

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Third Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018



“Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to the grace in which we stand and we boast in hope of the glory of God... ‘If you knew the gift of God.’”

One of the most dangerous liabilities in our lives is found in the area of presumption. So many things are taken for granted. Don't let that happen this Lent. We have been gifted with faith allowing us to experience great peace. Through this gift we have a strong relationship with God and a loving relationship with others. God's grace, His very life which flows and fills us, is a gift offered over and over through the sacraments. Ask for it.

Besides being an unmerited gift of God, it is something offered, but must be accepted. It is hard to receive a gift if my hands are closed or formed into a fist. I begin this third week of Lent, opening my hands and heart to the gift of God's grace that He is offering me today. Reach out for it. Like the Samaritan woman, I want to discover this great gift in my life. Perhaps as I shake someone's hand this week, or reach for a doorknob, I will remember to reach out and ask for God's amazing grace.

**FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS &
SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Saturday, March 3 *USA: Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin* *Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)*

12:10 p.m. Marian Hartill

5:30 p.m. Kathleen Murphy O'Connor

Sunday, March 4 *The Third Sunday of Lent*

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17, 1 Cor 1:22-25,

Jn 2:13-25(29) or, for Year A, Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8,

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28)

9:00 a.m. Peggy Courtney

11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Susana G. Francisco

Monday, March 5 *2 Kgs 5:1-15b, Lk 4:24-30 (237)*

12:10 a.m. Alexander B. McKeveny

Tuesday, March 6 *Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35 (238)*

12:10 p.m. Dillion Pozucek (Living)

Wednesday, March 7 *Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs, Dt 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19 (239)*

12:10 p.m. Grace Pozucek (Living)

Thursday, March 8 *Saint John of God, Religious*
Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23 (240)

12:10 p.m. Joseph Santos

Friday, March 9 *Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*
Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34 (241)

12:10 p.m. Laura Payeur

Saturday, March 10 *Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14 (242)*

12:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

SECOND COLLECTION

March 10th – 11th

Support the Catholic Relief

Services Collection

Your donation will help Jesus in disguise through providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief to learn how you are making a difference.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.

LECTIO DIVINA

Looking for a way to draw closer to the Lord during this Lenten Season? Consider the practice of *Lectio Divina*, or "Holy Reading."

This traditional practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer, and contemplation is intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of Sacred Scripture, the Living Word of God that gives life to all His people.

A group will meet for *Lectio Divina* each Tuesday evening during Lent at 7:00pm in the Parish House. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact the parish office.

OUR COLLECTION

Collection for

February 24th and 25th, 2018

By Mass as follows:

5:30 pm: \$767

9:00 am: \$1,677

11:30 am: \$2,416

6:00 pm: \$1,349

Sunday Masses Total: \$6,209

WeShare: \$45

Faith Street: \$1,360

Grand Total: \$7,614

WELCOME OUR NEW PARISH SECRETARY!!

JESSIE VACCARO



Please stop by the church office and personally welcome her to St. Joseph's Church.

CATHOLIC CENTER CLOSED

The Catholic Center will be closed

March 12th – 16th

due to spring break.

Saturday, March 3rd

at the Catholic Center at NYU

Mass at noon

The Triune God:

**The Central Mystery of the Christian
Faith**

Fr. John Baptist Ku, OP,

of the Pontifical Faculty of the

Immaculate Conception

Two lectures to follow at 1:00 PM & 2:30
PM

With a break for refreshments

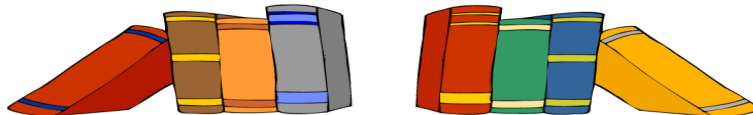
PAPERBACK BOOK DRIVE

March 10th-11th

Please bring gently used paperbacks in the following categories only:

English Dictionaries, Spanish/English Dictionaries, Thesauruses,
Comic Books, Graphic Novels, Sudoku/Puzzles,
Yoga, Mass Market/Mysteries/Thrillers

No underlining/notes or heavily worn books please.



Donations will be delivered to NYC BOOKS THROUGH BARS -which provides books to indigent incarcerated men and women throughout the United States.

If you have any questions, please contact Emlyn at: EMileafPatel@gmail.com

CHORAL MUSIC FOR LENT AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

11:30 AM MASS

Sunday, March 4

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

(Kyrie) Requiem by Gabriel Fauré

Locus ist (This is God's house) by Anton Bruckner

Hide Not Though Thy Face From Us, O Lord by Richard Farrant

Sunday, March 11

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Kyrie) Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

For God so loved the world by Joel Martinson, Amazing Grace by Peter Schickele

Sunday, March 18

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Kyrie) Missa brevis by Andrea Gabrieli Schaffe in mir,

Gott, ein rein Herz (Create in me, O God, a pure heart) by Johannes Brahms

The true glory by Peter Aston

Miserere mei Deus (Have mercy upon me, O God) by Antonio Lotti

Sunday, March 25

PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna Filio David (Hosanna to the Son of David) by Tomás Luis de Victoria

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (Gregorian Chant)

My God, my God, look upon me by Malcom Archer

O vos omnes (O you people) by Pablo Casals

Christus factus est (Christ became obedient) by Anton Bruckner

CHOIR OF ST. JOSEPH

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