

March 24, 2019 - Third Sunday of Lent

From the Pastor

Parable of the Prodigal Son, Part 1

The Gospel from the Saturday of the second week of Lent recounts the parable of the Prodigal Son. This Gospel passage touchingly shows the depth of God's boundless love for us and gives us great courage to convert. In the parable, the younger son asks for his inheritance, which the father gives him. He quickly sets out to live a riotous life (Latin: *luxuriouse*, meaning impure), and almost as quickly, runs out of money. When famine befalls the land, he is reduced to eating the fodder of swine.

Alone, penniless and saddened by his plight, he decides to return home and beg for a job on his father's farm, where the workers eat better than he does. He is not sorry for what he has done; he is sorry for the conditions he is suffering. One might say he has attrition, which is sorrow because of the punishment, as opposed to contrition, which is sorrow for offending the one he loves.

He thought that once he got home, he would be humiliated and have to beg for a job. It does not happen that way. While still a long way off, the father, who was watching and waiting for him, comes running out to receive him and embraces and kisses him with tears of joy. The son offers his apology but the father responds by asking for a fatted calf to be slaughtered in celebration. There are no recriminations, no moral lessons drawn or preached; the past is forgotten; there is nothing but joy: "Let us eat and celebrate because this son on mine was dead and returned to life. He was lost and is found." (Luke 15:32) The son did not expect such a welcome because he did not know his own father. He had no idea of the breadth and width, height and depth of his father's love for him.

God loves us. He is waiting for us. He wants us to be converted. Even before there is true sorrow, He is ready to forgive. When we experience such love, our hearts desire to return love for love. Through the sacrament of confession, attrition for sin becomes perfect contrition. God will help us be converted if we accept His grace in our hearts. We have to leave behind sinful behavior and go to confession. It is often our sad plight that we hit rock bottom before we realize God's great love for us.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Way of the Cross, 6:30 p.m. every Friday in Lent

Plenary indulgence may be gained.

Announcements

Church hours for private prayers. The church is open for private prayer as noted below.

Fridays & Saturdays, 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Noon-5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Bookstore kiosk, open Sundays between the morning Masses unless noted otherwise below.

Legion of Mary, 7 p.m. Mondays in the large meeting room unless noted otherwise below.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 6:40 p.m. every Wednesday.

Schola Practice, 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the small room. Open to all men interested in joining the schola.

Tower of David Study Group, every Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Other groups and ministries. See bulletin board or parish Groups and Ministries webpage for information.

2019 DSF Campaign. PARISH GOAL \$10,000. PLEDGED TO DATE \$1,675.

DSF funds over 60 programs that benefit the faithful in our area. Each parish is expected to meet goal, and if the goal is not met, the shortage will be financed out of operating cash. Please complete a pledge card and mail it in the envelope provided or make a donation online at archgh.org/dsf. *Please check if your company will match your contribution, thereby increasing your gift.* If Regina Caeli is not your home parish, you may still donate on our behalf by adding our name to the pledge card and listing the amount you want allocated to the parish. Thank you for participating in DSF. More on DSF can be found at archgh.org/dsf.

Low Gluten Hosts. If you require low gluten host, please see the instructions on the bulletin board.

Virtus Training, mandatory for those who work with children in the parish. More on our parish website.

TODAY: Knights of Columbus members will be available after the Sunday Masses to answer questions about the Admissions Degree exemplification for newest members, which will be held at 5:30 p.m., Mar. 30.

Mon., Mar. 25, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

~ Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. For those participating in the 33-day Consecration to Jesus through Mary, the consecration prayer will be recited after each Mass.

~ Legion of Mary meeting cancelled. Re-scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wed., March 27.

Wed., Mar. 27, 7 p.m., Legion of Mary re-scheduled meeting.

Sat., Mar. 30, 5:30 p.m., Admissions Degree exemplification for new members of the Knights of Columbus.

Lenten Almsgiving Practice for Children to benefit capital campaign. Church banks available for children who want to participate. Banks to be returned on Palm Sunday, Apr. 7.

Lenten Food Drive, through Apr. 7. Please drop off nonperishable food in the bins in the hallway. Food will be distributed to St. Maximilian Kolbe Food Pantry in the Cy-Fair area. Sponsored by the Little Flowers Group.

Altar Flower Donations for Easter. Please consider making a cash or check donation for flowers to adorn the chapel during Eastertide. Donations box is on the hall table. Thank you!

NEW TIME FOR FRIDAY MASS TIME AT UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

10:10 a.m., effective March 29, 2019

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Mar. 24 – 30, 2019

Sun., 3/24, Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m., Clive Staples Lewis †

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Rev. Sean Davidson

Mon., 3/25, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m., John Davidson

* 8:00 a.m., Cancelled

7:00 p.m., Private intention

Tues., 3/26, Tuesday of Third Week in Lent

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Chris Leuthold †

Wed., 3/27, Wednesday of Third Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., Francis Truong †

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 3/28, Thursday of Third Week of Lent

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Anna Lac Hoang

Fri., 3/29, Friday of Third Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., Anna Xuan Nguyen

Sat., 3/30, Saturday of Third Week of Lent

* 6:30 a.m., Cancelled

7:30 a.m., Dominic Truong Tran

* Mass is subject to cancellation if a second priest is not available. Advance notice will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

First Friday of each month, there is an additional public Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion.

First Saturday of each month, the 7:30 a.m. Mass includes First Saturday devotion.



Directory

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Contacts for other groups

Please check the bulletin boards or go to the parish website and click on Groups/Ministries

Sacraments

Please check the parish website for more information.

Infant baptism—contact parish at least one month before due date.

Marriage—contact parish eight months before proposed date.

Introibit Rex Gloriam Capital Campaign

Minimum goal: \$2,500,000
Pledged & gifted to date
\$2,318,320

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Mass Schedule

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (High), 5:30 p.m. Rosary 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass
Mon., Wed., Fri.	6:30 a.m.
Tues., Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
Saturdays	7:30 a.m.

Adoration Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.

Confession 30 minutes before each Mass; ends 5 minutes before Mass starts

Vespers Sundays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass