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Moral responsibility to stop spiral of violence: Pope on Iran



Kathleen N. Hattrup - published on 03/01/26

We are faced "with the possibility of a tragedy of enormous proportions," warned Pope Leo in urging the faithful to pray for peace.

Regarding the situation in the Middle East, Pope Leo made a "heartfelt appeal" after leading the midday Angelus with the faithful in St. Peter's Square. He urged the leaders to "assume their moral responsibility to stop the spiral of violence before it becomes an irreparable abyss!" And he asked the faithful to continue to pray for peace.

He also mentioned the situation between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

While set already months ago, the Pope's intention for this month of March is a direct answer to the events of the weekend:

The March intention is:

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Here is what Pope Leo said after the Angelus.

I am following with deep concern what is happening in the Middle East and Iran at this dramatic time. Stability and peace cannot be built through mutual threats or weapons, which sow destruction, pain and death, but only through reasonable, authentic and responsible dialogue.

Faced with the possibility of a tragedy of enormous proportions, I make a heartfelt appeal to the parties involved to assume their moral responsibility to stop the spiral of violence before it becomes an irreparable abyss! May diplomacy regain its role and promote the good of peoples who yearn for peaceful coexistence based on justice. And let us continue to pray for peace.

In addition, worrying news is coming in these days of clashes between Pakistan and Afghanistan. I raise my plea for an urgent return to dialogue. Let us pray together that harmony may prevail in all conflicts throughout the world. Only peace, God's gift, can heal the wounds between peoples.



Pray with us: St. John XXIII's prayer for peace

We join the saints in praying for peace. We especially entrust to Our Lady, Queen of Peace, the intention of world peace.

In his 1963 encyclical, *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth), St. John XXIII voiced this prayer:

Let us, then, pray with all fervor for this peace which our divine Redeemer came to bring us.

May He banish from the souls of men whatever might endanger peace. May He transform all men into witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love.

May He illumine with His light the minds of rulers, so that, besides caring for the proper material welfare of their peoples, they may also guarantee them the fairest gift of peace.

Finally, may Christ inflame the desires of all men to break through the barriers which divide them, to strengthen the bonds of mutual love, to learn to understand one another, and to pardon those who have done them wrong.

Through His power and inspiration may all peoples welcome each other to their hearts as brothers, and may the peace they long for ever flower and ever reign among them.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 7, Vigil for Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Carrie Edwards (dec)

Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Yanile Sarmiento (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Violet McKay-Serrano (dec)

Monday, March 9, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Jack Sanderson (dec)

Tuesday, March 10, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Robert Smith (dec)

Wednesday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Debbie Zornow (liv)

Friday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Dcn. Ferdinand (dec)

Saturday, March 14, Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Helene Logue (dec)

Sunday, March 15, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Bernie Young (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Charlie and Peggy Cummins (dec)



**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION
EVERY
WEDNESDAY**

5:30 PM- ROSARY
6:00 PM- ADORATION
7:00 PM- BENEDICTION



March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 | Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Jn 4:5-42

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

As the Israelites wandered in the desert, Moses heard their cries and recognized their deeper need, not simply for water, but for hope. And so Moses calls upon the Lord, who gives them water in the desert, revealing his trustworthiness. In the big and little ways that we ask the same question – “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” – our loving and generous Father reminds us that he has not abandoned us and that his goodness will ultimately prevail. It’s easy to become disgruntled like the Israelites when there is great pain and suffering around us. But through the ways that we care for one another and the peace that we find in prayer, the Father reminds us that he stands with us, granting us sustenance and grace.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When Christ told the woman at the well that those who drink the water he gives will never thirst again, she thought he was offering literal water. Christ was instead revealing his own identity as the Son of God. This woman, who hears the words of Christ and knows God’s promise of a Messiah, is filled with hope as she comes to recognize that the Lord indeed was in her midst. And I find it interesting that when she told people in town of her encounter with Christ, she told them of how he saw the mistakes of her past. Jesus loved her, and called her to step into the fullness of who she could be by turning away from the past that she clung to. We live in a world where we have very real physical needs, like the Israelites who thirsted, and the need to be seen in love, like the Samaritan woman. Ultimately, at the core of both of these needs is the desire for the hope that only God can give. When we serve our neighbors and look upon others with love, we can also be the vessel through which the presence of God is made known.

WITNESS

In our world, people are constantly asking the question, “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” Reflect on one way that you can share the Good News of the Gospel through word or action to make the presence of God known to those in your community.

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CASTING A CALL TO OUR THEATER LOVERS

You are invited to join the Blessed Trinity Social Group for a matinee performance of

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The epic journey of Moses, with a message of hope and freedom Score by Stephen Swartz, his credits include Godspell and Wicked

Palm Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 pm

Mix, mingle and ticket pickup prior to the performance, in the lobby, at 1:30 pm
St. Pete City Theatre, the Little Theatre
4025 31st Street South, St. Petersburg

\$25.00 per person

Cash to Sylvia Foster after 9:30 am Mass on
March 15 or March 22 in the Parish Hall

For questions contact Sylvia, fredfost@yahoo.com



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 6:00 pm. in March
and
on Good Friday - April 3rd at 8:30 am.

Saturday 3/14
5-8pm
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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following 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.

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Catholic Ministry Appeal	\$ 10
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Offertory	\$ 15,840
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Restoring the Sacred	\$ 460
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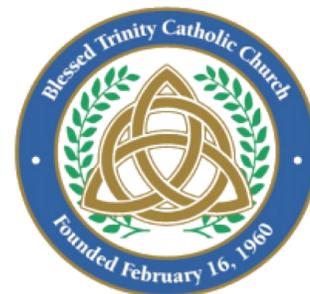
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Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 7		
2:30 pm –3:30 pm	Confessions in the Cry Room	CH
Sunday, March 8		
	Coffee & Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses	PC
Monday, March 9		
6:30 pm	Life in the Spirit	CYH
Tuesday, March 10		
10:00 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Wednesday, March 11		
	Adoration	
5:30 pm	Rosary	CH
6:00 pm–7:00 pm	Holy Hour	CH
Thursday, March 12		
5:00 pm	Handbell practice	MR
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	MR
Friday, March 13		
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	CH
Saturday, March 14		
2:30 pm –3:30 pm	Confessions in the Cry Room	CH
5:00 pm	Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Dinner	PC
Sunday, March 15		
	Coffee & Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses	PC
Monday, March 16		
6:30 pm	Life in the Spirit	CYH
Tuesday, March 17		
10:00 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Wednesday, March 18		
	Adoration	
5:30 pm	Rosary	CH
6:00 pm–7:00 pm	Holy Hour	CH
Thursday, March 19		
10:00 am	Book Club	FF
4:00 pm	SVDP Meeting	FF
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	MR
Friday, March 20		
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	CH
Saturday, March 21		
2:30 pm –3:30 pm	Confessions in the Cry Room	CH

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church,
 CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CR=Choir Room, FF=Faith Formation Room,
 PL=Parking Lot



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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, btsp.org

Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

Parish Office

Monday–Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm

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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.

Grief Support

At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office. Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed. For more information call 867-3663.

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