

The Third Sunday of Lent

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Mission Statement:



"Seeking to grow in prayer, forgiveness and mutual support to bring the love of God to fellow parishioners and neighbors"

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick or suffering, especially those homebound or in nursing homes.

Refresh them Lord, with your healing grace.

Dan Fox, Tom Sturgis, Dottie Trant, Pat Galbraith, Mary Reinhard, Fr. Ron Aubry, Don Deibel, Eddie Linser, Mark Rogers, Heather Breedlove, Gene, & Tom Sheridan, Deacon Paul Deshaies, Ben Nye, Ralph Tallarico.

"How do I make a return to the Lord for all he has done for me." (Ps. 116:12)

February 24-25

Envelopes	\$931.00
Loose	\$534.00
Children's envelopes	\$0.00
Catholic Times	\$37.00

Thank you!!

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In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

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Lenten Penance Service: Our Lenten Penance Service will be at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 11th at St. Aloysius Church.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity and invitation to heal the brokenness in our lives and to set relationships right. We should give more attention to celebrating this gift, especially during the seasons of Lent and Advent. *Richard M. Gula, S.S.*

Deacon Paul Deshaies has retired. If you would like to contribute to the parish gift to Deacon Paul please place your contribution in an envelope and place it in the collection. Mark it "Deacon Paul contribution" and please include your name.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to donate to the Easter Flower Fund in memory of or in honor of someone, there are envelopes for this purpose on the table in the back of church. Please indicate if the flowers are in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living friend or relative. Please remember to sign your name and return the envelopes by March 18. A list will be printed in the bulletin sometime during the Easter Season.

Third Sunday of Lent: We pray for children around the world, that they may have access to a quality education, and build brighter futures for themselves and for our global community. And for our community of faith, may we deepen our relationship with Christ and recognize His face in the faces of our brothers and sisters in need.

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..."

Pope Benedict XVI

Activities at St. Agnes this week

SATURDAY, March 3, Vigil

4:30 p.m. Eleanor Gualtieri †
by Rocco Gualtieri
Coffee & Bread

SUNDAY, March 4, Third Sunday of Lent

Ex. 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn. 2:13-25

10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes †
by parish

MONDAY, March 5,

No Mass At. St Agnes

TUESDAY, March 6,

7:00 p.m. For Missionary Vocations
by parish

WEDNESDAY, March 7, Sts. Perpeuta & Felicity

9:00 a.m. Mary Gerardi †
by Joanna Policaro

6:00 p.m. PREP Hi Bible Study

THURSDAY, March 8, St. John of God

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by Jestina Eddy
Scripture Study

6:00 p.m. ESL

6:30 p.m. PREP @ SMM

FRIDAY, March 9, St. Frances of Rome

9:00 a.m. Judy Gerardi †
by Jestina Eddy
Adoration



5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Estaciones de la Cruz
Grupo de Oración

SATURDAY, March 10, Vigil

4:30 p.m. Mary Gerardi †
by Joanna Policaro

SUNDAY, March 11, Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr. 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph. 2:4-10; Jn. 3:14-21

10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes †
by parish

3:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service

Liturgical Ministers for March 10-11

	Altar Servers	Lectors	EMHC	Greeter/Usher
March 10 4:30 PM	† T. Nance D. Fox	A. Fox P. Kady	C. Marcum T. Nance	@T. Villa, T. Nance B. Crown, L. Higgins
March 11 10:00 PM	† R. Lopez, E. Cabrera, A. Concha-Perez, M. Suarez, M. Santos	J. Szabo R. Montano-P	T. Ferguson I. Montano	@E. & R. Lopez, K. Montano, R. Sanchez

Collection Counters: 3/4: D. Fox, T. Nance

Church linens: 3/4: C. Marcum; **3/11:** N. Cabrera

3/11: T. Ferguson, J. Eddy, T. Villa

Pray for our men and women in uniform.

