

Second Sunday of **LENT**

March 17, 2019



Peter said to Jesus,
“Master, it is good that we are here;
let us make three tents, one for you,
one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”



Luke 9:33



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The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
— *Psalm 27:1*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Mar 16	4:30 pm	Tom Chmura-Poy
Sun	Mar 17	8:00 am	William Antonelli-Poy
		10:30 am	Bob Hopp-Rio
Mon	Mar 18		NO MORNING MASS
Tues	Mar 19		NO MORNING MASS
Wed	Mar 20		NO MORNING MASS
Thur	Mar 21	8:00 am	Stations of the Cross-Rio
Fri	Mar 22	8:00 am	Stations of the Cross-Poy

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2019**

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
— *Psalm 103:6*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Mar 23	4:30 pm	John Kaiser-Poy
Sun	Mar 24	8:00 am	Parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Joseph's-Poy
		10:30 am	For Greater Acceptance for Catholic teaching on Family Planning

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



Please welcome Fr. Doheny to St. Thomas and St. Joseph's as he celebrates mass with us this weekend. Welcome Fr. Doheny!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to "give something up" for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: "What are you taking on for Easter?"

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**St. Thomas Knights of Columbus
Stations of the Cross Vigil**

The Poynette Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Stations Of The Cross Vigil to be held immediately after the 4:30pm mass on March 30th. The Knights would also like to invite all to join them for a light dinner of grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup (including gluten free options) after the completion of the Stations of the Cross.



St. Thomas Parish Council

The next parish council meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm. All parishioners are invited to attend.



St. Thomas CCD News

The household cleaning supplies drive for Hope House for students in grades K-10 continues to take place during the month of March. A collection box for each grade is available in the church hall to drop off items. Thanks in advance for your participation in this fun, charitable event!



Knights of Columbus BINGO

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are hosting bingo on March 24. BINGO starts at 1 pm in St. Thomas Church. Make a plan to join them!

Each year, the Diocese of Madison has supported the Good Friday Holy Land collection. In continuation of that support, weekly Lenten Reflections are provided by the Diocese. These reflections will be included in the bulletin as space allows.

First Sunday of Lent:

FACING TEMPTATIONS - THE JOURNEY OF LENT

Every day, pilgrims from around the world make their way by car or bus into the arid and harsh Judean Desert to the Mount of Temptation to meditate on the very events recounted by Luke on this first Sunday of Lent. Currently the site of a Greek Orthodox monastery carved into the side of the mountain, this holy place just outside of Jericho is believed to be where Jesus was driven into the desert after his baptism. Jericho is an important city in the history of Israel, from the conquest of the Israelites under Joshua's command to Jesus' many appearances in that city. Today, this region is located in the West Bank and is home to many Palestinian Christians who are aided by the Good Friday Collection that gathers funds for the numerous apostolates of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.

Our Lord, driven into the desert by the Spirit, faces three temptations from Satan. In the first, Jesus is tempted to succumb to his great hunger after 40 days, but He replies with a reminder of what true hunger means: the longing for God. In the second, He is tempted by the promise of power over the world, and He replies that such earthly dominion is an illusion, and only through the Cross will the world be able see the truth, the path to eternal life. Finally, the third temptation would test God Himself. Jesus rejects the offer by reminding Satan that God is not to be tested

Christ was enticed to submit Himself to a power that could offer only lies and illusions. The three temptations are found in our own lives. We are distracted by material needs and forget to long for the Bread of Life, the only bread that will truly feed us. We are drawn toward earthly power and accomplishment - our fifteen minutes of fame - and neglect to seek and proclaim the only lasting kingdom and to serve the only eternal King. And how often in our lives do we test God and place demands upon Him rather than ask what His will should be in our lives? As Pope Benedict XVI in 2010 on Ash Wednesday observed, "Overcoming the temptation to place God in submission to oneself and one's own interests or to put Him in a corner and converting oneself to the proper order of priorities, giving God the first place, is a journey that every Christian must undergo.

The Christians who live under the shadow of the Mount of Temptation are not immune of Jerusalem: to these temptations. They are certainly vulnerable to a temptation to despair - to give up hope as their daily lives are filled with difficulty and strife. Christians worldwide are asked to give hope to our brothers and sisters in Christ by being generous in their Lenten almsgiving through the Good Friday Collection.

Second Sunday of Lent:

LOOKING FOR GLORY? - FOLLOW JESUS!

The Gospel reading for the 2nd Sunday of Lent is the story of the Transfiguration of Christ taken from the Gospel of Luke. We often read in the Gospels that one of Jesus' favorite places to pray was on a mountain. One day, Jesus took Peter, James, and John along with him to pray. According to tradition, the place of the Transfiguration is Mount Tabor, a solitary mountain that rises over 1600 feet in the lower Galilee region. Atop of the mountain is the Basilica of the Transfiguration, highlighted by its twin towers, double altars, and gorgeous mosaics of the Transfiguration. The Basilica of the Transfiguration is owned and maintained by the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, who receives financial support from the Good Friday Collection that is taken up in parishes all over the world.

In the Gospel account in Luke 9, we hear that as Jesus prayed, His face became radiant, and his clothes became "dazzling white." Two men appeared at His side, identified as Moses and Elijah. The disciples had fallen asleep but awoke to this magnificent and somewhat frightening sight. Peter, always quick to speak what he is thinking, blurts out that they should build three tents on the spot in order to stay and savor this glorious event. Is not Peter's suggestion reminiscent of what we always wish to do with the good, true, and beautiful moments of our lives? But in the Gospel story, as with each of us, though the disciples could savor this incredible "mountain-top" moment, they could not stay there. Our earthly lives are most often lived in the plains and the valleys as we face the challenges and difficulties of everyday life. But the key to facing life with both its joys and sorrows is given to us in at the end of Luke's account as a cloud overshadows the disciples, and a voice is heard proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him" (Lk 9:35). It is our mission as Christian disciples always to listen to Jesus - to unite our will to His holy and perfect will. The reward for that surrender is to be able to see Christ and share in His glory forever in heaven.

All Catholics are challenged each Lent to be drawn into a closer, personal relationship with Jesus through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The Christians that still live in the Holy Land face incredible difficulties each day. Our brothers and sisters in Christ, many of whose families were first century Christians, are being driven from their homes and denied access to decent health services, work, food, and water. To help these Christians in the Holy Land and to preserve the Holy Sites such as the Basilica of the Transfiguration, please make a generous contribution on Good Friday to the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.

FISH FRY



Blessed Trinity Parish Fish Fry

Blessed Trinity Parish will be hosting a Fish Fry at St Michael's Church, 109 S Military Rd, Dane on Friday, March 22nd, 2019 Serving buffet style from 5PM-8PM. Carry outs available.

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