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Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021

Remember that you are dust,
and unto dust you shall return.

Highlights of "The True Meaning of Lent"

By Pope Emeritus Benedict the XVI edited by Father Roger Landry

Father Landry brings to light Pope Emeritus Benedict's insights on a catechesis he gave on the real meaning of Lent during his Pontificate that bore all the traits for which his discourses have quickly become renown. As we begin Lent 2021, it would be worthwhile to ponder some of the highlights of what he said.

We are not alone in our Spiritual Journey

Lent is not meant to be primarily an individual journey of self-discipline, sacrifice, and personal prayer. It is an ecclesial pilgrimage. "We are not alone in this spiritual sacrifice, in this spiritual itinerary," Pope Benedict clarified, "because the Church accompanies and sustains us from the start with the Word of God, which encloses a program of spiritual life and penitential commitment, and with the grace of the sacraments." Lent is not a solitary hike from a dark valley up a high spiritual mountain but a journey together with the whole Church in which God's word and very life in the sacraments guide, strengthen and sustain us all. The Pope is calling us all to rediscover this communal dimension of Lent – in families, parishes, dioceses and beyond.

Our Conversion is Radical and Total

The conversion asked of us in Lent is not something small, but radical and total. "To be converted means to change direction along the way of life – not for a slight adjustment, but a true and total change of direction. Conversion is to go against the current where the 'current is a superficial lifestyle, inconsistent and illusory, which often draws us, controls us and make us slaves of evil, or in any case prisoners of moral mediocrity. With conversion, instead, one aims to the lofty measure of the Christian life; we are entrusted to the living and personal Gospel, which is Christ Jesus. His person is the final goal and the profound meaning of conversion; he is the way which we are called to follow in life, allowing ourselves to be illumined by his light and sustained by his strength that moves our steps. And so stressed, conversion is an exodus from the slavery of moral mediocrity to the high Christian standard of sanctity, defined as a faith-filled decision to seek to live wholly in communion with Jesus in all aspects of our life.

The Process of Conversion Is Not a One Time Event of 40 Days

His third insight was that this process of conversion from mediocrity to transforming communion with Christ is not a one-time event, but a continual process and way of life. Every day is a favorable moment of grace, because each day invites us to give ourselves to Jesus, to have confidence in him, to remain in him, to share his style of life, to learn

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from him true love, to follow him in daily fulfilling of the will of the Father, the only great law of life every day.

The Lenten Journey is Death and Rebirth

The Pope said that this process of continual conversion is meant to lead to nothing less than our death and rebirth within the death and resurrection of Christ himself. The second formula for the imposition of ashes, "Remember, man, that you are dust and unto dust you shall return," the Pope declared, "reminds us of our frailty, including our death, which is the extreme expression of our frailty. In face of the innate fear of the end, The Lenten liturgy on one hand reminds us of death, inviting us to realism and to wisdom, but on the other hand, it drives us above all to accept and live the unexpected novelty that the Christian faith liberates us from the reality of death itself." The way that liberation occurs is in the passage from the "old Adam," who returned to the dust from which he came, to the "new Adam," Christ Jesus. Lent, therefore, is the time for a "more conscious and more intense immersion in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, in his death and resurrection, through participation in the Eucharist and in the life of charity, which stems from the Eucharist and in which it finds its fulfillment. With the imposition of ashes, we renew our commitment to follow Jesus, to allow ourselves to be transformed by his Paschal Mystery, to overcome evil and do good, to have the 'old humanity' in us die, the one linked to sin, and to have the 'new humanity' be born, and transformed by the grace of God."

This is the deepest way of all in which the season of Lent is meant to lead us to experience the full joy of Easter.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM
Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
website, btsp.org.

Confessions can be arranged with
Fr. Wayne. Call his private
number to make your
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Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the Baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 13

8:00 a.m. Linda Lepley (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler and Patricia Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, February 14, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Antonio Palmieri (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Al Ruppert (Dec)

Monday, February 15

8:00 a.m. John and Jackie Murray (Dec)

Tuesday, February 16

8:00 a.m. Rosemary Smith (Dec)

Wednesday, February 17, Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. For Vocations
10:00 a.m. For Parishioners
7:00 p.m. For Parishioners

Thursday, February 18

8:00 a.m. Stephen Pineault (Liv)

Friday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Dick and Elly McManus (Dec)

Saturday, February 20

8:00 a.m. Josephine Hartnett (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Merman Family (Dec)

Sunday, February 21, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Edward Varville (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Jay Holser (Dec)



"Beneath the Cross, One Learns to Love"

St. Padre Pio

Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021 Masses 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Ashes will be distributed according to COVID-19 protocols.

Electronic Giving Information

During our recent Stewardship Campaign, a lot of people requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at www.btsp.or and click on the big green box on the home page that says

make a difference
DONATE

Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at 727-867-3663.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Magazine Articles

If you wish to put anything in the weekly parish magazine, please email any items to be published to Anne at: bulletinbt@gmail.com.



Weekly Giving

Online Giving February 1-7

Offertory	\$ 2,495
Building Fund	\$ 150

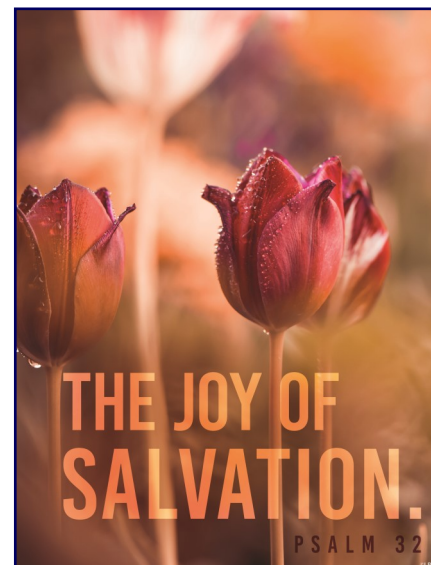
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Offertory	\$ 14,537
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 377
Building Fund	\$ 744
Gift Shop	\$ 172
Other	\$ 155

Thank you for your generosity!

Winter Residents

The boxed offertory envelopes for 2021 can be picked up in the parish office during regular office hours Monday-Friday or can be picked up after Mass in the church on the weekend.



Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting and abstinence have a long history in the Church. The custom of self-denial is meant to simplify one's lifestyle so that freed from all distractions, we may hear and respond to God's continued call to conversion and holiness.

- ♦ ▪ Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Liquids are allowed.
- ♦ ▪ Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.
- ♦ ▪ Pastoral Note: Persons unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, may practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

Daily Mass, and Stations of the Cross During Lent

Masses Monday- Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Rosary Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Friday's Mass 8:00 a.m., Stations of the Cross immediately after Mass.

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

Confessions

Confessions are available by appointment. Please call the office at 867-3663.

We make appointments to see our Doctors for Physical Healing. Why would we not make an appointment for Spiritual Healing?



What is CRS Rice Bowl?

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to put their faith into action. Through CRS Rice Bowl, participants are invited to hear stories about their sisters and brothers in need around the world and devote their Lenten prayers, fasting and alms to change the lives of those who suffer in poverty.

Participants journey through the 40 days of Lent with a collection of daily reflections and activities included in the CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Calendar.

Blessed Trinity will be making Rice Bowls and Lenten reflection calendars available for parishioners to participate. At the end of Lent, please do not bring the Rice Bowls back to the church, but rather, count the money you have collected and write a check payable to Catholic Relief Services and mail to:

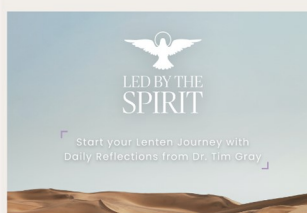
Catholic Relief Services
Rice Bowl
P.O. Box 17090
Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303

A postage-paid envelope will be included in the materials. You may also make your donation online at: www.crsricebowl.org

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Encounter Christ this Lent with daily Lenten reflection videos from esteemed Scripture expert Dr. Tim Gray. Sign up and receive daily emails to engaged with your faith this holy season.

Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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