



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

March 23rd & 24th

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT -- THE VIEW FROM THE CROSS

"I want you to remember this..." —1 Corinthians

When you're talking with Jesus, it seems like He's always changing the subject to repentance. You might mention how tragic the destruction of the Twin Towers was (see Lk 13:4). Jesus somehow maneuvers the conversation to our need to reform (see Lk 13:4-5). You might mention to Him how pretty your Church building looks (see Mk 13:1ff). But Jesus turns the conversation into the need to be watchful and on guard against tragedy and sin. You're hard at work, and Jesus talks about reforming your life (Mt 4:17). Why is repentance always on the tip of His tongue?

The answer to this question lies in trying to put yourself into Jesus' sandals. Imagine walking around for at least three years knowing that you would stretch out your hands and have them nailed to a cross so that others would repent. Picture yourself tied to a pillar and being cruelly whipped until you pass out — to pay the penalty for other people's sins. Imagine hanging in excruciating agony in place of people who could care less whether they sin or not. Now imagine having a heart of passionate love for each person who has no interest in repentance. You're getting a glimpse of Jesus' perspective on the importance of repentance.

If you had to suffer all this, you'd change the subject too. You wouldn't want even one person to lose their soul if you had suffered that much so they could be saved. Be like Jesus and "proclaim this theme: 'Reform your lives!' " (Mt 4:17)

Prayer: Jesus, may Your death never be in vain for anyone. I will spend my life leading others to You and to repentance.

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sun, March 17 - 8.30 am +Henry & Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler

Mon, March 18 - 7:30 am +Henry & Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler

Wed, Mar 20 - 6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Thurs, March 21 - 7:30am +Henry & Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler

Friday, March 22 - 7:30am +Henry and Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Sat, March 23 - 5:30pm +Henry and Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler

Church Cleaning for March

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joannie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, Adela Kotara, Melanie Hinson, and Karen Brown

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Dylan Stafford, Lynita Brown and Phillip Ollinger

Family Chalice Program

March 30/31 Bill and Linda Bohr

April 6/7 Nick Kuehler Family

April 13/14 Alice Kuehler

April 20/21 Clifton and Susan Britten

April 27/28 Keith Barkley Family

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 23rd Melvin Wills and Patrick Detten

March 25th Russell Conrad, Doris Britten and Jessica Britten

Stewardship Reports

03/17/19

Individual	\$1,540.00
Loose	\$ 325.00
Children	\$ 9.00
Total	\$1,874.00

03/17/19 Building Fund

Individual	\$ 460.00
Loose	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 470.00

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Mar 23rd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown & John Connelly

Sunday, Mar 24th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Owen and Hugh

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Barbara Homer & Joannie Kling

Saturday, Mar 30th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Braxton and Zady

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten & Vanessa Eugea

Sunday, Mar 31st, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Jackson and Wesley

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten, Marla Britten & Melanie K Britten

Saturday, Apr 6th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers:

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten, Kevin Brown

Sunday, Apr 7th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers:

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler, Sandie Hickey, & Susan Britten

Saturday, Apr 13th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers:

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown, John Connelly

Sunday, Apr 14th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers:

Lectors: TYM

Extraor. Com. Minister: Tabitha Eggemeyer, Vanessa Eugea, & Michele Bohr

Announcements:

Second Collection:

Mar 31st The Catholic Relief Services Collections

Christian Mothers Meetings:

April 8th in the Parish Hall @ 6:30pm

TYM: TYM will be serving breakfast this on the 31st.

Flower Sales will be April 27th and 28th with TYM breakfast the 28th May breakfast will be served on the 12th.

Teens wanting to go to ACTS Retreat June 27-30 need to speak with the leaders. This is a wonderful retreat for all teens, and parents your teens might need some encouragement to attend. We will pay ½ the registration fee! Please visit with if your teen would like to go! The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference this year has been moved to June 7-9 at the Amarillo Civic Center we hope to get a group of kids to go.... If your child knows for sure they can go please let us know.

Contact: Cara Ashford at ashfordcar@gmail.com, if you have information for the bulletin.

Announcements:

*Wednesday, April 3rd – 6pm CCD Classes and 7:00pm Parish Lenten confessions

*Wednesday, April 17 No CCD Classes

*Wednesday, May 1, Last Day of CCD with Party

*Sunday, May 5th – First Holy Communion at 8:30am Mass St. Monica decorate and Little Flower will organize food and drinks

*Sunday, May 12 – Confirmation at 8:30am By our Bishop Patrick J. Zurek followed by TYM Mother's Day Breakfast and reception for confirmation kids.

*Sunday, May 19 – Graduation Mass at 8:30am Mass, Little Flower decorate, St. Monica organize food and drinks

*Sunday, June 9th – Picnic Mass at 11:00am at the Mr. Chris Ranch

***Lenten Fasting:** Humanity's "Fall" away from God and into sin began with eating. God had proclaimed a fast from the fruit of only one tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17), and Adam and Eve broke it. Fasting is here connected with the very mystery of life and death, of salvation and damnation. Food perpetuates life in this physical world, which is subject to decay and death. But God "created no death." (Wis. 1:13) Humanity, in Adam and Eve, rejected a life dependent on God alone for one that was dependent rather on "bread alone." (Dt. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) The whole world was given to man as a kind of food, as a means to life, but "life" is meant as communion with God, not as food. ("Their god is their belly." Phil. 3:19) The tragedy is not so much that Adam ate food, but that he ate the food for its own sake, "apart" from God and to be independent of Him. Believing that food had life in itself and thus he could be "like God." And he put his faith in food. This kind of existence seems to be built on the principle that man does indeed live "by bread alone."

Christ, however, is the new Adam. At the beginning of his ministry in the Gospel of Matthew, we read, "When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He became hungry." Hunger is that state in which we realize our dependence on something else—when we face the ultimate question: "on what does my life depend?" Satan tempted both Adam and Christ, saying: Eat, for your hunger is proof that you depend entirely on food, that your life is in food. Adam believed and ate. Christ said, "Man does NOT live by bread alone." (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on the world. Thus, for the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective, then, the spirit must be a part of it. Christian fasting is not concerned with losing weight. It is a matter of prayer and the spirit. And because of that, because it is truly a place of the spirit, true fasting may well lead to temptation, and weakness and doubt and irritation. In other words, it will be a real fight between good and evil, and very likely we shall fail many times in these battles. But the very discovery of the Christian life as "fight" and "effort" is an essential aspect of fasting.