

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."



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

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.



For the Week of March 24th through
March 31st

Sunday
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Monday
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday
Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday
Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday
Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday
Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website,
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 23rd
4:00 p.m. Betty Glenn
Sunday, March 24th
8:00 a.m. Father John J. McGee
10:00 a.m. Betty Glenn
Monday, March 25th
8:30 a.m. Fr. Paul Campbell
Tuesday, March 26th
8:30 a.m. Ann Klinefelter
Wednesday March 27th
8:30 a.m. Jonathan Arrabal
Thursday, March 28th
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Friday, March 29th
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Saturday, March 30th
4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber
Sunday, March 31st
8:00 a.m. Bishop Edmund J. Fitzmaurice
10:00 a.m. Betty Glenn

REMEMBERING THE
SICK OF THE PARISH:
Remember in your prayers
the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Rosemary Keating, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.*



NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.

THERE ARE SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE WASHINGTON D.C. PILGRIMAGE TRIP ON MONDAY, MARCH 25TH - IF YOU WANT TO GO, CALL MARY JO FROHLICH TODAY AT 302-559-7766.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home



3rd Sunday of Lent – Luke 13:1-9

Reflection for Parents

Some children worry whether or not their parents will live as long as the child needs them—basically *forever!* But often, parents worry more that they will someday be a burden to their children. Once in a while, parents know they only have a short period of time left with their children and they quickly take stock of what is truly important and act accordingly. Even without this notice, it would be good to evaluate each day and be grateful for each moment we have with each other.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Make a Lenten “fruit bowl” as a family by writing down on strips of paper simple tasks that can be done during this season of Lent that “bear fruit” for God’s Kingdom. Ideas might include praying for someone who is sick, or sending a cheerful greeting to someone who is alone. Perhaps you could visit an elderly relative or do something kind for a family member. Each day, everyone in the family takes a “piece of fruit” from the bowl and tries to accomplish the task written on the strip. (Hint: If you want to make sure the suggestions are age-appropriate, you can use different colors of paper for the children and adults.)

Discussion Starters

1. One way I hear God’s word and let my life bear fruit for another person is by . . .
2. The one person in my life who is like the gardener that cares for the tree so it bears fruit is . . . They help me by . . .
3. In this story, I am most like the a) owner, b) the gardener, c) the fig tree, because . . .



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“Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.”

Sheepish Question:

Where do I look for — and respect — God’s presence?

LENTEN ACTIVITIES



JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

March 29: Jesus Is Given Help –
Simon and Veronica

Beginning at 6:00pm – Parish Hall

Soup & Bread Lenten Meal Follows

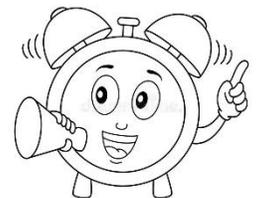
JOURNEY TO THE CROSS - LENTEN MEALS

IT’S TIME TO CALL!

SOUP DONATIONS ARE
NEEDED for Fridays of Lent,

March 29 and April 5,

12. You are asked to make a homemade, meatless soup in a personal crock pot and bring it with one loaf of artisan bread to the hall on your chosen night. If you can contribute, call Becky Davis at 410-778-3160 or e-mail her at: sacredparish@gmail.com. Your support and contributions to this effort are appreciated.



Encounter Dhathcroos Family



The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Weeks Ending March 10th and March 17th Weeks 37 and 38

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John's are made possible. "Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 3/10 Wk. 37	\$6,645	\$500	\$6,346	\$799
YTD Wk. 37	\$181,097	\$46,923	\$234,802	-\$6,782
Offertory 3/17 Wk. 38	\$5,566	\$500	\$6,346	-\$280
YTD Wk. 38	\$186,663	\$47,423	\$241,148	-\$7,062

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal – "AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU, YOU SHOULD ALSO DO"

During the weekend of April 6 & 7, our parish will participate in the 2019 diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. This year's theme,

"As I have done for you, you should also do", is taken from the Gospel of St. John when he recounts Jesus washing the feet of His Disciples. It is through this role of servant that Jesus gives us a model to follow. But following Christ is no easy task because it means that we must put all others before ourselves. One way we can live our praise of the Lord is by our actions, and by sharing our abundance with those who have less.

Funds generated through the Appeal support the work of the Church by responding to a myriad of human needs within our diocese. Participation in the Appeal helps to keep the spirit of Christ alive in the hearts that need Him most - the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly. Please take a moment to consider the many blessings that God has bestowed upon you and prayerfully consider what you are able to share in support of our diocesan Church. To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal



"The reality is that the world hunger crisis IS surmountable. There are enough sustainable food resources, processing potential and distribution know-how to feed everyone. The Rise Against Hunger meal packing program is recognized as a viable solution to combat hunger among the world's most impoverished."

Donations for this project may be placed in the regular collection in an envelope marked "Rise Against Hunger". Please, make checks payable to Sacred Heart parish and write Rise Against Hunger on the memo line.

To volunteer to help with local fundraising and/or the meal packaging event here in Chestertown (Fall 2019) contact: Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243 or wmandersonfamily@verizon.net.

For more information about Rise Against Hunger, visit their website at www.riseagainsthunger.org.

"In as much as you have done it for the least of these my brothers, you have done it unto me." Mathew 25:40

SAINTS OF MARCH

MARCH 24 – OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO

Óscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdámez was born in the small town of El Salvador known as Ciudad Barrios in 1917. From a very early age Óscar knew he wanted to be a priest. He left home at the age of 14, traveling by horse to the large city where he could study.

He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of San Salvador in 1942 and quickly became a popular, well-known parish priest and editor of his diocesan newspaper. In 1967, he went to work for the bishops of El Salvador and soon became Bishop of Santiago de Maria.

One day in 1975, soldiers raided a village in his diocese and killed many innocent people, claiming they were looking for hidden weapons. Bishop Romero was horrified. At the funerals of these villagers, he spoke about people's human rights and how the military was wrong in the things they did. He even wrote to the country's president.

When he became Archbishop of San Salvador, the nation's capital, the government began to turn on the Church, arresting priests and sending them to other countries, and killing people who protested against the leadership. Archbishop Romero excommunicated the murderers, announcing they could not receive Sacraments in the Church. The government closed Catholic schools, and more priests were tortured and killed, as were teachers of religion. Even possessing a Bible or a hymnbook became illegal.

Protest for change must always take place within Gospel teaching, Archbishop Romero told the people of his country, asking them not to be violent. Soon, despite support from many other countries in the world, the archbishop became the target of the Salvadoran government's anger.

On March 24, 1980, he was gunned down by an unknown assassin while celebrating Mass in a small hospital chapel. The day before, he had asked Salvadoran soldiers to obey God and not the government.

More than 250,000 Salvadorans attended his funeral, during which a bomb exploded and more people were killed.

In 2010, the government of El Salvador formally apologized for the assassination of Archbishop Óscar Romero.

In February of 2015, Pope Francis declared Archbishop Romero a martyr. The Church formally beatified him on May 23, 2015. On October 14, 2018, he was canonized, or named a saint of the Church.

