

The weekly bulletin of

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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Steve Burke

Howard Schneider

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 pm (English)

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday

7:30 am (Vietnamese)

9:30 am (English)

11:30 am (Vietnamese)

1:30 pm (English)

Weekdays

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am (Bilingual)

RECTORY OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm

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Third Sunday of Lent – Year B

An old story is told like this:

After Mass one Sunday, a person came to his parish priest and said that he would leave the parish and the church.

He gave a long list of reasons for his decision. Most of the participants at Sunday celebration were hypocrites. He had seen many people attending Mass without paying attention to what was going on. During the celebration, people used their cell phone to do something else. Some people only wanted to read the missal, not paying attention to any part of the Mass. Others slept during the ceremony. Countless people impatiently checked their watches as if the Mass went longer than expected. Children were everywhere. They made noise with their toys; they cried and were loudly admonished. The noise children made took away calmness that is needed for the Eucharistic celebration.

The priest replied: "Before you leave the church, I would ask you to do one thing for me. Hold glass full of water and make three rounds around the church during Mass, but please do not let a drop of water fall to the ground." He accepted and did it at the next Mass.

After the Mass, he went to the priest and told him that he had done it without spilling a single drop of water. The priest then asked him: "So when you went around the church, did you hear anything from the children? Did you hear the cell phone ring? Did you notice any action or movement of the Mass participants?" He replied that because he had to keep a glass of water from spilling, he did not hear or see anything.

Today's Gospel, John 2: 13-25, tells us about Jesus' act of cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem. After turning upside down all the table and stuffs, Jesus told traders and money changers: "*Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace.*" (John 2:16) Through the Gospel, we understand that the Lord's house must be a holy place, a place that is clear from unworthy deeds and thoughts. Also, it is a place that has no room for worldly attachments.

Sometimes in our spiritual life, we stray from God. We do not recognize that is our own fault, and blame others instead. We believe that our soul is where God dwells. So how do we prepare a place for God to dwell?

May this Lenten season help each one of us to see more clearly about ourselves. May all the unworthiness be removed from the soul of each one of us.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

LOVED. HEALED. ANOINTED: Holy Child Jesus Parish Mission

Holy Child Jesus Parish will be hosting "Loved. Healed. Anointed.", a Lenten Mission conducted by ARISE Chicago. Fr. Matt O'Donnell and Fr. Bradley Zamora will preach on the weekend of Saturday, March 6 and Sunday, March 7. They will lead the two-day Lenten Mission on Monday, March 8 and Tuesday, March 9 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

How can we set aside for time for God? Be more deeply in relationship with Christ? Live our day-to-day lives rooted in God's love? The stories of the Gospel will come alive through story and song as we embark on a journey of discipleship to remind us that we are loved, healed, and anointed.

You may either register online or by calling the parish office at (773) 764-0615. The mission will also be live streamed on the Holy Child Jesus Parish Facebook page,

Please consider joining fellow Holy Child Jesus parishioners as we explore these questions and discover how we can experience and preach the Good News. We look forward to you joining us!

WILDCAT ROARING RACES!

Wildcat Roaring Races is Northside Catholic Academy's virtual fundraiser. The races are held, and the prizes are posted on the Wildcat Roaring Facebook group for anyone to win. You will have a 1-25 chance to win every race you enter. There are lots of great prizes posted every week!

Here's how it works: items are posted with a picture, description and line price in the Wildcat Roaring Races Facebook group. If you are interested, you will click on the link provided in the group, and the link will direct you to order and pay for your races. Races are hosted via Facebook Live in the Facebook group on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

Please invite your family and friends to join our private Facebook.. Don't miss out on this fun opportunity to win a variety of prizes!

Tell your family and friends and click the link below to join our Wildcat Roaring Races Facebook group today!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wildcatsroaringraces>.

COLLECTION REPORT

February 28, 2021

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$3,697.00
Loose Money	\$4,616.25
Total Collection	\$8,313.25
Variance.....	(\$628.75)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	56



Every Friday Evening in Lenten Season

6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross (Vietnamese)

7:00 pm

Mass (Bilingual)

7:40 pm

Exposition and Stations of the Cross (English)

PARISH COUNSELING PROGRAM

Our Parish Counseling Program provides confidential, nurturing and goal-oriented support for parishioners who've experienced depression, anxiety, grief or other challenges. Counseling can be helpful when you:

- feel more sad or anxious than you want to feel
- have lost a job or struggle with problems at work
- experience difficult feelings because of COVID-19
- have challenges with relationships
- have experienced the loss of someone close
- have trouble adjusting to change or transition
- desire a closer relationship with your spouse or partner
- want to bring a new sense of purpose and meaning to your life

Counseling services are provided by Mike McCauley, MA, LPC, who is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a psychotherapy resident at Claret Center. Spanish-language counseling is available from Aleja Sastoque, who is a psychotherapy intern at Claret. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact Mike at 773-234-4640 or mikemccauley.claret@gmail.com. You can also visit Mike's Web Profile [at this link](#).





Fr. Matt O'Donnell
Pastor, St. Columbanus
Chicago



Fr. Bradley Zamora
Director of Worship
Mundelein Seminary

LOVED. HEALED. ANOINTED.

Holy Child Jesus Parish Mission with Arise Preaching

Monday, March 8 and Tuesday, March 9
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The stories of the Gospel will come alive through story and song as we embark on a journey of discipleship to remind us that we are LOVED. HEALED. ANOINTED. This mission affords us an opportunity to set away some time to root ourselves more deeply in relationship with Christ and challenge us to live our lives day to day rooted in God's love. We experience God's love through the waters of baptism, we are healed through the mercy of reconciliation and we are anointed for our appointed journey to preach the Good News.

www.arisepreaching.com

REFLECTION ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.

*Cleanse our hearts, Child Jesus, to shine as thine
Dwell in this temple's heart, dwell within mine
Be with us, Holy Child, console us in our days
Make our paths straight, help us amend our ways
Gird us with the armor to ward off the foe
Grant us grace to bear our crosses, guide us to grow
Help us live out the Word, incarnate in you
Through the intercession of Mary, St. Joseph, and the Spirit of Truth
Pray for us Santo Niño, Divinity in youth! Amen!*

CYCLES OF FAITH

3rd Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

BAPTISMS

+Maya Luna Melgarejo,

daughter of Max & Judy (Cacillas), received new life in the Lord through the waters of Baptism this past weekend. May her parents and godparents be a light to her life.



First a howling
blizzard woke us,
Then the rain came
down to soak us,
And now before the
eye can focus...
Crocus.



6 WORSHIP CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 7 3rd Sunday of Lent

Vietnamese

7:30 am Cầu cho linh hồn Anphongso và
Đaminh
Cầu cho linh hồn Phêrô

English

9:30 am Barbara Isccason
Christopher Murtaugh

Vietnamese

11:30 am Xin tạ ơn Chúa
Cầu cho linh hồn Phêrô Lê Văn Liễn
(Lễ giỗ).

English

1:30 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Monday, March 8 St. John of God

8:00 am Violeta Alzona
Virginia Luciano
Cầu cho linh hồn Gioan Baotixita
Maria, Matthew và Anna

Tuesday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome

8:00 am Alyce Potucek
Romeo Alzona, Sr.
Cầu cho linh hồn Gioan Baotixita
Maria, Matthew và Anna

Wednesday, March 10

8:00 am Josephine Gentile
Cầu cho linh hồn Giuse Lương Hồng Hải
(Lễ giỗ).

Thursday, March 11

8:00 am Rachel Guerra
Cầu cho linh hồn Giuse Trần Hữu Lợi
Cầu cho linh hồn Anna Bùi Thị Nhi

Friday, March 12

8:00 am Cầu cho hai linh hồn Giuse
7:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Saturday, March 13

8:00am For the soul of Tomas Vargas

English

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Cầu cho linh hồn Giuse Nguyễn Văn
Khang

Sunday, March 14 4th Sunday of Lent

Vietnamese

7:30 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

9:30 am Bob Mahoney

Vietnamese

11:30 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

1:30 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made
at least three months in advance.

Baptism: Sunday, 3:00 pm

2nd in English
3rd in Vietnamese

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

1st & 3rd in English
2nd & 4th in Vietnamese

R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic
Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

HOLY HANDS

Call the Rectory office for assistance.



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: sm office spaces \$300-\$600/mo, perfect for 1-8 person office,
quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or
Neal.gallo.gzm@statefarm.com; 3 bdrm, 1500 sq ft, 3rd fl, Peg, 773-274-
7534;

FOR SALE: 2003 silver Malibu, 67,112 mi, 773-764-3789.