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Third Sunday of Lent

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The Gospel is from St. John 2:13 -25. If we had only the Synoptic gospels (Mt., Mk., Lk.) we could easily conclude that Jesus spent almost all his public life and did all his preaching in Galilee and its neighborhood. St. John who wrote his gospel several years later corrects this false impression by mentioning visits made by our Lord to Jerusalem. He gave the "leaders of the people" in Jerusalem plenty of opportunity of hearing his message and his claims. He also worked some astounding miracles in or near the city. For instance, the man crippled for thirty-eight years (Jn. 5); the man born blind (Jn. 9), the raising of Lazarus; who had been four days buried (Jn. 11). St. John makes it very clear that the leaders (the priests and Pharisees) in Jerusalem were given every opportunity to learn who Jesus was, and every help to believe in him, but they would not. The fault was theirs, therefore, and the loss.

On this particular visit he made it clear to them that he was someone special, someone close to God whose house they were desecrating, and whom he even called his Father. In hidden language he told them that they would put him to death but that that would not be the end, for he would rise again. Some of them seem to have remembered this saying of his after they had put him to death, for they asked Pilate to place a guard on his tomb lest his disciples should remove the body and pretend he had risen for: "we recall," they said, "that

this impostor said while he was still living, 'after three days I shall rise again'" (Mt. 27 : 63). But even the miracle of his resurrection did not affect the majority of them. They had made up their minds and "there are none so blind as those who will not see."

The reasons for their blindness were the same as those that keep millions of the neo-pagans of today from accepting and living the Christian faith. These, like the priests and Pharisees of Jerusalem in the year 28, are so immersed in the

higher. Yet, they have more than enough reminders whichever way they turn to recall their minds to the historical facts of Christianity. This is 2006 A.D., that is 2006 years since the birth of Christ. Who was he, why was he born, why does the world divide its history into before he came, B.C., and after he came, A.D.? In every town and village of our once Christian western world there is a church or two with steeples pointing to the sky. Why? What do churches mean to men? Near every town there are cemeteries or

"sleeping places," according to the meaning of that Greek word. Are those buried there only sleeping and waiting to be called, if not already called, or are they finished forever just like the ox or the unthinking cow that may be buried in the next field.

The agnostics and free-thinkers of our day should start to think about the real facts of life—the central ones of which are that Christ, who was the Son of God, took our human nature and lived for

some time on this earth, so that he would raise us up to sonship with God. He suffered crucifixion, because the world was full of sin when he came. But his death made atonement to the heavenly Father for all the sins of the world. His resurrection from the dead was the prelude and the guarantee that we shall all rise to a life of glory in heaven, if only we have followed him faithfully during our years on earth.

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

of the Mystical Body of her Christ. Moreover, like her, "blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it" (Gospel).

These baptismal duties of death to sin and life in God (Epistle are meant to gladden, not to oppress the human heart (Offertory), intended by God for Divine possession (Communion Verse), safe from diabolical obsession.

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Third Sunday of Lent

"When (Jesus) cast out the devil, the dumb man spoke." But as indicated by the little whining group to the right, some complained: "By Beelzebub, the prince of devils, He casts out devils" (Gospel).

Formerly, on this day, candidates were examined in preparation for Baptism on Holy Saturday. The first effect of Baptism is to free the souls from the power of the devil. The house of which Jesus speaks, is the human soul before His coming, degraded by idolatry, by sensuality, under the tyranny of the evil spirit.

Mary holding the Infant (pictured in the upper left corner) is a symbol of our Baptism. Mary gives birth to us as members

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.,
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Reconciliation:

Wednesday and Saturday, 5:00pm,
Sunday, 8:45 & 11:45 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

M, T, Th, F, 8:15 a.m. Wed., 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.
Friday, 9:00 to 9:30a.m.

(See Weekly Schedule for any
changes to times or location!)

Religious Education

CCD and Sacramental Prep
Sunday, 8:30—9:15, school
Introduction to Catholicism/RCIA
Sunday, 8:30—9:15, parish office

Parish Office Hours:

- Sunday, 10:30 - 12:30
- Monday, 9 - 4
- Tuesday, 9 - 4
- Wednesday, 9 - 1
- Thursday, 1 - 8
- Friday, 9 - 1

Prayer Chain:

Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688
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Bulletin Deadline

Announcements for the Lewis County
Catholic Times must be submitted by
4pm on Tuesday. Email submissions to:
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Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ♦ **Those who are sick:** Fr. Leo Lydon, Ed Hubbs, (UHC), Grace Turner (Fred Turner's mother), Frank Lydon, Sonny Walker, Susan Murray, Steve Colburn, Rose Determan, Anita Droppleman, Robert Fealy, Seth Fishbaugh (Laura Determan's cousin), Nathan Fisher, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's step-dad), Bobby Gill, Jeff Linger, Matt McCauley, Sam McLaughin (Matt's brother), Donna Moore, Mary Ann Murray, Emma Pascasio, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Shane Rowan (Sandy Mick's brother), Kinley Weaver, Jane White
- ♦ **Those who have died:** Pat Karp, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ♦ **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- ♦ **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton, Bobby Summers

Mass Intentions

Having the Holy Sacrifice of Mass offered is more effective than flowers or memorial gifts for your deceased loved ones or as a special intention for a living person or special occasion. Mass Intentions can be placed in a "Mass Intention" envelope and placed in the collection basket or dropped off to the parish office. Please indicate if the person is living or deceased and the date you would like the Mass to be said. Mass dates are filled on a "first come, first serve" basis.

Calendar Cash Winners

Feb 26- Winner: Ryan Boyle Seller: J. Radcliff
Feb 27-Winner: Sharon Herrod Seller:S. Mick
Feb 28-Winner: Brittany Griffith Seller: R. Griffith

Various Goings-On During Lent

- **Stations of the Cross**, every Friday at 6:00 p.m.
- **Fish Fry**, every Friday from 5:00 p.m to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Carry-out available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
- **Eucharistic Adoration**, every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m., concluding with Benediction at 5:55. Rosary will be prayed at the normal time.
- **Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation**, every Wednesday, 5:00-5:45 p.m.; Saturday, 5:00-5:45 p.m.; Sunday, 8:45-9:15 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- **Lenten Penance Service**, Monday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.

March 2018 - Overview for the Month

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. The entire month falls during the liturgical season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

Go to Joseph

"This patronage must be invoked as ever necessary for the Church, not only as a defense against all dangers, but also, and indeed primarily, as an impetus for her renewed commitment to evangelization in the world and to re-evangelization," wrote St. John Paul II in Redemptoris Custos (Guardian of the Redeemer).

John Paul II further said, "Because St. Joseph is the protector of the Church, he is the guardian of the Eucharist and the Christian family. Therefore, we must turn to St. Joseph today to ward off attacks upon the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and upon the family. We must plead with St. Joseph to guard the Eucharistic Lord and the Christian family during this time of peril."

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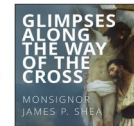
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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross

Enter More Deeply into the Mystery of Christ's Cross

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Confirmation

Confirmation will be Sunday, May 20 at 12:30. It is necessary for all who are preparing for this sacrament to attend the Confirmation preparation classes and to attend CCD on Sunday mornings.

Classes are scheduled for March 4 and 18, April 15 and 29 and May 6. Classes begin at 6 and are held in the cafeteria.

Lenten Penance Service

Our Lenten Penance Service in Monday, March 12 at 7pm. Visiting priests will assist Fr. DeViese with the service. Our Advent Penance Service was very well attended. Let's do even better at the Lenten Service!

If you are unable to attend here, Holy Rosary's service is March 5 and St. Brendan's in Elkins is March 6. Those services begin at 7.

Parish Membership & Benefits:

To be considered an "active" member of the parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the "Catholic tuition" rate at St. Patrick's School), the parish takes into account family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries, and Mass attendance. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday— March 3

Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †James Blake by

family

Sunday — March 4

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for Claire and Kevin Watson and family by
Jeremy and Jenny Garton

11:45a Confessions

12:30p Mass for People of the Parish

Third Sunday of Lent

Monday — March 5

Monday of the 3rd Week of Lent

8:15a Mass for †Edna Brumley by Veronica and Junior

Brumley

Tuesday — March 6

Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Lent

8:15a Mass for †Pat Karp by Sandra Lehosit

Wednesday — March 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

5:05p Confessions

6:00p Mass for Jim Kerrigan by Jim and Betty Hill

Thursday — March 8

Saint John of God, Religious

8:15a Mass for †Rosalie Camigliano by Barbara Daugherty

Friday — March 9

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

8:15a Mass for †Lee Corley by Rue and Diana Thompson

Saturday— March 10

Saturday of the 3rd Week of Lent

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for People of the Parish

Sunday — March 11

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for †Cathy Snuffer by the Scott, Darnell, and
Westfall families

11:45a Confessions

12:30p Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood

Third Sunday of Lent

Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

3/5 Feria of Lent
3/6 Feria of Lent
3/7 Feria of Lent, Comm. St. Thomas Aquinas
3/8 Feria of Lent
3/9 Feria of Lent
3/10 Feria of Lent

Scripture Readings

March 5 - 11, 2018

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

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

Friday

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-6/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Help Wanted

St. Patrick Catholic School is seeking an Assistant for the after school program. Interested individuals should call the school office @ 269-5547.

Weekly Devotions

Wednesday

4:55p Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:20p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena

5:45p Benediction

Friday

(When students are present.)

9:00a Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30a Benediction

Ministry Schedule for Weekend Masses

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Servers: Hunter and Joseph Blake, Makenna West

Reader: Theresa Francis

EMHC: Luanne Bowers

Cantor: Rudy Pascasio

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Servers: Michael Riley, Morgam Turner, Macy Franklin

Reader: Joe Derico

EMHC: Butch Cain

Cantor: Jeremy Garton

Please arrive at least 20 prior to the beginning of Mass if you are schedule for a ministry.

March Rosary Leaders:

Wednesday: Tom Ruppert

Saturday: Rudy Pascasio

Sunday: Turner family

March Linens: Kathy Boyle

March and April Funeral Greeters: George Garton and Judy Foster

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday: 93

Sunday: 198

Latin Mass: 32

General: \$35950.40

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Latin Mass: \$581

Upcoming Special & Second Collections

March 3 & 4: Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund

March 10 & 11: Catholic Relief Services

March 30: Holy Land

March 31 & April 1: Education of Seminarians

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

6 Tue: 7pm, Knights of Columbus meeting, cafeteria

12 Mon: 7pm, Lenten Penance Service

16 Mon: 6pm, Catholic Daughter meeting, parish meeting room

17 Sat: 4:30pm, Mass

17 Sat: 5:30pm, Irish Fest



Knights' News

Saint Joseph's Table & the 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive is Going on NOW!

The Vocation Chalice Program

Families may inquire about signing up for a week with Jim Gildein: Jim.Gildein@kofc.org

Chalice Schedule

Sunday, March 4—John Snyder Family

Saturday, March 10—Rudy Pascasio Family

Sunday, March 18—Chad Westfall Family

Fish Fry Fridays

The Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry on Friday evenings from 5:00 to 7:30 in the cafeteria. Dine In or Take Out order available. (Good Friday is not during Lent, it is part of the Sacred Triduum and is a day of fasting and abstinence.)

Concert CD Available

Saint Patrick Catholic Church Festival Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Chorus 12/29/17 Concert CD

As a result of several inquiries and requests regarding the December 29th Orchestra and Chorus Concert, orders are being taken for CD recording of the concert through Wednesday, January 31st. Please fill in the blanks with the proper information requested to obtain your personal copy(s) or special gifts for friends of St. Patrick Church. *Make checks payable to KOC Council 1415* and place your application and check in the offering basket. You will be notified by phone or email when CD's are ready for pickup. Order blanks may also be given to any KOC member after any Mass or given to Greg Walker, Jim Weber or John Collins. Order forms are in the church vestibule.


The Knights of Columbus meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the cafeteria.

Homemade Vanilla for Sale

There are still a few bottles of the homemade vanilla available made by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas last fall. The cost is \$10 per bottle and are available in the parish office.

Join Us

The Catholic Daughters meet on the 3rd Monday of the month in the parish meeting room at 6pm. Yearly dues are \$30.



PRAY FOR TRANSFORMATION THIS LENT

Most people have never prayed a prayer of transformation. Too often when we pray, we pray for tweaking. We want God to tweak this and tweak that.

Let's be honest. We don't necessarily want our lives transformed. Transformation may seem attractive in a moment of blissfully holy idealistic exuberance or at a moment of crisis, but the everyday reality is we like to distance ourselves from the inner work required to bring about such a transformation.

Sure, we want some tweaking, but not transformation. This desire for tweaking is selective and selfish, while transformation is total and selfless.

We pray for tweaking—and then we wonder why God doesn't answer our prayers. The reason is simple: God is not interested in tweaking. God is in the business of transformation. He wants to turn your life upside down, which as it turns out is right side up. If you want to see something incredible, start praying for transformation. That's a prayer God will answer.

Lenten Prayer for Transformation

Loving Father, I invite you into my life today and make myself available to you.

Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself by seeking your will and becoming a living example of your love in the world.

Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change in order for me to carry out the mission and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.

Inspire me to live the Catholic faith in ways that are dynamic and engaging.

Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish.

Make our community hungry for best practices and continuous learning.

Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged, and clarity in times of decision.

Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church to become all you imagined it would be for the people of our times.

Amen.

Lenten Prayer for Sundays during Lent

Heavenly Father, As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart.

Give me rest in you.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment.

Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.

In your name I pray,

Amen.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/prayers-for-lent>

Here are 7 good reasons never to gossip again

By Patti Armstrong, National Catholic Register

No one wants to be known as a gossip, yet who among us has never gossiped? It's tempting. It is so tempting in fact, that we can convince ourselves that we were not really gossiping.

Take the gossip test below to determine if you qualify as a gossip. If you answer yes to any of the 10 statements below, you have gossiped. Then read on for powerful reasons never to do it again.

1. As long as it's true, it's okay to repeat.

2. I needed to vent.

3. I told only one person.

4. I told people just to ask for prayers for his sorry soul.

5. I accidentally slipped so I was not intentionally gossiping.

6. I went a whole week without telling anyone, then had to tell just one person.

7. I told someone in confidence and made them promise never to repeat it.

8. I needed advice on how I should handle it.

9. If she is going to act that way, then she deserves it.

10. I'm praying for him now, so it's all good.

Unless there is a serious need to know, it's the sin of detraction to share something bad about another. For instance, if you have a friend about to do business with someone who has a long history of swindling people, that might be important information to share for the good of another. But telling a friend about an acquaintance's spouse having an affair, it's not your job to spread that.

People are social creatures so communication with one another is instinctive and having big news to share can be fun or being appalled about someone's behavior can incite us to vent. But when it's hurting another person's reputation, then we are guilty of sin.

Here are 7 good reasons never to gossip again:

1. To hurt someone through talking about them behind their back, you have to strike Jesus first. "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to me." —Matthews 25:40

2. In order for you to gossip, you have to hold a negative memory and share it with another person. Negative thoughts in your brain causes release of cortisol, the stress hormone, into your blood. This weakens your immune system and inhibits the actions of your white blood cells which increases the chances for infection and even promotes weight gain-- all from negative thinking you spread through gossiping.

3. What goes around comes around. In Matthew 7:12, Jesus told us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. He also warned us: in Luke 6:38 that, "The measure with which you measure will be measured back to you."

4. Gossiping gives you a bad reputation. Have you ever heard someone described as a big gossip? That realization makes them unattractive to other as untrustworthy and mean-spirited. Consider the opposite: a trustworthy person who speaks kindly of others. Choose the image you want.

5. What you say about others is more of an indication of who you are than who they are. Some people speak kindly and compliment others while others seem never to be at a loss for a criticism of others. What you say about others is a reflection of who you are.

6. Risk of Embarrassment. Once you've said something, you cannot 100 percent trust that it will not be repeated and get back to the person that you were gossiping about. If you would not say something in front of them, then don't say it behind their backs.

7. It's a sin. It comes under the Fifth Commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Kill," because it kills the reputation of another.

The choice is ours. We can criticize or spread scandal about others and have our moment of venting or attention, or we can refrain for the sake of God, neighbor and our own souls.

To go one step further, rather than gossiping about a person, we can pray for them. Our hearts will grow in love and kindness and our souls will grow in holiness. Compare that with ruining our reputation, sinning and hurting others. It should be no contest.