

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021**

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



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. - Jn 3:20-21



# PARISH LIFE



Monday 8:00am	3-15-21 <b>Alice Barry</b> rq by Cindy & George
Tuesday 8:00am	3-16-21 <b>Patricia Brennan</b> rq by Loving Husband
Wednesday 8:00am	3-17-21 <b>Alice Barry</b> rq by Kate & Girls
Thursday 8:00am	3-18-21 <b>Purgatorial Society of St. Ann</b>
Friday 8:00am	3-19-21 <b>In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph</b> rq by Margaret Keelen
Saturday 5:00pm	3-20-21 <b>Michael Suckow</b> rq by Loving Family
Sunday 10:30am	3-21-21 <b>Louise Nardi</b> rq by Alfred Nardi
6:00pm	<b>Antanette Cerami</b> rq by Larry & Marion Adamski <b>Patricia Brennan</b> rq by Theresa Kelly & Family

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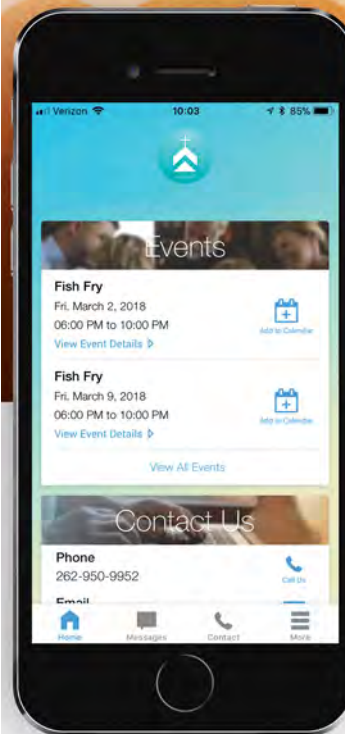
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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

<b>SUN 3/14</b>	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
<b>MON 3/15</b>	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
<b>TUE 3/16</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
<b>WED 3/17</b>	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
<b>THR 3/18</b>	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
<b>FRI 3/19</b>	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
<b>SAT 3/20</b>	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
<b>SUN 3/21</b>	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

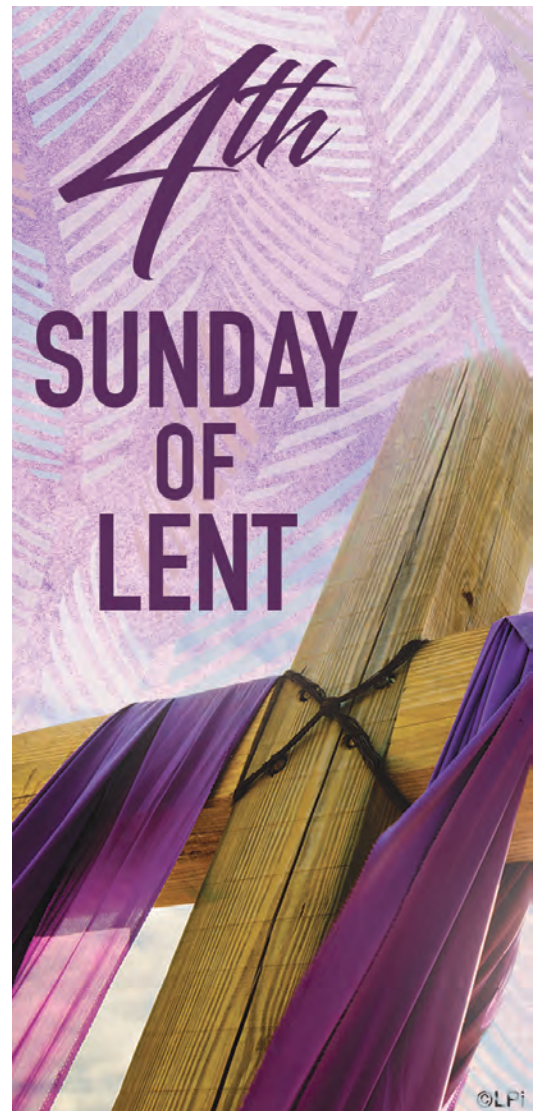
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Sunday:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.



*"We need to find  
God and He  
cannot be found in  
noise and restlessness.  
God is a friend of  
silence."*

— ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Their enemies burnt the house of God,  
tore down the walls of Jerusalem,  
set all its palaces afire,  
and destroyed all its precious objects.  
(2 Chr 36:19)



## PSALM

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!  
(Ps 137)



## SECOND READING

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. (Eph 2:10)



## GOSPEL

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. (Jn 3:16)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.



# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### *Awake, O Sleeper!*

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### Question:

Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

##### Answer:

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear. The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

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**- Jn 3:20-21**

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### First Reading

The author of 2 Chronicles reflects on how historically God's fidelity and mercy was often met with Israel's disobedience and arrogance. How does the Lenten journey provoke an examination of conscience for you and your faith life?

### Second Reading

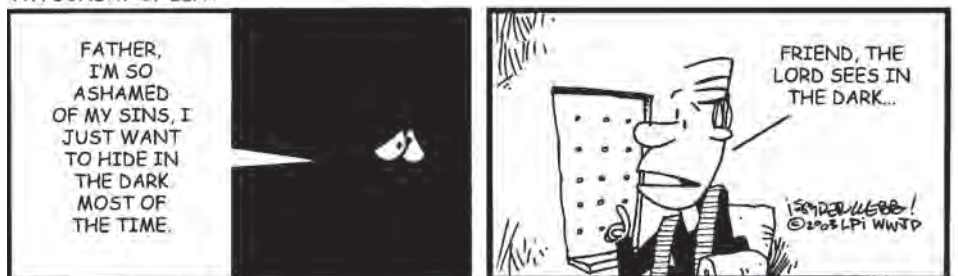
Paul speaks of our faith and our salvation as "the gift of God" to us. In what ways do you show appreciation for God's grace?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God sent His only Son into the world to offer eternal life to believers. Who in your life needs to hear this message?



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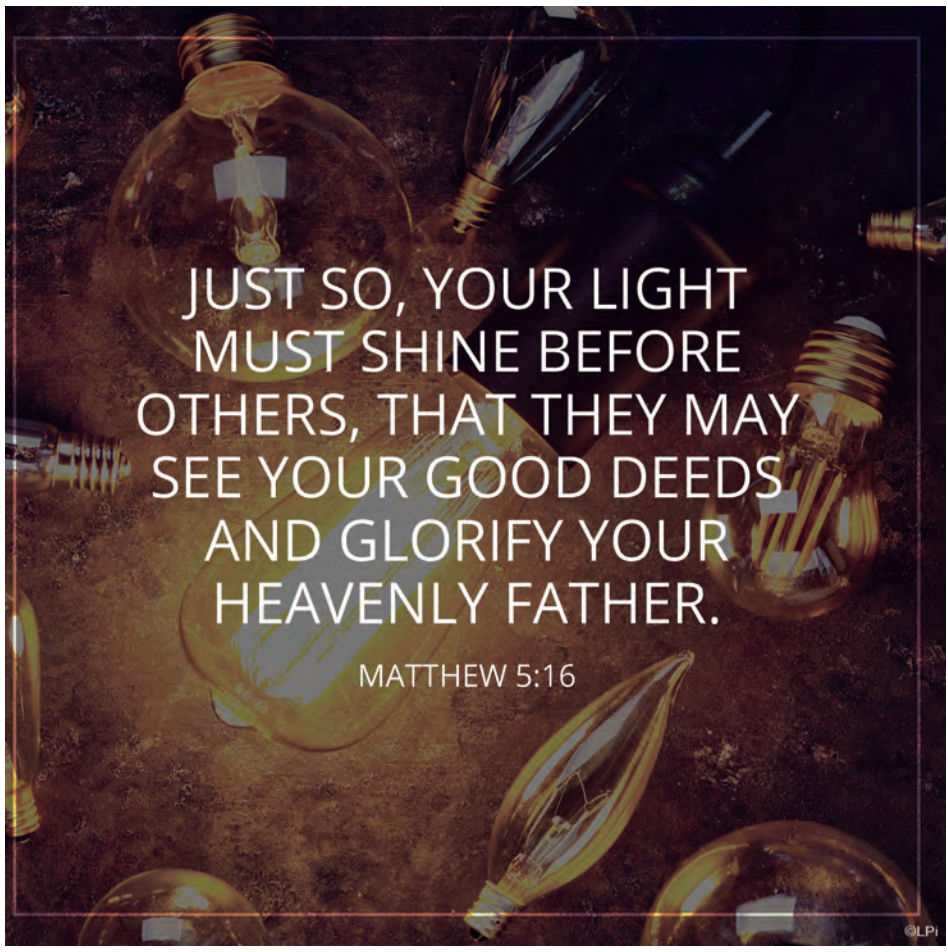


# LITURGICAL LIFE

A graphic for the Stations of the Cross. It features a silhouette of a landscape with various figures and a central cross on a hill, set against a blue and purple background. The text "Stations of the Cross on Fridays 7P" is overlaid in white.

## Stations of the Cross on Fridays 7P

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A graphic featuring several light bulbs of different shapes and sizes, some glowing and some not, scattered on a dark, textured surface. The text "JUST SO, YOUR LIGHT MUST SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER." is overlaid in white.

JUST SO, YOUR LIGHT  
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MATTHEW 5:16

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*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.*

- Jn 3:19-20

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