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Lent challenges us to question what we treasure in life



By Philip Kosloski

Jesus gives us the following motto to live by during Lent: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Lent is a unique time in the Church's calendar that focuses on detachment from the things of this world. As Jesus went into the desert to pray, so do we go into the desert to reflect on our lives and the state of our souls.

In particular, St. John Paul II commented in his message for Lent in 1980 on how Lent is a time to examine the "treasures" of our lives:

The spirit of penance and its practice impel us to **detach ourselves** sincerely from our unnecessary possessions, and even sometimes from our necessary ones, which prevent us from really "being" as God wishes us to be: **"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"**. Is our heart attached to material wealth, to power over others, to subtle ways of dominating? If so, we need Christ, the Easter Liberator, who, if we wish him to, can free us of all the bonds of sin that hold us fast.

St. John Paul II then continues by challenging us not only to identify the false treasures we cling to, but also to get rid of them:

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Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

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

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Let us prepare to allow ourselves to be enriched by the grace of the Resurrection, **by ridding ourselves of all false treasures**: the material goods that we do not need are often the very conditions for the survival of millions of human beings. Also, in addition to their bare subsistence, hundreds of millions of people are waiting for us to help them to give themselves the necessary means both for their own full human advancement and for the economic and cultural development of their countries.

In this way, we can purify our hearts through detachment and charity. We can give away our treasures so that others may prosper.

As we enter into Lent, may we ask ourselves what we truly treasure in life and try to rid ourselves of anything that might take us away from God.

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"Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect, and enlighten families."

— St. Pope John Paul II

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

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March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 | 1 Cor 1:22-25 | Jn 2:13-25

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

When I was a kid, my older siblings used to tell me what to do (no surprise there!) and often backed up their, ahem, “commands,” by saying, “Mom and Dad said so.” Interestingly, sometimes that statement was not true (!), and I would get the right information – what to do and the correct way to do it – directly from my parents. My experience is not unlike that of the Israelites in today’s first reading. As they escaped from bondage in Egypt and followed the Lord through the guidance of Moses, they developed their own ways of doing things, listened to the wrong people and acted as if they were indeed conveying truth. But the Lord steps in to correct them, and in “a direct, unmediated communication” of truth to them, gives them commandments to follow. (USCCB commentary) These instructions for how to live a moral life in relationship with God and with one another are the basis of the covenant they made there with the Lord. They are the foundation of the new covenant in which we partake through Jesus Christ, who came into our history as the perfect, unmediated communication of God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How do you envision Jesus? It’s easy to think of him as kind and easy-going – the type of person who never lets his feathers get ruffled, no matter how many times the Pharisees question and challenge him. However, we see a different side of Jesus today – one in which he is flipping over tables and brandishing a whip. He is driving out those who are using his Father’s house as a place to make money rather than as a place to worship. In the drama of that scene, let’s not overlook what comes next in the reading. The people there at the temple, obviously taken aback by what they have seen, ask for a sign to justify what authority Jesus has to drive people out of the temple. Jesus says, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” That confused people then, but we know today that the true temple is Jesus and that his rising from the dead would be the sign they sought. Just as the commandments of God have authority, so does Jesus who came as perfect obedience to those commandments to help us follow them ourselves.

PRAY It’s easy for us to think we’re doing a good job keeping the Lord’s commandments, but at the same time the line between right and wrong can seem blurred at times and we may relax a bit on some of their finer points. Try this week to dig deep within ourselves and turn to prayer for the strength to do what is right, seeking the wisdom of God rather than relying on human wisdom.



Are You Hoping 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 Genereux, 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

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Journeying Through Grief

“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 2, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Judith Mussfeldt (dec.)

Saturday, March 2, Vigil for the Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Emily Rideout (liv.)

Sunday, March 3, The Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Russell Martinson (dec.)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Lorraine Arie (dec.)

Monday, March 4, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Susan and Tom Dowler (dec.)

Tuesday, March 5, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Timothy Tully (dec.)

Wednesday, March 6, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, March 7, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Dcn. Lionel Roberts (dec.)

Friday, March 8, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Polly Leavens (dec.)

Saturday, March 9, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Barbara Hanna (dec.)

Saturday, March 9, Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. James Lawler and Patrica Sullivan (dec.)

Sunday, March 10, The Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (dec.)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Willard Gilbert Ratcliff, Jr. (dec.)

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Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday

- Personal worship .. church is open all day
- 5:30 Rosary recitation
- 6:00 Exposition and Adoration
- Concluding with Benediction ending at 7:00



Join us as your schedule permits ..
 for as little or as much time as you wish!
 Spend some 'one on one' personal time with Jesus ..
 Jesus is here ..
 Body and Blood ..
 Soul and Divinity ..
 And He's looking .. just for **YOU!**

Stewardship Prayer


*O Divine Giver of all gifts,
 grant us the daily graces we
 need to follow closely in the
 footsteps of Jesus in the way we
 live out our lives and make use
 of our gifts.*

*Daily, may we renew with You
 our small part of the world by
 allowing Your will to be accom-
 plished in and through us.*

*Help us to trust in Your love for
 us and to grow in our fidelity
 and relationship with You.*

*We thank You for the trust You
 place in us as stewards of our
 personal gifts. May the Holy
 Spirit guide us in placing our
 time, talent and treasure at the
 service of each other so that
 together we may faithfully wit-
 ness the Christian message and
 thus become Your holy people.*


Amen



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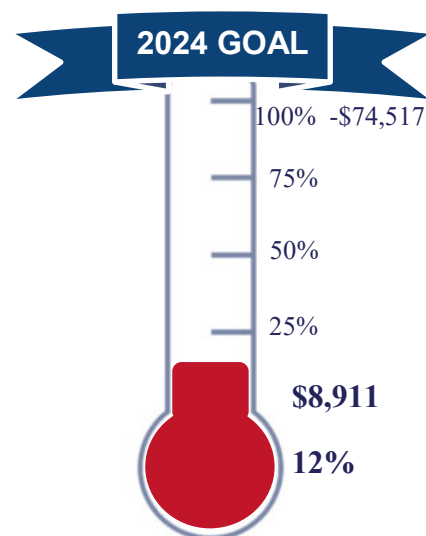
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**Thank you for your
 prayerful giving!**



Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 3 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Monday, March 4 6:30 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, March 5 10:00-11:30 am 7:00 pm	Scripture Class Knights of Columbus Meeting	CYH PH
Wednesday, March 6 8:30 am 5:30 pm. 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adoration Church opens for all day prayer Rosary Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation Benediction	CH CH CH CH
Thursday, March 7 4:00-5:00 pm 6:00 pm	SVDP Meeting Adult Choir Rehearsal	CYH-1 MR
Friday, March 8 8:30 am 5:00-7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross K.O.C. Fish Fry	CH PH
Sunday, March 10 9:00 am	K.O.C. Pancake Breakfast	PH
Monday, March 11 6:30 pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, March 12 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Wednesday, March 13 8:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adoration Church open for all day prayer Rosary Eucharistic Exposition & Meditation Benediction	CH CH CH CH
Thursday, March 14 6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
Friday, March 15 8:30 am	Stations of the Cross	CH
Saturday, March 16 7:00 pm	K.O.C. St. Pat/ St. Joe's Dinner	PH
Sunday, March 17 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Monday, March 18 6:30 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, March 19 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Wednesday, March 20	Adoration Church open for all day prayer Rosary Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation Benediction	CH CH CH CH
Thursday, March 21 4:00-5:00 pm 6:00 pm	SVDP Meeting Adult Choir Rehearsal	CYH-1 MR

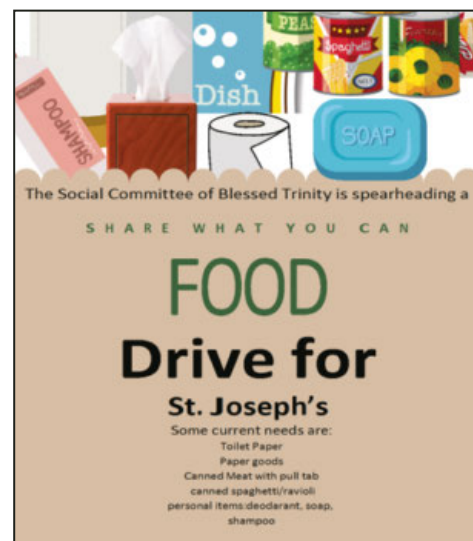
Key for Events

PH= Parish Hall, MR=Music Room,
CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church,
CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1



Lenten Fish Fry(s)

March 8 and March 22
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Parish Hall



Social Group

The Blessed Trinity Social Group meets after the 8:00 am Mass on the Last Friday of each Month. Please join us at the Kahwa coffee shop @ 400 45th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705. **Our next meeting will be in April.** Bring your ideas! All are welcome!

"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group

Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in Courtyard Hall.

All are welcome!

For more information please call 727-867-3663.



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Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic Church

Holy Week & Easter Liturgical Calendar

2024

March 23 & 24 Palm Sunday Weekend

Saturday Daily Mass 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

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

March 25, 26, 27 Daily Mass 8:00 a.m.

March 26, Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (*Note time change for the Mass*)

11:00 a.m. Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle (Also available on the Diocesan Website).

Celebrant: Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes, and the Priests, & Deacons of the Diocese

March 28, Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (There is no Mass).

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Altar of Repose for prayer and meditation.

Concluding with Night Prayer. Church closes at 9:30 p.m.

March 29, Good Friday: Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet Begins

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (There is no Mass). Church will remain open all day

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. The Lord's Passion (Singing on Good Friday is Acapella).

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Begins (Singing on Good Friday is Acapella).

March 30, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

(Note there is no 8:00 am Daily Mass and no 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass)

Morning-Decorating for Easter (*Church will be closed all morning*).

6:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet (Note Time Change this day only).

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

March 31, Easter Sunday Masses (*There will be no 6:30 a.m. Mass*).

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet

April 1-6 Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet Continues after Easter

7:00 p.m. Easter Sunday-Saturday April 6

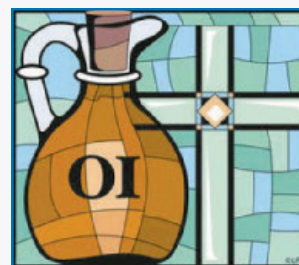
April 7, Divine Mercy Sunday Mass Schedule

Masses: 8:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. *Special Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday*), 11:30 a.m.

Arnold, Barbara
Austreng, Dick
Barr, Bill
Becker, Mary
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Christ, Kathryn
Cisek, Marilyn
Comeau, Teresa
Coston, Robert
Daniels, Joshua
DeZarn, Vickie
D'Azzo, Lina
DiStefano, Judy
Feltes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferrara, Antoinette
Fitzgerald, Dan
Gawlik, Frank
Gawlik, Sofia
Genereux, Carol
Grimberg, Carol
Hart, Mary
Hawkins, Barbara
Helbig, Len
Hoffman, Bette

Huff, Walt
Irvin, John
Joyal, Christina
Kindel, Helen
Kirchgessner, Marie
Klima, Sue
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawler, Matthew
LeVan, George
Lewis, Cynthia
Maharne, Cecile
Manley, Jan
Manley, Paul
Matthews, Daniel
Mays, Hank
Mays, Susan
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Nagy, Matthew
Newcomb, Jeff
O'Connor, Mary
Oliphant, Sean
Parmigiani, Valerie

Powers, Jim
Preeper, Helen
Riley, Marie
Romani, Angelo
Schulz, Ingrid
Shelby, Montez
Stankiewicz, Cy
Thompson, Susan E.
Vanderbeck, Cindy
Vanderbeck, Jay
Walsh, Thomas
Youngman, Ruth



Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.



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