

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

— *Psalm 103:8*

“I AM”

Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law's sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery.

Moses' awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God's name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract “I AM” distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who “are not.” They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,491.00	\$2,783.00
Number of Families contributing	111	86
Total Pledge for 2016	\$172,351.00	\$185,388.00
Pledged to Date (8 Weeks)	\$26,580.00	\$29,464.00
Received to Date	\$21,858.80	\$18,681.80
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,721.20	\$10,782.20

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$179.00	\$1,661.00

Twenty ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$513.00
Amount Outstanding	

Five people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$40.00	\$1,890.00

Four people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$7.00.

POOR BOX \$126.00.

34 **CHILDREN** contributed \$124.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 215, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 95, and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 165.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A man with his young son went on a camping trip to the mountains. They hired an experienced guide, who brought them into the heart of a great forest, and the beauty spots in the mountains that they themselves would never have found.

The old guide was forever pointing out beauty and wonders that the mere passer-by would never notice. The son was fascinated by the ability of the guide to see so much in the surroundings.

One day the young lad was so impressed that he exclaimed, “I’ll bet you can see God out here.” The old guide smiled and replied, “Son, as life goes on it’s getting hard for me to see anything but God out here.”

Happy are the pure of heart they shall see God (Mt.5:8)

God is always ready to reveal himself to those who seek him with a sincere desire.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Pete Mike, Allison, Luxe and Seve in loving memory of Ned Sherlock on the 6th Anniversary of his death;
2. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for ***Black and Indian Home Missions*** and the second collection next weekend will for ***Catholic Relief Service***. Please be generous.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

March	4: Lectors
March	11: Youth Group & Young Girls Group
March	18: Society of Mary Immaculate
March	25: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER Thanks to the Legion of Mary, we will have Morning and Evening Prayer in the Church during Lent.

<u>MORNING PRAYER</u>	Mon. thru Friday	9:30 a.m.
<u>EVENING PRAYER</u>	Monday & Friday	6:30 p.m.
	Tues., Wed., & Thurs.	4:30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK Fr. Cherian requests that no parties be scheduled during Holy Week beginning Monday, March 21st until after the Easter Vigil Mass, March 26th.

MASTER'S TABLE Jaqueline's Legion Group is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master's Table in Augusta this Thursday, March 3rd. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Jaqueline.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Little Susie was in the garden filling in a hole when her neighbor peered over the fence. Interested in what the cheeky-faced youngster was doing, he politely asked, "What are you up to there Susie?"

"My goldfish died," she said tearfully, without looking up, "and I've just buried him."

The neighbor was concerned. "That's an awfully big hold for a goldfish, isn't it?"

Susie patted down the last heap of earth then replied, "That's because he's inside your darn cat!"

THANK YOU to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy, St. Padre Pio, St. Joseph and St. Theresa; two members for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Rita; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph, Jesus of Nino and St. Jude.

FUNNY BUT TRUE

"I choose a lazy person to do a hard job because a lazy person will find an easy way to do it" Bill Gates

THINK FOR A WHILE

Before you think of saying an unkind word;
Think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food;
Think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Today before you complain about life;
Think of someone who went too early to Heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In honor of St. Theresa.
Tuesday: In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: For the suffering souls in Purgatory.
Friday: In thanks for Monroe Carroll on her 9th Birthday.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel
Friday: St. Casimir; World Day of Prayer;
First Friday; **Abstinence**
Saturday: First Saturday

I NEED A HAND TO HOLD

Now, I need a hand to hold,
As I go on through this life,
Because I'm not very strong,
And want someone at my side.

To comfort and sustain me,
And help me up if I fall,
To reassure me when it
Feels like no one cares at all....

Someone is holding my hand;
His own hands are strong and kind.
He is my Savior and Friend,
Here throughout this life of mine.

Steven Michael Schumacher

READERS

Sat. Feb. 27th, 4:00 P.M. Kathy Boo & Ann T.	Sat. Feb. 27th, 7:00 P.M. Mary Melissa & Carolyn
Sun. Feb. 28st, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie
Sat. Mar. 5th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Mary Martha	Sat. Mar. 5th, 7:00 P.M. Mary Melissa & Carolyn
Sun. Mar. 6th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Stephanie Boo
Tuesday	Grace
Wednesday	Rose Marie
Thursday	Christina
Friday	Dayna

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. Front Front Left Left Cup Front Right Right Cup Sick	February 27th Bridget Ann Mary Regina Catherine Ann Rose Melissa Ann T. Rita Weaver
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Saturday 7:00 P.M. Front Cup	February 27th Sharon Jay
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Sunday 10:00 A.M.

February 28th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie	March 6th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Betty Jo
Friday	Bridget Ann

ENERGIZING WORDS

End is not the end. In fact **E.N.D.** is "**Effort Never Dies**" and if you get **NO** in answer, remember **N.O.** is "**Next Opportunity**". So always be positive in life!!!

The caliber of a person is not how well he prepares for everything to go right. But, how he stands up and moves on after everything has gone wrong.

PRAYER CORNER

IN THE HANDS OF GOD

More than ever I find myself in the hands of God.
This is what I have wanted all my life from my youth.
But now there is a difference; the initiative is entirely with God.
It is indeed a profound spiritual experience
to know and feel myself so totally in God's hands. Amen