

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4, 2018

I, the LORD, am your God . . . You shall not have other gods besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go un-diapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,145.00	\$2,009.00
Number of Families contributing	119	90
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (8 Weeks)	\$22,295.00	\$24,680.00
Received to Date	\$21,467.00	\$17,583.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$828.00	\$7,097.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$122.00	\$1,493.00

Twenty ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$1,346.00
Amount Outstanding	\$24,359.00

Twenty-two people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$0.00	\$1,385.00

No one made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$3.00.

22 **CHILDREN** contributed \$100.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$43.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 95, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 130 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 110.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A little boy walked into a pharmacy to use the phone. As he did, the store-owner observed and listened to the conversation.

"Excuse me," the boy said into the phone, "can you give me a job cutting your lawn?" "I already have someone to cut my lawn," the woman on the other end said. "But I will cut your lawn for half the price of the person who cuts your lawn now," the boy said. "I'm very satisfied with the person who is presently cutting my lawn," the lady said. "But I'll even sweep your curb and sidewalk," the boy said. "And then you'll have the prettiest lawn in town." "No, thank you," the lady said. Smiling the little boy hung up.

The store-owner, who listened to the entire conversation, approached the boy. "I like your positive attitude, the owner said, "Would you like a job here?" "No, thank you," the boy said. "But you were just pleading for one," the owner said. "No, sir," the boy said. "I was just checking my performance at the job I already have. I am the one who is working for that lady I was talking to!"

This is what self-appraisal means. Every time we think of comparing ourselves to others, we should compare ourselves to our own self instead. Only then can we grow as people!

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Betty Costello in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
2. The Wife and Family of Pat Furp Riley in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
3. Gallons in loving memory of Johnny and Catherine Ann Gallon on their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversary;
4. Catherine Jabber and Family in loving memory of Tommy Jabber Riley on the 25th Anniversary of his death and his Birthday, and Joseph Pio Riley on the 41st Anniversary of his death and 49th Birthday; and Jack Speedball Carroll on the 11th Anniversary of his death;
5. Little Captain and Family in loving memory of Rose Mary Carroll on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
6. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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. 9: Lectors

Mar. 16: Youth Group & Young Girls Organization

Mar. 23: Society of Mary Immaculate

Mar. 30: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in honor of St. Benedict and also to four members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

LINES ON YOUR HAND

Never believe what the lines of your hand predict about your future, because people who don't have hands also have a future.

COMIC DICTIONARY

- **ARCHITECT** - One who drafts a plan of your house, and plans a draft of your money.
- **COSMETICS** - A woman's means for keeping a man from reading between the lines.
- **BALDNESS** - When you have less hair to comb but more face to wash.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

MORNING PRAYER Mon. thru Friday 9:30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER Monday & Friday 6:30 p.m.
Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 4:15 p.m.

JOKE OF THE WEEK The judge glared at the accused: "So you admit breaking into the dress shop?"

"Yes, your honor."

"And why was that?"

"Because my wife wanted a dress."

The judge consulted his notes. "But it says here that you broke into the same shop four nights in a row."

"Yes, sir. She made me exchange it three times."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

Wednesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Thursday: St. John of God

Friday: St. Frances of Rome; **Abstinence**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In thanks for Monroe Carroll on her 11th Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Betty Costello on her Birthday.

Tuesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph and Jack D. Carroll on his Birthday.

Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Barbara Jean Carroll on her Birthday.

Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Mary Lisa McNally on her 42nd Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Chris McNally on the 19th Anniversary of his death and for Rosie McNally on her Birthday.

Friday: For the repose of the soul of Pat Irishman Carroll on the 1st Anniversary of his death.

BEYOND THE LOSSES IN LIFE

*Beyond the losses in life,
New hope will always survive;
For the heart that trusts in God,
New hope will be found alive.
In the early morning light,
Yes, at the coming of dawn.
Hope shall be ever renewed
As another day is born,
And God will strengthen the heart
For the day that lies ahead;
Beyond the losses in life,
There are better things instead.*

READERS

Sat. Mar. 3rd, 4:00 P.M. Grace & Rita Riley
Sat. Mar. 3rd, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa

Sun. Mar. 4th, 10:00 A.M. Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph

Sat. Mar. 10th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
Sat. Mar. 10th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Bridgette Anna

Sun. Mar. 11th, 10:00 A.M. Ned's Rose Marie & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday Paige
Tuesday Joy
Wednesday Cheryl
Thursday Allison
Friday Kara

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **March 3rd**
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann

Saturday 7:00 P.M. **March 3rd**
Front Jay
Cup Johnny Jay's Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

March 4th Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie
March 11th Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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

7 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KID

1. **What made you smile today?**
2. **Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?**
3. **Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.**
4. **What was the hardest rule to follow today?**
5. **If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?**
6. **What made your teacher smile?**
7. **If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?**

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

TEACH ME TO BE HUMBLE

Lord Jesus, You became a servant for my sake to set me free from the tyranny of selfish pride and self-concern. Teach me to be humble as You are humble and to love others generously with selfless service and kindness. Amen.