

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 2022

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

HOLY GROUND

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people.
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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

Offeritory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$3,091.00	\$1,971.00
Number of Families contributing	100	71
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (11 Weeks)	\$34,971.300	\$35,509.00
Received to Date	\$27,632.00	\$22,019.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,339.00	\$13,490.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$192.00	\$1,5510.00

Twenty-one ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$60.00	\$32,376.00

Three people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

POOR BOX totaled \$101.00

8 **CHILDREN** contributed \$17.00.

BAA totaled \$210.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In Angleton, Texas, four escaped convicts kidnapped Mrs. Leila Sproles and her 6-year-old daughter in order to get her car. They held them as hostages for a short while, then let them free.

Mrs. Sproles told a story of rare courage when asked about her experience. The desperados didn't frighten the woman at all. She stood up to them.

"None of that rough stuff; that's no way to treat a lady," she said. She later reported after her release that they became as nice as they could be. "I looked them straight in the eyes," she said, "and I told them; I have faith. I believe in God. One of them said he did, too."

This woman attributed her courage to the strength that God gave her. Each of us has at one time or another needed courage to pull us through. How much easier is the burden if God helps us carry it.

We can rely on Him in any situation if we apply our faith in Him to everyday living.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Rouks in loving memory of Mary Francis on the 3rd Anniversary of her death and Pete Rouk on the 53rd Anniversary of his death;
2. Joseph Kingston in loving memory of Little Jim Gorman on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
3. the Wife and Family of Barney Sarge Riley in loving memory of him on the 15th Anniversary of his death;
4. Murphy and Theresa in loving memory of Jim Boy Riley on the 47th Anniversary of his death and in loving memory of Mary Riley and also in loving memory of Barney Sarge Riley on the 15th Anniversary of his death;
5. and a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Jack Bud Carroll and Darien Carroll.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH will be celebrated this Tuesday, March 22nd at 12 NOON Mass. The Young Girls Organization will take care of the Feast.

THANK YOU GOD

Thank you, God, for the roof over my head, a bed to sleep in, food on my table, and shoes on my feet. Forgive me if I ever start to complain and forget my great blessings.

EASTER LILIES It is asked that each family donate \$10 for the Easter lilies. Please give your donation to Mary Rita O'Hara, Bridget Rita, or the Church Office.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

MORNING PRAYER	Monday thru Friday	9:30 a.m.
EVENING PRAYER	Monday thru Thursday	3:30 p.m.
	Friday	6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for *Catholic Relief Services*. Please be generous.

MASS ON FRIDAYS during Lent will be at 7 P.M. followed by the Stations of the Cross.

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:

- Mar. 25: Society of Mary Immaculate**
- Apr. 1: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.**
- Apr. 8: Lectors & Teen Girls Group**
- Apr. 15: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA will be held daily at 3:00 P.M. in the Church during Lent.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Teresa, St. Raphael, and Padre Pio; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Jude; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite; and a member for a donation in thanks to the Sacred Heart and all saints.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A priest and a pastor are standing by the side of a road holding up a sign that reads "The end is near! Turn around before it's too late!"

A passerby driver yells, "You guys are nuts!" and speeds past them.

From around the curve, they hear screeching tires — then a big splash. The priest turns to the pastor and says, "Do you think we should just put up a sign that says, 'Bridge Out' instead?"

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Third Sunday of Lent; Spring begins
- Wednesday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
- Friday:** Annunciation of the Lord; Abstinence

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For Tommy McGuire on his 19th Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Faro on the 4th Anniversary of his death.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory and for the repose of the soul of Ned Anthony Carroll on his Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Eric Riley on the 10th Anniversary of his death.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Patsy Butts on the Anniversary of his death.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Cannon and for the repose of the soul of Kaiser's Lily on the 7th Anniversary of her death.

GLORY ROAD

*I'm on the road to glory
And my Savior waiting there,
Waiting to welcome me home
And take my every care.*

*My Savior knows I'm coming
And He made a place for me,
A place where there's no sorrow,
With Him in eternity.*

*I'll be so glad to see Him,
Friends and loved ones too
We'll all be there in glory
Where He's made all things new.*

READERS

Sat. Mar. 19th, 4:00 P.M. Leah & Dayna
Sat. Mar. 19th, 7:00 P.M. Ritz & Savannah

Sun. Mar. 20th, 10:00 A.M. Monroe & Christina Apple

Sat. Mar. 26th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Julie Ann
Sat. Mar. 26th, 7:00 P.M. Natalie & Mary Martha

Sun. Mar. 27th, 10:00 A.M. Monroe & Christina Apple

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Ashley Carroll
- Tuesday** - Ritz
- Wednesday** - Ivana
- Thursday** - Katsyn
- Friday** - Graclynn

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** - Kim Gallon
- Tuesday** - Nora
- Wednesday** - Catherine Ann
- Thursday** - Mary Cat
- Friday** - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **March 19th**
Front Winnie Ann
Right Cathy Pole
Left Catherine Ann

Saturday 7:00 P.M. **March 19th**
Right Bridgette Anna
Left Jean

Sunday **Sunday**
March 20th **March 27th**
Rose Marie Rose Marie

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

What is the difference between *I LIKE YOU & I LOVE YOU*?
Beautifully answered by Buddha:
When you like a flower, you just pluck it.
But when you love a flower, you water it daily!

WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

Joy never comes to those who seek it. In the self-forgetting hour when we are touched by another's need and sacrifice for it, we suddenly find our soul aflame with glorious joy.

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is a strange medicine.
If you give it to others, it heals the wounds in your heart.

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**THANK YOU, LORD**

*Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which You have given us - for all the pains and insults which You have borne for us. O Most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know You more clearly, love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly, for Your own sake. Amen.*