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*Every tree
is known
by its own
fruit*



March 3, 2019 • Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What do these two things have in common? In Luke's Gospel today, Jesus uses the image of a fruit tree to explain the importance of speaking with care. If the tree is healthy (that is, good), we expect to enjoy tasty fruit, but no one would pick the fruit of a tree that appears to be diseased. Good fruit is like good words that indicate one's spiritual growth and maturity—a person whose heart and words are filled with goodness. We will be known as good or evil by the qualities—of mercy and compassion, or pride and selfishness—that come from our hearts and enter the world through our mouth.

We hear similar advice from the book of Sirach in our first reading. Just as the fruit will indicate whether or not the tree from which it came was healthy, so too do our words indicate what we think, how we view the world and our neighbors. Words are important, indeed.

about the just ones who will be like trees flourishing in the house of the Lord, bearing fruit throughout their lives. Justice implies action—mercy, compassion, love. In the second reading, Paul advises the Corinthians to devote themselves to the work of the Lord, that their labors would not be in vain, because the reward of acting with integrity is victory over sin and death. The person of justice and integrity acts and speaks from a new heart, made possible by Jesus' sacrifice.

Do actions speak louder than words? Maybe between this Gospel and last week's, when Jesus told us to love our enemies, Jesus is showing us that both are vital and essential aspects of following the life of discipleship. May our fruit always reflect the sweetness of living a good life.

Today's Readings: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

ACTIONS AND VICTORY

But what about our actions? These surely are also signs of goodness or the opposite, aren't they? Today's psalm sings

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
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8:00 a.m. Morning of Holy Day
(except Christmas)

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Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Before daily Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Every Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Registration forms online at www.lourdesvictoria.org
or email: ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - March 3 - First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - J. V. Myers †
 10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
 11:30 am - Vietnamese Community Mass - Fr. Phi Nguyen/
 Celebrant

MONDAY - March 4

8:00 am - M. V. Myers †

SHROVE TUESDAY - March 5

8:00 am - Caroline Kammlah †

ASH WEDNESDAY - March 6

8:00 am - Walter Kammlah †
 5:30 pm - Clifton Lau †

THURSDAY - March 7

8:00 am - Alfred Novian †

FRIDAY - March 8

8:00 am - Amanda Novian †
 5:30 pm - Paul Bittlebrun †

SATURDAY - March 9

8:00 am - G. C. Myers †
 4:00 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

SUNDAY - March 10 - First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - E. M. Myers
 10:00 am - Wallace & Kathy Bianchi †

SUNDAY - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Building Repairs & Maintenance

SHROVE TUESDAY - Sewing Circle - after 8:00 am Mass

Burning of Palms @ Church - 5:30 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY - Day of Fast & Abstinence

Ashes will be distributed during each of the Masses.

Collection/Envelope: Ash Wednesday Collection
2nd Collection: Collection for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (CCEE)

FRIDAY - Day of Abstinence

5:30 Mass, Stations of the Cross/Lenten Soup Supper
 by Altar Society

SATURDAY - Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

SUNDAY - First Sunday of Lent

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Diocesan Services Appeal
Rice Bag Collection

Daylight Savings Time Begins on March 10



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

NEXT WEEKEND - March 9/10, 2019

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION and LECTORS

Sat. 4:00 pm - Lillian Berger, Liz Lemke, Joe Ryan	Harvin Suggs
Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer, Joy Loest	Dennis Boehm
Sun. 10:00 am - April Nunley, Patsy Whitaker, Standby x1	Jeff Nunley

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2
Sun. 7:30 am - Clayton E., Katelyn J., Joshua Z.
Sun. 10:00 am - Allison & Ross N., Jace S.

USHERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Julius Cano, John Novak, Norman Schoener
Sun. 7:30 am - Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl, Standby x1
Sun. 10:00 am - Howard Bludau, Pat Krenek, Standby x1

Questions of the Week

In what ways do I speak or act without integrity? What must I say or do at home or in my community to bear good fruit? Can I make a commitment to doing something fruitful throughout Lent?



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Cody Arnold, Cheryl Barker, Michael Berger, Monsignor Gerard Cernoch, Frances Espino, Tom Goslin, Carson Halterman, Monsignor Joseph Hybner, Darren Mikulik, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Patty Pantel, Ramona Perez, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Carly Walker, Gerald Yankey, Piper Eloisa Lara, Winston Wilson, Teresa Berger Dodson, Steve & Veronica Serrill, Mae Jean Willemin, Johnnie Bomersbach, Dayle Lemke, David Dierlam, Kevin Mozisek, Margie Tater, Ann & Robert Hagel, Hailey Vasquez, Patricia Pooley, W. R. Nichols, John Carroll, Samuel William Bek

WEEKEND of February 23/24, 2019



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Ash Wednesday - March 6th



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- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

PREVIEW OF GOOD THINGS TO COME

- ⇒ **BURNING OF PALMS**
- ⇒ **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- ⇒ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
- ⇒ **FRIDAY SOUP SUPPERS**

LENT begins with **ASH WEDNESDAY**. Ashes used on this day are from the Blessed Palms of the previous year's **Palm Sunday**. The time is **now** for the collection of old Blessed Palms.

Bring them to church or to the Rectory. The palms are being collected in preparation for the **Service of the Burning of the Palms** on **Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30 pm.**

Stations of the Cross Lenten Soup Supper Schedule


March 8, 2019	Altar Society
March 15, 2019	Holy Name Society
March 22, 2019	Social Group
March 29, 2019	Choir
April 5, 2019	Pot Luck
April 12, 2019	Catechists



During Lent we are called to abstain from meat on Fridays as a reminder that our Lord offered His body for our sins. We also abstain from meat and fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting: Having only one full meal a day which is sufficient to maintain ones strength. Two light meals are allowed, but are not to equal one full meal. The consumption of solid food between meals is prohibited, but liquids may be taken at any time. Everyone 18 years of age but not yet 60 is bound to the law of fasting.

Abstaining: Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to the law of abstinence. One must be mindful of his own physical condition.

 On Saturday, March 9, 2019 we will celebrate the **RITE of SENDING for RECOGNITION** by the **BISHOP** and for the **CALL to CONTINUING CONVERSION** for our candidates at the 4:00 pm Mass. Keep the candidates in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

Collection for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (CCEE)

This Wednesday, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your generosity.

Solemn Lenten Vespers

March 10, 17, 24, 31,
April 7, 14, 2019
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm



Incarnate Word Convent Chapel
1101 NE Water Street, Victoria

Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. This prayer focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise to God. Vespers closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

For more information, contact Sr. Emilie Eilers 361-575-7111.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl (CRS)

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Seventy-five percent of the funds are remitted to CRS for overseas projects and twenty-five percent may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



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