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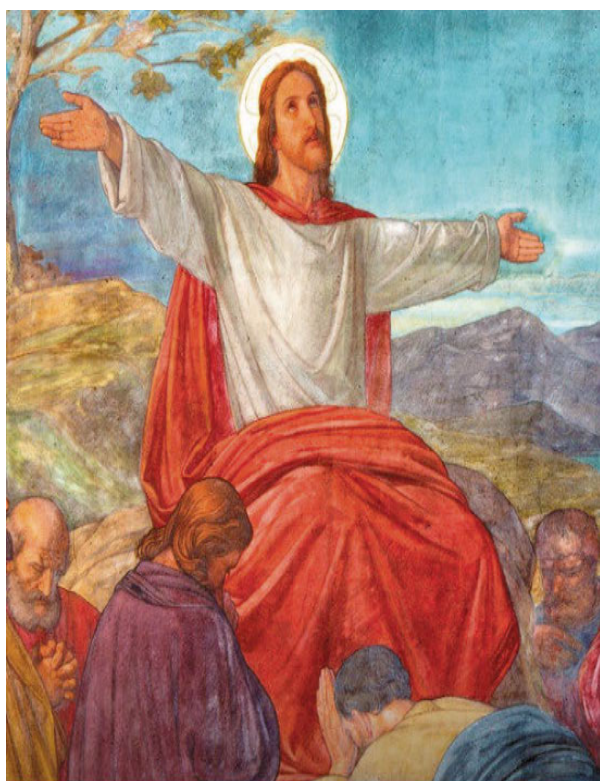
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Third Sunday of Lent - March 20, 2022



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

God, in his mercy, gives us time to get right with him, but that time is now. We must not assume that there is no hurry. A sudden and unexpected death leaves one no time to prepare to settle one's accounts when he or she must stand before the Lord on the day of judgment. Jesus warns us that we must be ready at all times. Tolerating sinful habits and excusing unrepentant sin and wrongdoing will result in bad fruit, painful discipline, and spiritual disease that leads to death and destruction. The Lord in his mercy gives us both grace (his gracious help and healing) and time to turn away from sin, but that time is right now. If we delay, even for a day, we may discover that grace has passed us by and our time is up. Do you hunger for the Lord's righteousness (moral goodness) and holiness?

Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you that I may grow in righteousness and holiness. May I not squander the grace of the present moment to say "yes" to you and to your will and plan for my life.

Excerpt from: Daily Scripture Readings & Meditations

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

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Learning, Living and Sharing the Good News

Meditation
The Virtue of Charity
(from "My Daily Bread")

Christ:

My Child, at your baptism I placed the virtue of charity in your soul, expecting you to develop it after you had reached the age of reason. This is the virtue which causes you to love Me above all things for My own sake. It also enables you to love others for My sake.

This virtue is your highest perfection. There is no greater achievement in human life than to love Me, the Supreme Good. No natural love can compare with the supernatural love of charity. Charity loves what is best, and it loves for the highest reason. The person of charity loves Me above all else because I am the Highest Good.

Charity makes a person more God-like. You read in Scripture that "God is Love." By charity you become like Me, loving all that is right and good.

Charity is the perfection of all other love. It reaches out to My perfect goodness and places Me first among its preferences. Even in one's love for created things, the person of charity seeks them because they help him come closer to Me in daily life. He no longer accepts any person or thing according to likes and dislikes, but according to their goodness; that is, according to their ability to draw his thoughts and desires more firmly toward Me. He prefers those persons and things which help him please Me most.

Develop this holy virtue in your daily life. Do it first, by keeping My commandments, second, by honoring Me frequently in private prayers and acts of public worship, and third, by dealing unselfishly with people for My sake.

True, you have to protect yourself against the selfishness and bad will of people on earth, but in so doing beware of being bitter, inconsiderate or unjust toward them. For My sake, wish everyone well, and as far as you are able help those in need. In this way you will prove that you possess charity in your soul.

Readings for the Week of March 20, 2022

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5b, 6, 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, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Weekend Readings are at (727) 372-8600

Mass Intentions
(for the week ahead)

Monday	8:00 a.m. Paul Urner
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Irene DiMaria
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Vocations
Thursday	8:00 a.m. Thresiamma Antony
Friday	8:00 a.m. John Guzina
Saturday	4:00 p.m. Eleanor & Bert Zoleta
	6:00 p.m. Sue Dysinger
Sunday	7:00 a.m. Norman Reichardt
	8:30 a.m. Parish Family
	10:30 a.m. Delores Russell
	5:00 p.m. Joseph Botz

Mass and Devotions Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm and 6 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (*Contemporary*),
and 5:00 pm (*LifeTeen™*)

Daily Mass: 8:00 am Monday-Friday

Prayer Group: The 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month starting Sept. 13th and ending May 23rd.

Holy Rosary after 8:00 am Mass, Mon-Fri,
in Church

Marian Novena after 8:00 am Mass on Tuesdays

Benediction & Adoration: Thursdays at 3:00 pm until 6:45 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm or by appt.

Parish Calendar

Mon. 03/21
 Tues. 03/22 9AM Rosary Makers;
 6:45PM Boy Scouts
 Wed. 03/23 9:15AM Legion of Mary;
 4PM Traditional Choir;
 5:15PM FF K-5;
 5:15PM Edge 6-8;
 7PM RCIA
 Thur. 03/24 3PM Benediction/Adoration;
 5:30-6:30PM Lenten Confessions;
 6PM Girl Scouts;
 6PM Life Teen Core Team Meeting;
 7PM Contemporary Choir;
 7PM Bible Study
 Fri. 03/25 9AM Spiritual Motherhood of Priests
 Apostolate;
 5PM Fish Fry
 7PM Stations of the Cross in Church
 Sat. 03/26 7PM Lake Wobegon Story Telling
 Sun. 03/27 9AM Faith Formation;
 6:15PM Life Nite

Holy Week Schedule



The Beautiful Liturgies of Holy Week:

Holy Thursday, April 14- Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Good Friday, April 15- The Passion of Our Lord and Veneration 3pm; Stations of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 16 - Blessing of the Easter food at noon

The Easter Vigil, April 16 - will be celebrated at 8:30pm beginning with the "Lighting of the Easter Fire" outside in front of the church. Please note this is the only mass offered on Holy Saturday throughout the Universal Church.

Easter Sunday Masses, April 17 are at 6:30am in the church, 8:30am in the church, 10:30am in both the church and parish center.

Please note: no 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

Parish Information

Office hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.
 Call for information.
 Phone: (727) 372-8600
 Website: www.stanpr.org
Prayer Line: (727) 372-8600
Emergency Number for Anointing of the Sick:
 Nights and Weekends (727) 836-3211

Administration

Business Office Fax: (727) 376-7204
 Asst. to Pastor/Staff Coordinator:
 Cheralyn Quevedo - Ext. 111
 Parish Bookkeeper: Cherise Amundson - Ext. 115
 Bulletin Editor: Kate - Ext. 113

Parish Ministry

Faith Formation K-5: Jessica McIlveen - Ext. 132
 Middle School (Edge) and High School (Life Teen):
 Beth DeBella and Cliff Stodden – Ext. 131
 Adult Formation: Michaela Meyers - Ext. 133
 Admin. Asst: Meghan Snyder - Ext. 112
 Music: Dan O'Hara - Ext. 128
 Parish Nurse, Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:
 Betty West - Ext. 116
 Sacristan: Elizabeth Sheridan - Ext. 129
 St. Vincent de Paul Society: Ext. 142
 Ambassador: Mary Ellen Taylor
 Coordinator of Ushers: Ada DeFina
STA Early Childhood Center
 Alicia Mumma, Director – (727) 376-2330
www.staecc.org

Food Pantry: Monday *and* Thursday
 9:30am until 11:00am *and* 1:30pm until 3:00pm

Gift Store: *Open before and after Sat. 4pm and Sun. 10:30am Masses*

Parish Library: Open during office hours.

Offertory: March 12/13, 2022

Offertory:	\$12,269.35
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 3,889.00</u>
Total:	\$16,158.35
Operation Rice	
Bowl:	\$ 1,065.00

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ESCAPE to LAKE WOBEGON — a personal invite from FATHER ERIC!

I would just like to invite you to join me for a delightful evening of story-telling as I share from memory some lovely tales from Lake Wobegon, the mythical hometown of Garrison Keillor. The stories are humorous, heartwarming and will transport you back to a simpler time when people mainly listened to the radio and were allowed to use their imaginations!

This show has been a big hit in my other parishes, and I've wanted to share it with you since I've been here. Tickets are just \$10 and can be purchased at the parish office during the week and after the 8:30 mass on Sunday.

The remaining show, March 26th, will be at 7pm in our parish hall, with all proceeds going to our youth groups to purchase ingredients with which they provide meals for the Pasco Family Homeless Shelter. This will be an uplifting experience, and I do hope you will come and bring a friend with you for this great time!



A green poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. At the top center is a white cross icon above the text "ST. THOMAS AQUINAS". Below this, the date and time "Sunday April 10, 2022 11:30a-2:00p" are centered. Two white tulips with yellow and pink centers are positioned on either side of the date. The main title "Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed!" is written in a large, light pink, serif font. Below the title, the text "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FACE PAINTING, CRAFTS, AND EGG HUNT" is centered in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, contact information is provided: "CONTACT JES MCILVEEN JESSICA@STANPR.ORG 727-372-8600 EXT. 132". The bottom of the poster features several colorful Easter eggs with intricate patterns in white, yellow, blue, orange, and purple.

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11:30a-2:00p

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\$3 Hot Dog, Chips, & Drink
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The Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate invite you to pray for the Priests and Seminarians of our Diocese. Please remember to pray for all of our Priests. Below are the names for the week.

O Jesus, eternal Priest,
 keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred
 Heart, where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands,
 which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips,
 daily purpled with your Precious Blood.

Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,
 sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and
 shield them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labors with abundant fruit and
 may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and
 consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and
 everlasting crown. Amen.

3/20 Rev Israel Hernandez

3/21 Rev. David DeJulio

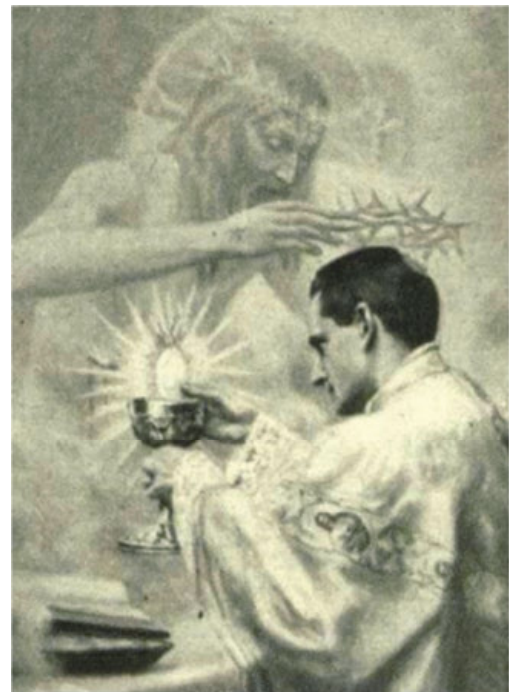
3/22 Rev. Carl F. Melchior

3/23 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

3/24 Rev. William J. Swengros

3/25 Andrew Zsebedics, Seminarian

3/26 For All Priests On Leave



“You are a Priest forever,
 in the line of Melchizedek.”

-Pslm 110:4



LENTEN FISH FRYDAY

Join us Friday after 5PM

- \$10 Adults/\$5 Children
- Generous Portions
- Eat in Parish Hall, take-out or drive up!
- Fried or baked fish w/ sides of the day
- Tea, lemonade, water and dessert
- Cheese pizza w/ drink and dessert \$3
- Soft drinks available for purchase \$1
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USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for the following masses: 6pm Saturday; 7am, 8:30am, and 5pm on Sunday. The usher is usually the first person who greets you when you attend mass. If you enjoy smiling and making people feel comfortable, then this is the position for you.

You may be asking yourself, what does this entail and am I committed every single Saturday or Sunday? We'd love to have you there all the time, but if you have another commitment just let your captain know that you will be away so they can get a substitute to fill your spot. Here are the requirements for being an usher:

Opening doors and greeting the parishioners and visitors, helping them find seats, taking up the collection baskets and handing out the bulletins after mass, and assisting at the various celebrations of the mass. We usually have sign-up sheets for the following:

Communal anointing services, communal Penance, Holy Days of Obligation, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Christmas and Easter Vigil.

Main ingredients for becoming an usher: a welcoming smile, kindness to all young and elderly, respectful to each other and be willing to give one hour of your time.

If you can say yes to any of the above ingredients, we would love to have you come on board and join us. Thank you and God Bless you.

Please call Cheralyn Quevedo, Asst. to Pastor at 727-372-8600, Ext. 111

A Solemn Time of Preparation for Elect & Those about to Receive Sacraments at the Easter Vigil

And a time for the rest of us to check our Lenten progress as well!

**STARCIA
The Scrutinies**

As they reach the Easter Vigil, those receiving sacraments at the Easter Vigil—in particular the Catechumens who will be baptized—enter a time of deeper reflection and prayer. The Scrutinies help them in 5 ways:

- ✦ Uncover, then heal, what is weak, defective, and sinful
- ✦ Bring out what is upright, strong, and good
- ✦ Deliver the Elect from the power of Satan
- ✦ Protect them from temptation
- ✦ Strengthen them in Christ.



The First Scrutiny: The Woman at the Well

- ✦ When Jesus shows her that He knows her, she knows she's in the presence of someone special.
- ✦ Do I let Jesus show me that He knows and understands me?

The Second Scrutiny: The Man Born Blind

- ✦ As soon as he could see, the man's life became very difficult.
- ✦ Has the restoration of my sight so changed me that others are surprised at the transformation?

The Third Scrutiny: Raising of Lazarus from the Dead

- ✦ Jesus shouts the liberating words of life, "Lazarus, come forth!"
- ✦ How is He shouting that to me today?

The Rite:

- ✦ Intercessions for the Elect
- ✦ Prayer of Exorcism
- ✦ The Laying on of Hands
- ✦ Dismissal of the Elect

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens and all those receiving sacraments this Easter!

Overcoming Disaster

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for the Month of March

In Memory of:

The O'Connor Boys

From: Maureen & Collette O'Connor



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for the Month of March

In Memory of:

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From: Andrew Christophersen & Katherine Logue



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