



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 07, 2021

The Season of Lent

The Season of Lent has the purpose of leading the Christian faithful on a pilgrimage to the Easter celebration and the renewal of our baptismal covenant with God and His Church. One of the most notable things about Lent is that we fast from saying or singing Alleluia. Alleluia is a special way of saying praise the Lord. It is an ancient word that is celebratory and in this season of reconciliation and preparation, we hold off on boisterous celebration.

First, let us look at the calendar and you will find that from Ash Wednesday until Holy Saturday there are 46 calendar days. But Lent has 40 days, you say. Well, 6 of those calendar days are Sundays. Sundays are the primary feast day of the Church; these are not days of fast, but of celebration. That leaves 40 calendar days. These are the days of preparation; however, two days, Holy Thursday night through Holy Saturday night do not belong to Lent, but rather to the Sacred Easter Triduum. So in reality, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends quietly in the evening of Holy Thursday.

Lent is considered a season of penance but it is also a season of reconciliation and preparation. Penance is an act that helps make amends; but, reconciliation is acknowledging that there is a problem or sin and seeking forgiveness or healing. This is done in preparation for the Most Sacred celebration of the Paschal Triduum. In the Church, Paschal and Easter are the same.

Each person should look at their relationships with God, with themselves, with their family and friends, with the Church, and with their community and the world. It would be impossible to fully heal every broken relationship that a person has in all of these areas. The sacrifice of Lent might well be to focus on one relationship and to work for healing and strengthening. In addition, seeking the Lord's healing, mercy, and strength in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season can help bring direction and the strength needed.

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Within the Mass each Sunday, the theme also helps to direct our hearts and minds to mending our relationships. The First Sunday of Lent always has the Gospel reading of Jesus' Temptation in the desert. Here we see a hungry and physically weak Jesus confronted by the devil. But Jesus responds to each temptation by repudiating the devil with Scripture and with faith in God the Father.

The Second Sunday of Lent always has the Gospel reading of the Transfiguration of Jesus' on the mountaintop. Beside Jesus we see Moses and Elijah; the lawgiver and the premier prophet. In this moment we see Jesus as the culmination of the promises of the Old Testament.

In parishes that have RCIA candidates for full Communion and catechumens preparing for Baptism, the readings for the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays are pointed toward discipleship. The Third Sunday of Lent presents the Gospel of the Samaritan woman at the well. Here Jesus meets a woman who is an outcast. He takes time to reach out and to talk to her. In this conversation He awakens her faith and she becomes a witness to Him. Through her, the townsfolk come to Jesus and in their encounter with Him, they come to acclaim Him as the Savior of the world.

The Fourth Sunday has the Gospel reading of Jesus healing the man born blind. In this story, Jesus cures a blind man on the Sabbath and because of this, He is blasted by the religious community for what He did. The cured man, speaks in strong defense of Jesus when questioned by the authorities. In the end, the question is: who is the blind one among us?

Finally, on the Fifth Sunday of Lent we hear the Gospel reading of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. In the Gospel of John, this event was "the straw that broke the camel's back" so to speak. Jesus' friend, Lazarus, passed away and was laid in a tomb. Four days later Jesus came and spoke with Lazarus' sisters. Martha confesses that she has come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, the One who was promised to come into the world. We echo her faith. Jesus then goes to the tomb and calls his friend forward and he comes out. Many people came to believe in Jesus after witnessing this.

To be continued in next week's bulletin ..

"The Season of Lent" article was written by Russ Stiriz, a member of our parish. He is the talented volunteer responsible for the seasonal artistic changes in our Church, including the decoration of the Church in Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. He has over 20 years of experience in dressing the Church for the Liturgical Year.



The Knights of Columbus families
will share in a Corporate Communion
at the 11:15am Mass this Sunday, March 7th.



A KOC Corporate Communion is when the Knights of Columbus Council members gather together as one with their families and friends and share the Eucharist together in both fraternity and unity.

The Altar Server of the Year Award has been postponed
and will be presented by the Knights on April 11 2021.

JOIN US FOR THE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
ON
ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT
AT NOON OR 6PM

Pick up \$5 Fish Fry Dinner
after the 6pm stations (see page 5)



LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Holy Faith Parish
Wednesday, March 17 at 7pm
Communal Service followed by individual confessions.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH IN ACTION



Our
Catholic
Faith
Live it
Love it
Share it

Children's Christian Formation
Virtual Sunday School at Holy Faith

**VIRTUAL CCF SUNDAY SCHOOL
THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

NO Virtual CCF Classes on March 14

**Links to class are posted in Google Classroom
Schedules are posted on our website.**

Class Meeting Times via Zoom:

- ***Grades 1-3 and 8 at 11:00am (log-in 10:55am)**
- ***Grades 4-5 at 11:45am (log in at 11:40am)**
- ***Grades 6-7 at 1:00pm (log in at 12:55pm)**
- ***Grade 9 at 2:00pm (log in at 1:55pm)**

Next Virtual CCF CLASSES: APRIL 11

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

**Confirmation Class this Sunday,
March 7, for Confirmation students only.**

Called to be Catholic Catechesis for Teens will
be held in the youth room at 10:00am

**Regular Confirmation Class begins at 11:00am.
Please come a few minutes early for
check-in or log into zoom.**

Masks are required for those in the building.

**Confirmation Sponsor/Student Luncheon
March 14 at 12:30pm in the FJMP Center**

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Out children celebrated the Rite of First Reconciliation this Saturday, March 6th. We pray they are filled with God's loving peace and joy always, and ask for God's blessing upon them as they continue their journey to join us at the table of the Lord for Holy Eucharist.



ATTENTION TEENS IN GRADES 8-12TH

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

CYM THIS SUNDAY, March 7

Next CYM Session will be on
Sunday, March 7 at 4pm via Zoom
See you there!

INVITE GOD INTO YOUR MARRIAGE

Every couple needs the Lord to love them as a couple. Only in Christ and with the grace of the Holy Spirit can we live a married life full of the Love of God.

Make your marriage stronger in five weeks.

Free Until March 31!

In honor of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and as a Lenten resource, the Marriage in Christ At Home seminar is free for couples who sign up by March 31, 2021. Once registered, access is free through May 31, 2021.

This free access is made possible by a grant from Communication Center, the nation's largest distributor of Catholic religious education materials.

[www.https://marriageinchrist.com](https://marriageinchrist.com)

For information concerning Baptism of infants and unbaptized children over the age of 7, please visit our website at holyfaithcatholic-church.org and click on the "Sacraments" link.



We are now scheduling online or in-person Baptismal Preparation Sessions. Contact us via the online form or call the office, ext. 122.

CALENDAR & PARISH INFORMATION

Sunday, March 07, 2021

Mass Celebrations

8am; 9:30am; 11:15am; 6pm

- **Virtual CCF Classes (see pg 4)**

Called to be Catholic

Catechesis for Teens

(10:00 AM): Youth Rm

- **Library & Gift Shop Open (10:40 AM to 12:15 PM): Ministry Bldg**

Confirmation Class (11:00 AM):

FJMP Parish Life Center/Zoom

- **KOC Corporate Communion at 11:15am Mass: Church**

Monday, March 08

- **7:00am & 9:30am Masses: Church**

- **Library & Gift Shop Open (10:00 AM to 12:00Noon): Ministry Bldg**

Tuesday, March 09

- **7:00am & 9:30am Masses: Church**

- **Library & Gift Shop Open (10:00 AM to 12:00Noon): Ministry Bldg**

Wednesday, March 10

- **7:00am & 9:30am Masses: Church**

Thursday, March 11

- **7:00am & 9:30am Masses: Church**

- **Library & Gift Shop Open (10:00 AM to 12:00Noon): Ministry Bldg**

Friday, March 12

- **Bulletin Deadline for March 28, 2021** Send email with details to bulletin@holylifechurch.org

7:00am Mass: Church

Funeral Mass : Joseph E. Soltis (9:30 AM): Church

• Noon & 6pm Stations of the Cross

• Pick up Fish Fry Dinners (7:00 PM): in front of the Fr. John M. Phillips Parish Life Center

Saturday, March 13

• Confession (10:00 AM & 2 PM): Church

• Rite of First Reconciliation (10:30 AM): Church (see page 4)

• **Baptism - Balanay (12:30 PM):** Church

Sunday, March 14

Mass Celebrations

8am; 9:30am; 11:15am; 6pm

- **NO Virtual CCF Classes**

- **Library & Gift Shop Open (10:40 AM to 12:15 PM): Ministry Bldg**

- Confirmation Class Luncheon w/ Sponsors (12:30 PM): Fr. John M. Phillips Parish Life Center

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Mass/Confession Schedule (page 6)

Parish Giving (page 7)

Please advise the church office if you or a loved one are in the hospital in need of a priest for anointing of the sick. If after hours and an emergency please call: 352-491-5146.



PRAYING for the Sick

Lord, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish and for all those in need of our prayers, especially for all who have coronavirus to be healed, and for Al T, Ana, Angela R, Amos R, Betty H, Brian S, Dallas L, Daniel J, Danylle, Delia A, Denny N, Devon D, Doris E, Eileen McC, Elijah & Kimberly B, Elizabeth, Frank G, Germaine, Greg S, Janet M, Janet S, Jerry B, Jim D, Joan A.R, Joe S, Joke, Joy G, Juan Carlos D, Keith J, Laure F, Linda L, Lissa C, Lou G, Lois H, Louis M, Magalene M, Margaret H, Mary B, Matthew D, Maureen G, Mayra C, Mickey B, Milagros D, Millie R, Muriel P, Myra F, Nicholas G, Paul Anthony P, Phyllis K, Randy S, Richard D, Robert S, Romulo R, Rosalea, Rose, Samantha H, Sheryl S, Steve and Robyn S, TJ A, William O, and William P. Send your prayer requests to: holyfaithoffice@holyfaithchurch.org or through our online form in the E-Newsletter and on our website.

NOTICE REGARDING THE PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

that our parish wants to reach out and be of assistance to all our parishioners who need prayer. May God remain with them in their suffering and give them comfort in His love.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

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

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8 and 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, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Fourth Sunday of Lent: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call the police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873. Or contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator via email to: inquiries@dosafl.com or at 904-208-6979. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit the website at: www.reportbishopabuse.org.

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Please contact us to add a name onto this prayer list. We continue to pray for our sick, especially for strength for them to be faithful to Christ in illness, and for the hope of healing. Know that our parish wants to reach out and be of assistance to all our parishioners who need prayer. May God remain with them in their suffering and give them comfort in His love.

LITURGY FOR THE WEEK Of March 7, 2021

Monday-Friday 7 & 9:30am

Saturday Morning 9:00am

Saturday Confessions:

9:30-10:15am & 2-3pm

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday Mass Times: 8am,

9:30am, 11:15am and 6pm

9:30am Mass Livestreamed

The Holy Rosary is prayed Every Weekday at 9:00am & on Saturdays at 9:30am



All are invited to come & pray with us in person or in spirit.

Let us pray for the souls of all who have died of covid-19, and for their loved ones who are grieving for them.

Lord God, in the depths of loss, may your love bring the comfort, peace and hope that only You can provide. Give those who grieve, the faith to know that you are present and carrying them through their heartache. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 8, 2021

7:00am **M. Bernadette (Murphy)**
Casey, RIP, by Eleanor Feeley
9:30am **Cely & Ceres Oliveira, RIP**, by Eliana DeWitt

TUESDAY, March 09

7:00am **In Thanksgiving to St Anthony**, by Doris Anast
9:30am **Simon Malo, RIP**, by Maria Malo

WEDNESDAY, March 10

7:00am **Joe Packal, RIP** by Anil Thomas & Saji Packal
9:30am **Janice Marilyn Zehler, RIP**, by Mimi Hoffer

THURSDAY, March 11

7:00am **Matthew John, RIP** by Anil Thomas & Saji Packal
9:30am **Benjamin Casile, RIP**, by Stephen & Mary Beth Kostewicz

FRIDAY, March 12

7:00am **Thomas H Pridgen, RIP**, by Becky Pridgen
9:30am **Funeral Mass : Joseph Edward Soltis**
May he rest in God's Eternal Peace.

SATURDAY, March 13

9:00am **Cheryl Lamb, Spiritual Bouquet for Healing**, by Alice Wynter

INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE

For each expectant mother considering abortion, may the Lord protect her and give her the grace and resolve to choose life for her child.

We Pray to the Lord ...

PARISH GIVING ... Thank you for your continuing support of our Ministries.

Parish Giving Report	December 2020 Online	December EOY 2020
Add'l Online Offertory & Add'l EOY Donations	\$18,618.50	\$ 63,830.00
Fees Paid	<u>300.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Offertory	<u><u>\$18,918.50</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 63,830.00</u></u>
EXTRA DONATIONS		
Holy Days & Easter	35.00	120.00
Christmas	3,404.00	4,220.00
Deacon's Memorial Fund for the Poor	145.00	220.35
Outreach for those in Need & the Poor	3,743.00	20,330.00
St. Patrick's School	120.00	5.00
Campaign for Human Development	5.00	0
Catholic Home Missions	12.00	0
Catholic Charities	285.00	0
Catholic Relief Services	0	500.00
Comboni Missionary Sisters	120.00	0
Latin American Missionaries	5.00	20.00
Respect Life	5.00	0
Retired Religious Fund	1,505.00	10,025.00
Convent Donations	325.00	0
Seasonal Flower Donations	140.00	0
Parish Life Center Maintenance Fund	35.00	0
Sister Parish Donations	125.00	0
Sister Parish Sponsorships	485.00	0
TOTAL EXTRA DONATIONS	<u><u>\$10,494.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 35,440.35</u></u>

MARK
 YOUR
 CALENDAR
 NEXT
 HOLY
 FAITH
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