOP)

Tuesday, March 16

1:00 PM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
3:45 PM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (GS)
5:30 PM Confessions (GS)
5:30 PM St. Vincent DePaul Meeting (GS)
6:00 PM Sacramental Prep (OLOP)
7:00 PM GS CCM Mtg (GS-Jericho Hall)
7:00 PM GS Finance Council Mtg (GS)

Wednesday, March 17

10:00 AM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
6:30 PM Choir Practice (GS)

Thursday, March 18

10:00 AM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
7:00 PM ESL Class (GS)
7:00 PM Seven Last Words Lent Reflection (GS)
7:00 PM Latin Mass—Saint Joseph (SSJP)

Friday, March 19

8:00 AM Solemnity of Saint Joseph Mass (SJB)
8:30 AM Stations of the Cross (SJB)
9:00 AM Pierogi Sale (SJB)
10:00 AM Toddler Time with Jesus (OLOP)
11:00 AM Fish Fry (GS)
11:00 AM Fish Fry (OLOP)
4:00 PM Stations of the Cross (GS)
6:30 PM Maronite Stations of the Cross (OLOP)
7:00 PM Marian Prayer Group (GS)

Saturday, March 20

3:00 PM Confessions (Quigley)

Sunday, March 21

10:30 AM SJB CCM Mtg (Quigley)
11:00 AM Maronite Mass
1:00 PM Grief Share (GS/Virtual)
5:30 PM EDGE (OLOP)
7:30 PM LifeTeen (OLOP)

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Deacon Anthony Giordano, Deacon James Olson, Deacon Tom Boucek

REGULAR MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



8:00 AM Good Samaritan
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
5:30 PM CONFESSION at Good Samaritan
6:30 PM Good Samaritan



8:00 AM Saint John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
6:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul



8:00 AM St. John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
1st Friday 7:00 PM Saints John & Paul



9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
3:00 PM CONFESSION at Quigley
4:00 PM Beaver Valley Vigil Mass at Quigley
4:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul
5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Saints John & Paul



7:30 AM Saints John & Paul
8:00 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:30 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
11:00 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
11:00 AM Saints John & Paul
7:00 PM Saints John & Paul
4:00 PM Spanish Mass at Quigley

For Holy Day & Holiday times, please see Week Ahead

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

As Catholics, we believe that Christ becomes truly present within the Blessed Sacrament. As promised by Him, His Presence is abiding, not something that vanishes at the conclusion of Mass. During Eucharistic Adoration, we can sit silently in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces. Adoration available at Our Lady of Peace, Monday-Thursday 8AM-8PM and at Saints John & Paul, Sunday-Friday 8AM-8PM.

