
If we only had the Synoptic gospels (Mt., Mk., Lk.) we might 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, from another world. They were desecrating, and whom he even referred to as their house. The language he told them that they would put him to death but that that would not be the end, for they would see some of them seem to have remembered this saying of his after they had put him down, for they asked Pilate to place a guard on his tomb lest his disciples should remove the body and pretend he had risen. He 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 neo-pagans from today of 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 history to the historical facts of Christianity. In the year 2006 AD is 2006 years since the birth of Christ. Who was he? Why was he born? Why does the world divide its history 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 unthunking 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 the way open for the priests and Pharisees wanted more than political freedom from Rome. They had hoped that their Messiah would give them a great world empire, and with it wealth and power without limit. Our contemporaries’ aims may not be so far, but worldly aims are important enough in their eyes to make them exclude from their minds the thought of anything higher. Yet, they have more than enough reminders whichever way they turn to recall their history to the historical facts of Christianity.

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

On “(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). But as indicated by the little whining group to the right, “When (Jesus) cast out the devil, the dumb man spoke.”

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

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
“Patronage may 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.”

Get Formed for this Lent
Go to: formed.org/register
Enter the access code: WVP/BMM
Enter your email and create a password. Just three easy steps!

Caution
- 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.

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

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
or 304 476-8819

Bulletin Deadline:
Announcements for the Lewis County Catholic Times must be submitted by 4pm on Tuesday. Email submissions to secretary@spchurchweston.net.

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.

March 2018
- Mass for 12:30 at 30th. It is necessary for all who are preparing for this sacrience to attend the Confirmation preparation classes and to attend CCD on Sunday mornings.

Lenten Penance Service
Our Lenten Penance Service is March 5 and St. Brendan’s in Elkins is March 6. You must speak with St. Joseph today to work out a schedule. The Holy Rosary’s service is March 5 and St. Benedict’s service in Elkins on March 6. Those services begin at 7.

St. Patrick’s Gym
Saturday, March 17, 2018
St. Pat’s Gym
2nd Annual Irish Fest
Mass at 4:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church
Catered Buffet Dinner Begins at 5:30 p.m.
Live Performance by LC Blue!
Adult Beverages
Family, Food, & Fun
Adults: $15 Children (10 & under): $6
Tickets available after Mass or by calling 304-269-3048
Each ticket sold will be entered in a chance to win Irish Fest Gift Basket

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Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week
- 3/1 Feria of Lent
- 3/2 Feria of Lent
- 3/3 Feria of Lent, Comm. St. Thomas Aquinas
- 3/4 Feria of Lent
- 3/5 Feria of Lent
- 3/6 Feria of Lent
- 3/7 Feria of Lent

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 Clare 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 @Karp by Sandra Leshot

Wednesday — March 7
Saint Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
5:05p Confessions
6:00p Mass for Jim Kerrigan by Jim and Betty Hill

Thursday — March 8
Saint John and 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 Sue and Diana Thomp- son

Saturday — March 10
Saturday of the 3rd Week of Lent
5:05p 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

Need Help? Get Help!
Alcoholics Anonymous
AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat., 8pm school basement
Narcotics Anonymous
NA - Mon., 7pm school basement
Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA meetings.
PRAY FOR TRANSFORMATION THIS LENT

Most people have never prayed a prayer of transformation. Too often when we pray, we are praying for something we want. 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 something different. 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 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 me.

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 my 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 be all that you imagined it would be for the people of our times.

Amen.

Here are 7 good reasons never to gossip again

Heavenly Father, I ask that you today give me delight in seeking other’s good rather than their ill. Help me to recognize the people around me who need my help and offer them what they need.

Lenten Prayer for Sundays during 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 gossipied? 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 gossipied.

1. To hurt someone through talking about them behind their back.
2. To gossip when you know they will be hurt.
3. To hurt someone through telling confidential information.
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