



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

IT MAY BEAR
FRUIT IN THE
FUTURE.

— LUKE 13:9 —

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SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

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3rd Sunday Lent: *Life is a Pilgrimage* [Lk 13:1-9](#)

Scriptures provide hundreds of proofs that God's mercy knows no bounds. In the New Testament, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross and His resurrection makes evident His love and power over sin and death. The forgiveness of sins is possible through the Paschal Mystery and the mediation of the Church. *Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained (Jn. 20:23)*. God forgives sins, and He never tires forgiving sins. But through the sacrament of reconciliation, the Lord forgives sins and blots out all our offenses. Jesus is the **Divine Mercy**; through the *absolution*, the priest gives in the Sacrament of Penance - restores the penitent to the grace to act with charity and grow in love with Him.

In the second reading, St. Paul, going back to the experience of Israel during their *exodus* - reminds his listeners how God favors and loves the chosen people. Throughout the forty years of their sojourn in the desert, He provided them with food, *manna*, and water from the rock. The way God cares for them throughout the forty years is the best proof of His goodness and commitment to their physical and spiritual well-being. But the people of Israel persist in their stubbornness - disobedient to God, they perished before entering the land promised to them. The whole experience of the people of Israel in the desert should serve as an example to all. *Let anyone who thinks he is standing upright watch out lest he fails!* A good lesson for all; in the desert *pilgrimage of life* - learn from the experience of Israel, not to be disobedient to God but follow and trust Him with all our heart. The great test of life is obedience, and the way to pass it - is through humility.

From Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to Moses, we see in every encounter with God that He wants to establish a relationship with the chosen people in the context of a **covenant of love**. Every covenant symbolizes His desire to save His people and give them freedom. So that the invitation of Jesus to repentance flows from this covenant of love, that in effect, He is saying: *But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!* It is a call to repentance, a change of heart that moves us to extend compassion towards our neighbor. If we keep our baptismal promises and the covenant with God, the Scriptures say: *A humble and contrite heart, God will not spurn.*

Jesus in the Gospel tells us about the parable of a fruitless fig tree. The owner did not cut down the tree immediately; even though it yielded no fruit, he gave the fig tree a second chance to bear fruit because the gardener intercedes on behalf of the barren tree and proceeds to cultivate and fertilize it - so that it may bear fruit eventually. God is a patient God. He is a God who waits, who gives everyone a second chance - countless **opportunities** for us **to grow, improve** ourselves, and bear fruit. But there are limits to everything. Thus, we cannot and should not abuse the love and generosity of God. Remember what Jesus said to the devil in one of His temptations: *You shall not put the Lord your God to the test (Dt. 6:16)*. In our pilgrimage, let us meet God halfway and desist from being stubborn and proud of heart. If today we hear His voice, harden our hearts!

Jesus comes to establish a new covenant between God and His people. The Parable of the Fig Tree illustrates part of the commitment of God in this covenant and what He expects from us - pilgrims. The tree in the parable represents all pilgrims, and Jesus is the gardener. He intercedes for us to the orchard owner, God the Father. Like any gardener, Jesus cultivates, waters, fertilizes, and removes the weeds patiently, hoping that all His hard work will yield a fruitful harvest. The labor of love of Jesus confirms the new covenant, and His death ratifies it.

May Jesus remind us that the pilgrimage of life is not about receiving but **giving** and **bearing fruits**.



MARCH

Sunday March 23, 2025

K of C Pancake Breakfast

2:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School
and High School

Monday, March 24, 2025

- 7:00 pm Troop 432 Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

- 8:30 am Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet/OLPH
- 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday, March 27, 2025

- 5:00 pm La Pieta Prayer Group
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Friday, March 28, 2025

- 5:30 am Men's Ministry
- 5:00 pm KOC Fish Fry
- 5:00 pm Vespers
- 5:30 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29, 2025

- 7:30 am Spanish Mass
- 8:00 am Easter Basket Service Event
- 8:30 am Guadalupanos Meeting

FASTING

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are recommended days of abstinence.

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday 7:30 am
Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12:15 pm
Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am, 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 7:25 am
Wednesday 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm
Saturday 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday - Saturday 6:55 am
Sunday 6:25 am, 8:25 am, 10:25 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Closed 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 2 pm - 3 pm for
Staff Meetings

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MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

WEEKEND MASS

Sunday 9:00 am

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Sunday 8:30 am

ADORATION - Thursdays

7:00 am

*This Week's
Worship Aide*





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**BREAKFAST
THIS WEEKEND**

After 7am, 9am, & 11am Masses

**FRIDAY NIGHT LENT
SCHEDULE**

- 5:00 pm Vespers
Benediction
- 5:30 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm Stations of the
Cross



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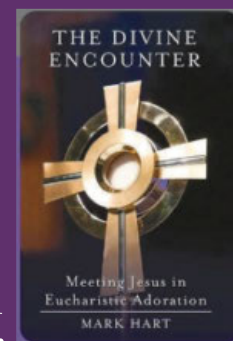
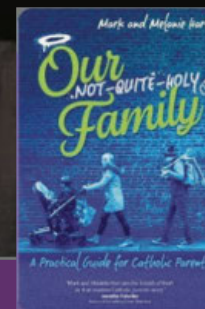
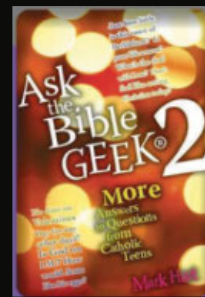
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LENT



**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
Monday, April 7th**

Confession is a Sacrament of the Church, and all the Sacraments are an experience of God's LOVE in a very real and personal way. Confession is a personal encounter with God through the Priest. God takes on human flesh so that you can see in the face of the Priest, the compassion of God. Join us for your encounter with forgiveness!!



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4pm - Mass
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Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 23rd

7:00 am All Parishioners
9:00 am † James Reed
9:00 am G Tony Castillo (Healing)
11:00 am † George and Mary Chludzinski
4:00 pm † Tony Irlanda

Monday, March 24th

7:30 am † Deceased Members of Banach
12:15 pm † Delores & Ruth Rhiner

Tuesday, March 25th

7:30 am † Deceased Members of Banach
Family
12:15 pm † Patricia Eckert

Wednesday, March 26th

7:30 am † Deceased Members of Banach
Family
6:00 pm Elaine Lovato (Thanksgiving)

Thursday, March 27th

7:30 am † Celine Clare
12:15 pm † Robert & Kim Moseley

Friday, March 28th

7:30 am All Parishioners (Thanksgiving)
5:30 pm † Bob Brown

Saturday, March 29th

7:30am † Gloria & Luis Domingo
4:00 pm † Kim Moseley

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