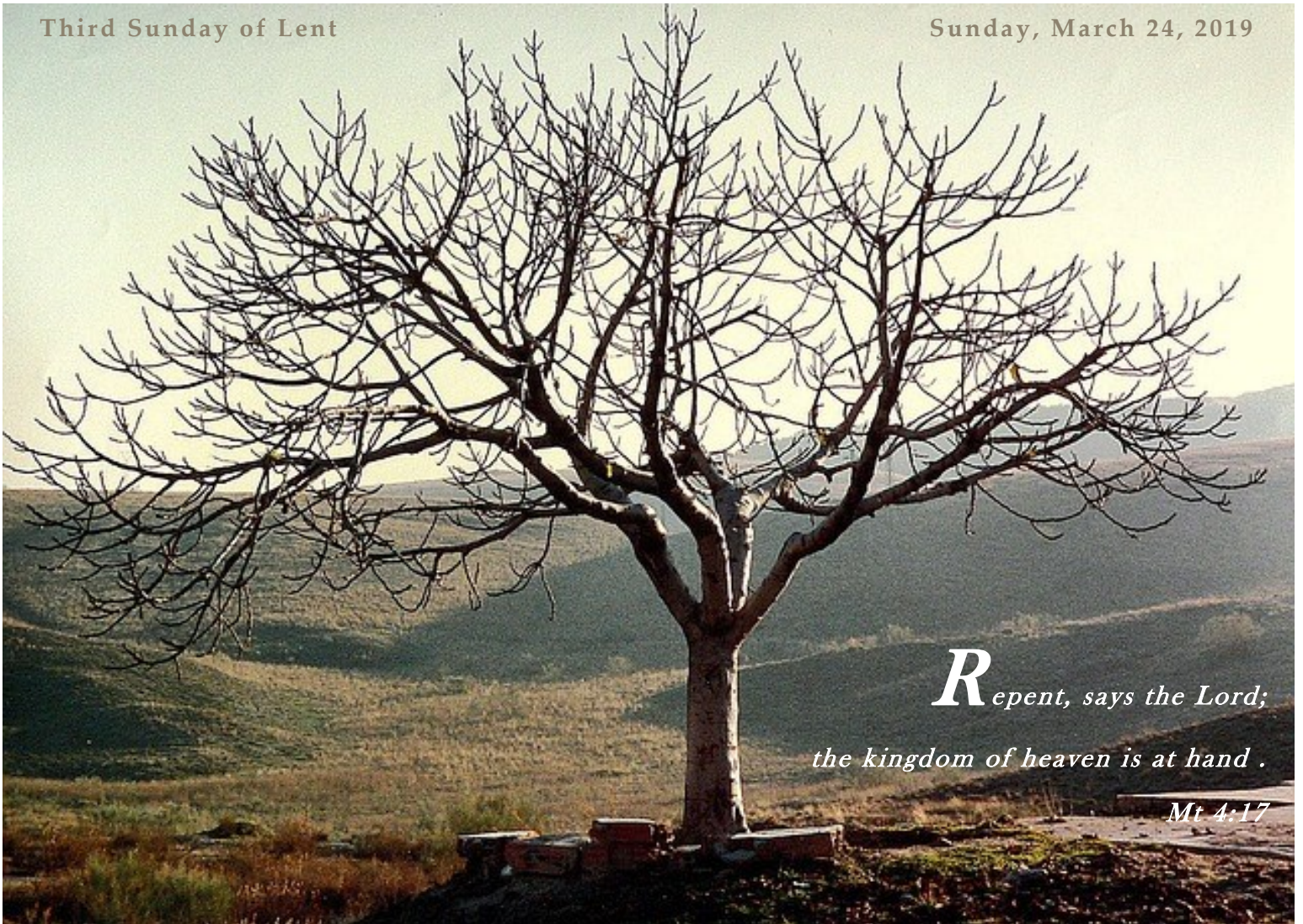


TAKE UP AND READ

ST. AUGUSTINE ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 24, 2019



*Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand .*

Mt 4:17

WONDER

A dear friend of mine likes to pray discalced, especially when it is possible to do so before the Blessed Sacrament. No, she's not a Carmelite. She just has a beautiful sense of wonder. "Remove the sandals from your feet," God says to Moses, "for the place where you stand is holy ground" (Ex 3:5). Moses encounters something — someone — wholly other than himself and is filled with wonder. "When Moses saw [the burning bush] he wondered at the sight" (Acts 7:31). And, at the command of God, he "incarnates" his wonder by removing his shoes.

We priests do the same. On Good Friday, as I come to encounter the mystery of the God who died for me, I take off my shoes as I wonder at such great love. Wonder allows us to "see" God. Wonder is the appropriate response to His presence.

TODAY'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15

Responsorial: Ps 103:1-2,3,4,6-7,8,11

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Jos 5:9a, 10-12

Responsorial: Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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WORSHIP & LITURGY

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RECONCILIATION

Sundays 9:20 am or by appt.

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THE SICK, BAPTISM

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FROM THE PASTOR

Praised be Jesus Christ. We are now in Year A for the rest of Lent and the Word of God this morning calls us to believe as the Samaritan woman believed. Jesus told her *all that she had done* and gave her a new way to live. Like the people in the town, we have to move from faith based in what others have told us to faith based in our own walk with the Lord.



Third Sunday of Lent, March 24th/ 9:30 AM Confessions and Rosary/10 AM Mass/ 3PM New members dinner/ 5 PM Youth ministry

Monday, March 25th, 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 26th. 6 PM Men's Faith Sharing/ 7PM Young Adults /8:30 PM Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 27th 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass/8:30 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, March 28th / 8:30 PM Holy Hour

Friday, March 29th, 11-7 Lenten Fish Fry/6 PM Stations

Saturday, March 30th, No morning Mass/10 Confirmation and First Communion Class/10:30 Evangelization visits

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 31st/ 9:30 AM Confessions and Rosary/10 AM Mass/ Youth Ministry at 5.

This afternoon, we will have dinner in the rectory for the new members of the parish. We are grateful for their joining the community and for bringing their portion of God's spirit to worship and serve in the parish.

Prayers. Please be praying for God's graces for those preparing for the Easter Sacraments, for First Communion and Confirmation.

Catechism class for adults. Deacon Chris teaches the class on the Catechism of the Catholic Church on **Sundays** after Mass. All are welcome to join.

On **Mondays** the Women's Bible Study meets at 6:30.

On **Tuesdays**, the Men's Faith Sharing meets at 6 PM; the Young Adults at 7 and Holy Hour at 8:30.

Lenten Bible Study Renewing Our Call to Holiness - Wednesdays. Mr. Joseph Jones, member of our parish who has a Master's degree in theology from the seminary, will lead a Bible Study on the Wednesdays of Lent. The Bible Study will begin at 6:30 and go for an hour.

On **Fridays**, Mass and Stations at 6 PM.

On **Saturday**, Confirmation preparation at 10

Lenten Penance Service. Because of some scheduling problems, we will have confessions on Sunday, April 7th at 12:30 instead of our usual penance service.

A blessed week! *Father Dan*

WONDER (Continued)

How then do we cultivate wonder? By silence. When Moses encounters God at the burning bush, he had by this time spent 40 years in the desert. He had, over those 40 years, spent an untold number of quiet nights under the stars and quiet days guiding the sheep. St. Gregory of Nyssa declares, "It is upon us who continue in this quiet and peaceful course of life that the truth will shine, illuminating the eyes of our soul with its own rays."⁴

If we desire to see God, if we desire wonder, we must, so to speak, take off our sandals. "Sandaled feet cannot ascend that height where the light of truth is seen," says St. Gregory.⁵ We must take off the sandals of noise. We must take off the sandals of distraction. We must enter into the blessed desert of silence that God might speak to our hearts (cf. Hos 2:14).

So how's our Lent? In the past three weeks, have we encountered God more or less? This week, has our devotion to our Lenten penances begun to fade? Or maybe we haven't yet gotten around to making any? Wherever you are is where you are. It's okay to be there. But it's not okay to stay there. As we begin the third week of Lent, do we need to "take off our sandals"?

What would it look like if you turned off the radio for your commute and said, "God, I just want to be with you right now"? What would it look like if you only got onto Instagram or Facebook or Snapchat every other day? Whatever our Lenten penance was or wasn't, what if we committed today to at least five minutes of that "quiet and peaceful course of life" which allows us to wonder at God?

If we want our lives to be transformed — if we want to capture the joy of wonder — we must learn to take off the sandals of our noisy world. For truly, the Kingdom of God is within us (Lk 17:21). Truly we are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19). Truly we are standing on holy ground because we are the holy ground.

Refuse to let something so small as a cell phone distract you from the wonder of who you truly are. Refuse to let something so unimportant as the radio interrupt your listening to God. Refuse to let the noise of life prevent you from being fully human.

Let me close, then, with a word from the great Dr. Tom Neal.

My first spiritual director, a Trappist monk, wrote me once that among the most important signs of a man's greatness is his capacity to be at home in silence. He said, "If you can't be at home with yourself alone and in silence, you are not yet fully human. . . . Praying demands more listening than speaking. Thinking requires a space free from noise. Friendship demands an intimacy that transcends words. There are those who have no place for inner silence and talk out of compulsion, and there are those who are at home with silence and speak deliberately with serene freedom. While the first leaves you unsettled, the second brings you peace."

Take off your sandals. Enter into silence. Live in wonder.

By Brother Brice Higgingbotham, Homiletic and Pastoral Review, March 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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LENT 2019

MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Every Friday of Lent, **6:00 pm**,
Fish Fry 11 am—7 pm

MASS & HOLY HOUR (Eucharistic Adoration and Morning Prayer)
Wed. & Sat. 8 am, Mass, 9 AM
No Mass on Mar. 29; Stations ONLY

NIGHT PRAYER, Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8:30 pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, **Mondays, 6:30 pm** with Genevieve Kocourek

MEN'S FAITH SHARING, **Tuesdays, 6:00 pm** with Deacon Chris

YOUNG ADULT'S FAITH AND SERVICE TEAM, Tues, 7 pm

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY, Renewing Our Call to Holiness, with Joseph Jones, **Wednesdays, 6:15 pm**

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, **Sundays** after Mass,
with Deacon Chris

40 DAYS 40 BAGS

If you are completing the 40 days, 40 bags challenge for Lent and have found more coffee mugs than you need Christian Service has found a new home for your coffee mug abundance.

Please bring any mugs you would like to donate to Artensia on **April 7 ONLY**.

A FREE ONLINE COURSE: THE BEAUTY OF BELIEF

The goal of The Beauty of Belief is to expose any Catholic who wishes to learn more about their faith, providing them the opportunity to build a deeper foundation on the Church's teachings. This self pace online interactive course has been designed not to deliver a high level of rigor or stress. While the course modules are rich in content, they have been designed with an understanding that everyone learns at a different pace.

This is a new and exciting venture for Sacred Heart and one that I hope will serve to support not only Sacred Heart's mission but also Archbishop Vigneron's call for all the faithful in southeast Michigan to unleash the Gospel.

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The Department of the Attorney General would like to give every victim of abuse and coverup, the ability to share more information the Attorney General toll-free hotline at 844-324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm) or send information by email, through the following link:

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Jacqueline Marshall, President
Tues, Wed. 10:30 am—1:00 pm

Pingree Park Community Association
Deacon Chris and Colleen Rabaut
3rd Saturday of the month, 4 pm in the social hall.

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