

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

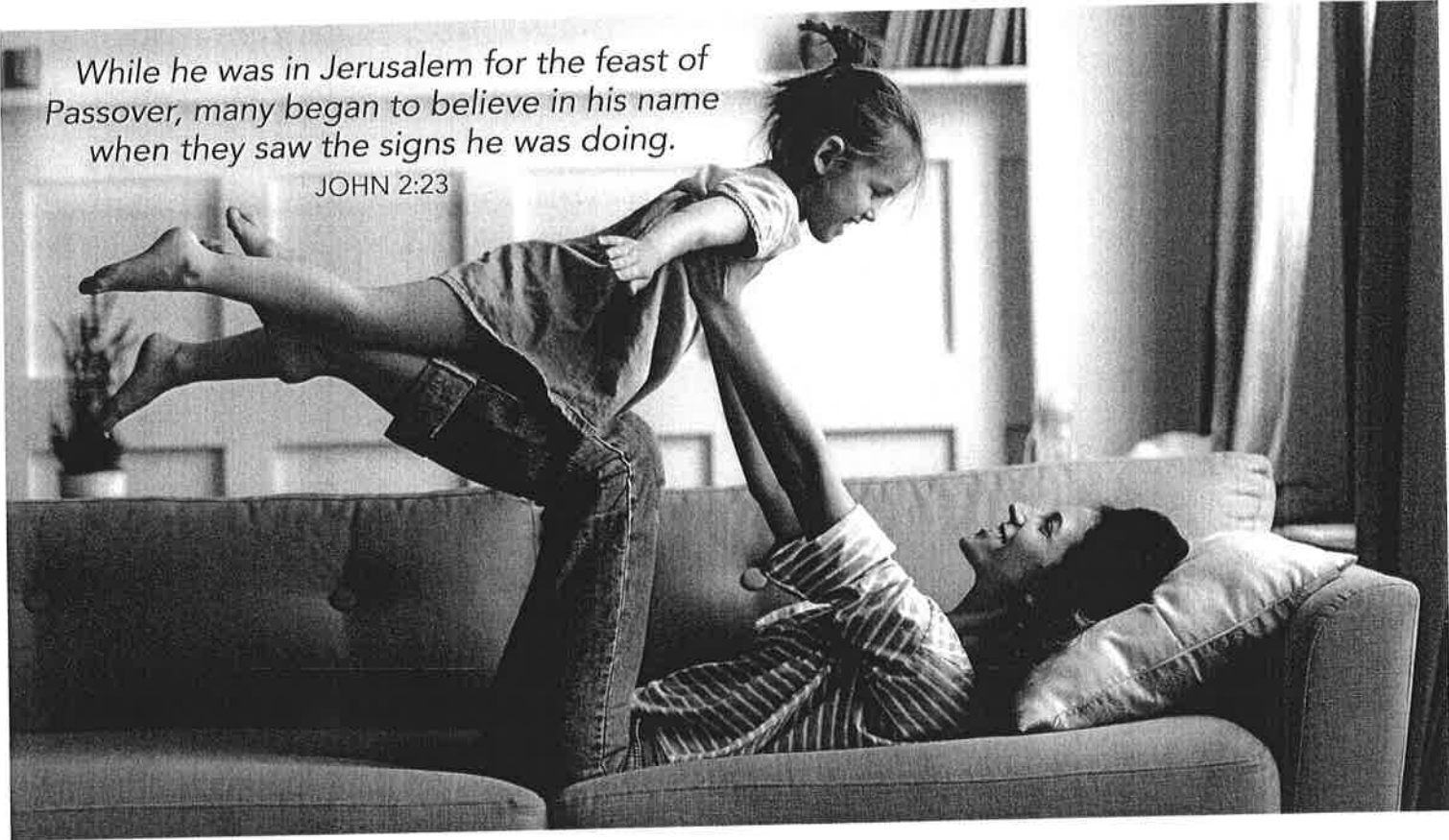
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.

JOHN 2:23



The Long Arm of the Law

Eventually you're going to get caught. That's what this expression means. And that is pretty much how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will get them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. The psalm verses for today insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People.

People who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said: "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the directives for flying a plane are what are uppermost. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- * The laws in today's first reading deal with basic living. Which ones seem to be the hardest to live by? Why?
- * Which laws give you the most support as you try to live with integrity?

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." [John 2: 14-16]

In John's gospel, Jesus had just come from a wedding feast in Cana into Jerusalem at Passover. Why does the obedient son and kind, gentle prophet seem to go berserk? The Temple was the sacred dwelling of God, where pleasing sacrifice could be offered, one could be forgiven, protected and assured of God's presence. But slowly, the outer courtyard of this place of holiness had been corrupted by ancient-day "scalpers" who charged extra and took advantage of the poor coming into the Temple area to make their offering; they had to exchange their Roman money for the Hebrew coins in order to purchase the sacrificial animals. The unabashed idolization of wealth and greed had taken over an area intended to be a sanctuary for worship and communal enrichment. What had been designed as the house for God had evolved into a refuge for thieves.

Jesus' cleansing of the temple is symbolic. His radical gesture at the peak of Passover had the singular intent of waking up Jewish leaders to see the emptiness of their sacrificial offerings that were made on the backs of the poor. What Jesus exposes is a religion that has been co-opted by market forces. In its place he offers "the temple of his body," a new kind of life that can deliver people from greed and endless self-regard, a temple that radiates compassion, embodies service, and cares for the helpless. Consider the temple of our own bodies now. Are we ready to be cleansed of superficial faith that seeks its own comfort?

Question of the week: Will I trust Jesus to cleanse the temple of my heart? How am I doing at setting aside time to encounter the Lord each day? Does my soul need spring-cleaning?

Fr. Bob Cushing

(Fr. Bob Cushing gave me his permission to reprint this Ferrerino)

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

7 de Marzo, 2021

Estimados feligreses y amigos:

Jesús encontró en la zona del templo a aquellos que vendían bueyes, ovejas y palomas, así como a los cambistas sentados allí. Hizo un látigo de las cuerdas y las sacó todas de la zona del templo, con las ovejas y los bueyes, y derramó las monedas de los cambiadores de dinero y volcó sus mesas, y a los que vendieron palomas dijo: "Saca esto de aquí, y deja de hacer de la casa de mi Padre un mercado". [Juan 2: 14-16]

En el evangelio de Juan, Jesús acababa de venir de una fiesta de bodas en Caná a Jerusalén en la Pascua. ¿Por qué el hijo obediente y el profeta amable y gentil parecen volverse locos? El Templo era la morada sagrada de Dios, donde se podía ofrecer un sacrificio agradable, se podía perdonar, proteger y asegurar la presencia de Dios. Pero lentamente, el patio exterior de este lugar de santidad había sido corrompido por los "scalpers" de la antigüedad que cobraban extra y se aprovechaban de los pobres que entraban en el área del Templo para hacer su ofrenda; tuvieron que cambiar su dinero romano por las monedas hebreas para comprar los animales sacrificiales. La descarada idolatría de la riqueza y la codicia se había apoderado de un área destinada a ser un santuario para el culto y el enriquecimiento comunal. Lo que había sido diseñado como la casa para Dios se había convertido en un refugio para los ladrones.

La limpieza del templo por parte de Jesús es simbólica. Su gesto radical en la cima de la Pascua tuvo la singular intención de despertar a los líderes judíos para ver el vacío de sus ofrendas de sacrificio que se hicieron a espaldas de los pobres. Lo que Jesús expone es una religión que ha sidocooptada por las fuerzas del mercado. En su lugar ofrece "el templo de su cuerpo", un nuevo tipo de vida que puede liberar a las personas de la codicia y la autoestima sin fin, un templo que irradia compasión, encarna el servicio y se preocupa por los indefensos. Consideremos el templo de nuestro propio cuerpo ahora. ¿Estamos listos para ser limpios de fe superficial que busca su propio consuelo?

Pregunta de la semana: ¿Confiaré en Jesús para limpiar el templo de mi corazón? ¿Cómo voy a dejar de lado el tiempo para encontrarme con el Señor cada día? ¿Mi alma necesita limpieza de resortes?

P. Bob Cushing



Easter Flowers

Remember or honor someone this Easter with flowers placed in our Church. You can find Easter Flower order forms in the Church Foyer. The cost this year is \$20.00 per flower. All order forms must be returned with payment by March 28, 2021.

Please place your completed form and payment in the collection basket. Thank You!

Flores de Pascua

Recuerden o honren a alguien esta Pascua con flores colocadas en nuestra Iglesia. Puedes encontrar formularios de orden de flores de Pascua en el Foyer de la Iglesia. El costo de este año es de \$20.00 por flor. Todos los formularios de pedido deben ser devueltos con pago antes del 28 de marzo de 2021.

Por favor, coloque su formulario completo y el pago en la cesta de recogida. ¡Gracias!



Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, toll free reporting hotline: (888) 357-5530

Please join the various Ministries for the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 6 pm.

Friday, March 5 CCW

Friday, March 12 Youth Group

Friday, March 19 Confirmation Class

Friday, March 26 PPC

Hispanic Ministry will lead the Outside Stations at 6 pm on Fridays during Lent.

Please join us for a Simple Supper following the inside Stations in the Parish Hall beginning Friday, February 26th.



Mass in the Extraordinary Form (The Latin Mass)

At the request of the Diocese of Savannah, due to the petition of faithful in the Valdosta-Brunswick Deanery, we will begin offering Mass in the Extraordinary Form (the Latin Mass) at St. Anthony of Padua (Ray City) beginning on

March 14, 2021, *Laetare* Sunday, at 3:00 pm

Depending on the level of engagement of the faithful and in accord with the life our parish, the Latin Mass will be offered on a regular basis on Sundays beginning on or after Easter Sunday. A schedule will be posted on the parish website <http://www.anthonypaduaga.org/> as well as in the parish bulletin.

For the time being the Mass will be a Low Mass until we have a way to support a Sung Mass.

We will be offering opportunities for those who desire to know more about the Latin Mass, what it is like to attend, and what to expect.

For more information please contact Fr. Kevin O'Keefe by phone or email: 229-445-5554 pastor@anthonypaduaga.org

(Fr. Kevin O'Keefe planning to offer some time for the next two Saturdays, February 27th and March 6th, to give explanations and answer questions for those interested in attending.)

Por favor, únase a los diversos Ministerios de las Estaciones de la Cruz los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 6 pm.

Viernes, 5 de marzo CCW

Viernes 12 de marzo Grupo Juvenil

Viernes 19 de marzo Clase de Confirmación

Viernes 26 de marzo PPC

El Ministerio Hispano dirigirá las Estaciones Exteriores a las 6 pm los viernes durante la Cuaresma.

Por favor, únase a nosotros para una Cena Simple después de las Estaciones interiores en el Salón Parroquial a partir del viernes 26 de febrero.

**Council of Catholic Women
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Spirituality, Leadership, Service**

Our Spiritually Adopted Babies Program

Month 5 "My Mommy felt me kick today!"
Your spiritual baby weighs over one pound and her mother can feel her movement. Before this time, she was too small for her to feel her. Although she swam with ease in her watery world, she needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it—the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are midway through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs. Maybe some day your spiritual baby may play soccer. Keep praying for her.

Thank you CCW members who helped serve the supper with "The Captain" on Friday following the stations. We had a good meal and are happy to help support our Parish seminarians and our youth with the proceeds.

The rosary is being said at 12 Noon in the chapel on Wednesday followed By Bible Study. Consider joining us in prayer for our sick and deceased members of CCW and St. Joseph parish.



Our parish ministries are planning fish dinners after Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent starting on February 26th. All donations go to support our parish seminarians and youth group. We need to know how many meals to plan for. **We'd appreciate it if you would RSVP on our St. Joseph Facebook page.**

Nuestros ministerios parroquiales están planeando cenas de pescado después de las Estaciones de la Cruz todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma a partir del 26 de febrero.

Todas las donaciones van a apoyar a nuestros seminaristas parroquiales y grupo juvenil.

Necesitamos saber cuántas comidas planificar. Le agradeceríamos que lo hiciera en nuestra página de Facebook de St. Joseph.



The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet at the church on Wednesday at Noon beginning February 10th. Come pray with us!

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Thomas, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Tom DiBiase, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Carol McCloskey, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, Jerry Wilkerson, Debbie Wilkerson, Trisha Pape, Lee & Angela McConaha, Jim & Louise Craig, and Margie Read.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Harris Lott, Florence Struempfer, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Dora Bullard, Millie Bailey, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dallin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sander-son, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Sidney Bennett, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, Iris Boatright, Janice Strickland, Mark Parker, Jan Keen, Andrew Brandon, Julie Hoddinot, Audwin Fluker Sr., Anna Lia Brandon, Perry Kolchek, Raymond Eastup, Martin Brewington, and Steve, the father of Barbara Blasko.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:

LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Ethan Stanley, and Richard Jacobs.





LENT is a time of special prayer and fasting. **Lenten regulations 2021 for Catholics:**

Good Friday, April 2, 2021 is a day of Fast and Abstinence from meat, which means a limit of one full meal for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence: [All Fridays of Lent] All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Easter Duty Obligation: After receiving their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

Weekdays of Lent: There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended, as well as participating in weekday Mass.



CUARESMA es un tiempo especial de oración y ayuno. **Regulaciones 2021 para católicos:**

Viernes Santo, 2 de abril de 2021 es un día de Ayuno y Abstinencia de la carne, lo que significa un límite de una comida completa para todos entre las edades de 18 y 59 inclusive.

Días de Abstinencia: [Todos los Viernes de Cuaresma] todos los que han cumplido 14 años de edad están supuestos a abstenerse de carne totalmente.

Obligaciones de Pascua: después de recibir la Primera Comunión los católicos están obligados a recibir la Santa Comunión una vez al año por lo menos. Este precepto debe de cumplirse durante la estación de Pascua. Los católicos están también obligados a confesar los pecados serios (mortales) por lo menos una vez al año, pero esto no está limitado a la estación de Cuaresma o Pascua.

Días de semana de Cuaresma: No hay obligación de ayunas, sin embargo, actos voluntarios de sacrificio son recomendados, como también participar en la misa diaria.



Votive Candles

Please remember your \$5.00 donation when you light a **votive candle** in the church. There is a deposit box for your donation attached to the lower left side of the stand.



Mass Intention Requests

If you would like to request a **Mass Intention** in memory of someone, the donation is \$10.00. Please contact the church secretary to check date availability and to make your donation.

Operation Rice Bowl: You are invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. This is one way to encounter Jesus through others, especially the most vulnerable in our world. Plenty of Rice Bowls are available in English or Spanish, on the southside of the church vestibule. Please take one home for your kitchen table and use this fun resource to deepen your family's experience as we learn more about "solidarity" with the poor through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Read the weekly sponsored people who we focus on so that we can extend our Eucharist to be in solidarity with these brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. Rice Bowls will be collected from Palm Sunday to Holy Thursday of Holy Week.



Operación Plato de Arroz: Usted está invitado a participar en el CRS plato de Arroz en esta Cuaresma. Esta es una forma de encontrar a Jesús a través de otros, especialmente los más vulnerables en nuestro mundo. Un montón de Rice Bowls están disponibles en inglés o español, en el lado sur del vestíbulo de la iglesia. Por favor, lleve una a su mesa de cocina y use este recurso divertido para profundizar la experiencia de su familia a medida que aprendemos más sobre la "solidaridad" con los pobres a través de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. Lea a las personas patrocinadas semanalmente en las que nos enfocamos para que podamos extender nuestra Eucaristía para ser solidarios con estos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo en todo el mundo. Los platos de arroz se recogerán del Domingo de Ramos al Jueves Santo de la Semana Santa.

St. Joseph Offertory

February 28, 2021

Offertory Total

\$3,503.00

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY: March 14, 2021. The Diocese of Savannah has set aside this weekend to give focused attention to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriage, family life and culture, and to give resources to create a Safe Haven in every home. Every pastor will be addressing this issue. Each household will be given **Covenant Eye's** book: *"Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture."*

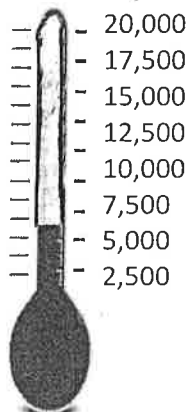
DOMINGO DE REFUGIO SEGURO: 14 de marzo de 2021. La Diócesis de Savannah ha reservado este fin de semana para prestar atención enfocada en abordar la nocividad de la pornografía y otras amenazas en línea para el matrimonio, la vida familiar y la cultura, y para dar recursos para crear un refugio seguro en cada hogar. Cada pastor abordará este tema. Cada hogar recibirá el libro de **Covenant Eye:** *"Equipado: Crianza católica inteligente en una cultura sexualizada"*.



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. Each one of us is Christ to all we meet. As of 02/25/2021, our parish has given \$6,605.00 which is 32.94% of our target of \$20,050. Out of 212 families only 24 made a donation or pledge, which is 11.32% of the parish families. Thank You!

2021 Apelación Católica Anual. Cada uno de nosotros es Cristo para todos los que nos encontramos. A partir del 02/25/2021 nuestra parroquia ha dado \$6,605.00 que es 32.94% de nuestro objetivo \$22,538. De 212 familias, sólo 24 hicieron una donación o promesa que el 11.32% de las familias parroquiales. Muchas Gracias

Our goal is \$20,050 we have \$6,605.00



Word from Pope Francis

"We are called to walk in God's footsteps, renewing our Baptismal promises: renouncing Satan, and all his works and all his empty promises."



Palabra del Papa Francisco

"Estamos llamados a seguir los pasos de Dios, renovando nuestras promesas bautismales: renunciando a Satanás, y todas sus obras y todas sus promesas vacías."

Lector Schedule

March 6, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector-Tammy Theologus 5:00 pm Saturday

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm with Fr. Francois Pellissier

March 7, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector- Barbara Miller 9:00 am Sunday

March 7, 2021-Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector- Guadalupe Zambrano 12 Noon Sunday

March 13, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector-Wanda Petersen 5:00 pm Saturday

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm with Fr. Francois Pellissier

March 14, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector-Frank Hoffman 9:00 am Sunday

March 14, 2021-Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector-Luci Diaz 12 Noon Sunday

Mass Intentions for Week of March 6, 2021 –March 14, 2021 +(RIP) H-Health

Saturday, March 6, 2021-5:00 pm Mass **+Raymond Johnson**

Sunday, March 7, 2021-9:00 am Mass **Pro Populo**

Sunday, March 7, 2021-12 Noon Mass **No Intention**

Monday, March 8, 2021-No Mass

Tuesday, March 9, 2021-No Mass

Wednesday, March 10, 2021-No Mass-No Adoration

Thursday, March 11, 2021-No Mass

Friday, March 12, 2021-No Mass, 6 pm Stations of the Cross Led by Youth Group

Saturday, March 13, 2021-5:00 pm Mass **+Doris Cushing**

Sunday, March 14, 2021-9:00 am Mass **Pro Populo**

Sunday, March 14, 2021-12 Noon Mass **No Intention**

Dear Padre,

Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to *metanoia*. What did he mean?

Most of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your deacon is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to *metanoia*, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."

We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to see a new direction and the courage to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and

train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make.

The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on *metanoia*. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to *metanoia*.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.



LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2018, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1—15ab

Lk 4:24—30

Tuesday

MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34—43

Mt 18:21—35

Wednesday

MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5—9

Mt 5:17—19

Thursday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23—28

Lk 11:14—23

Friday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2—10

Mk 12:28—34

Saturday

MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1—6

Lk 18:9—14

Sunday

MARCH 14

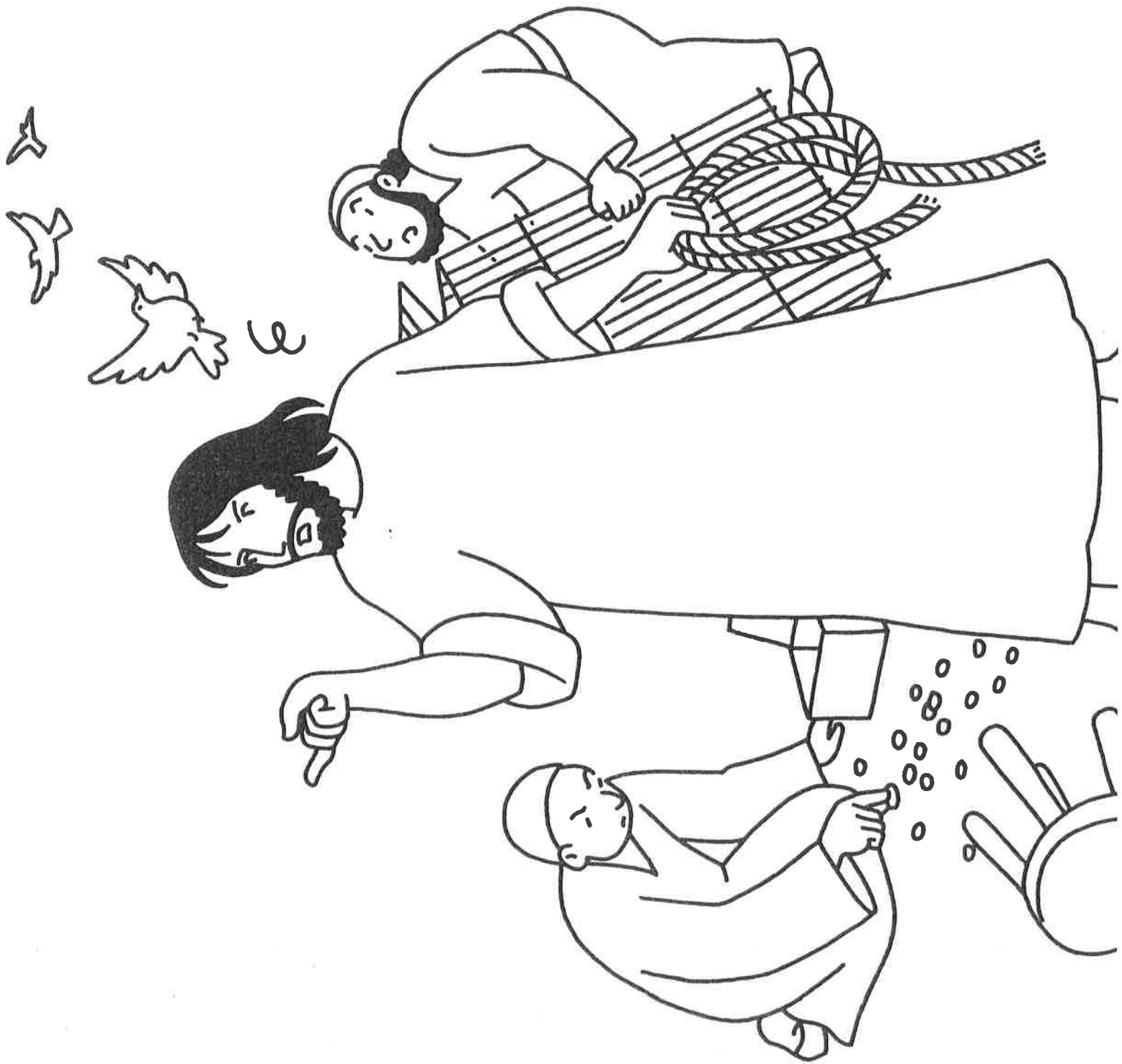
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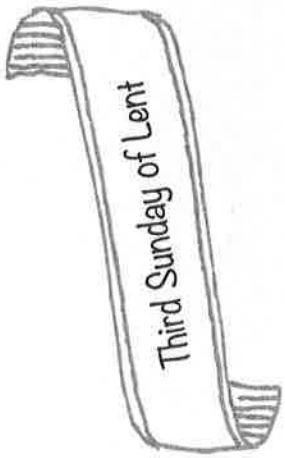
2 Chr 36:14—16,

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Eph 2:4—10

Jn 3:14—21





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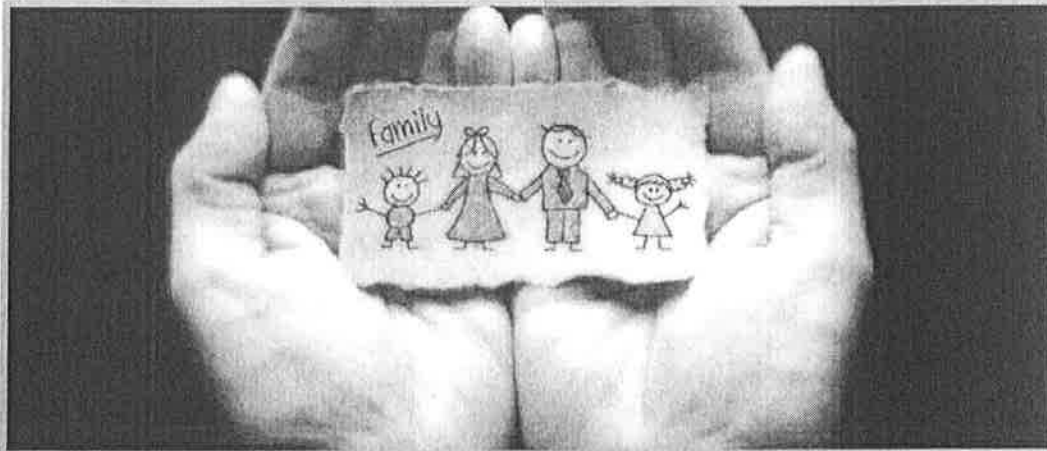
Jesus entered the Temple. There he saw all the merchants who were counting their money. He grew very angry and drove them all out. "The house of God is a house of prayer, and you have made it a den of thieves!"

Based on John 2:13-25



**My
Promise
to Jesus**

**When I go to Mass this week, I will sit
and stand and kneel quietly. I will pray
and pay attention in God's house.**



14 DE MARZO, 2021

La Diócesis de Savannah está reservando este fin de semana como

DOMINGO DE REFUGIO SEGURO

para dar tiempo de enfocarles sobre el daño de la pornografía y otras amenazas al matrimonio, familia, y cultura. Les equipará con varios medios para crear un refugio seguro en su hogar.

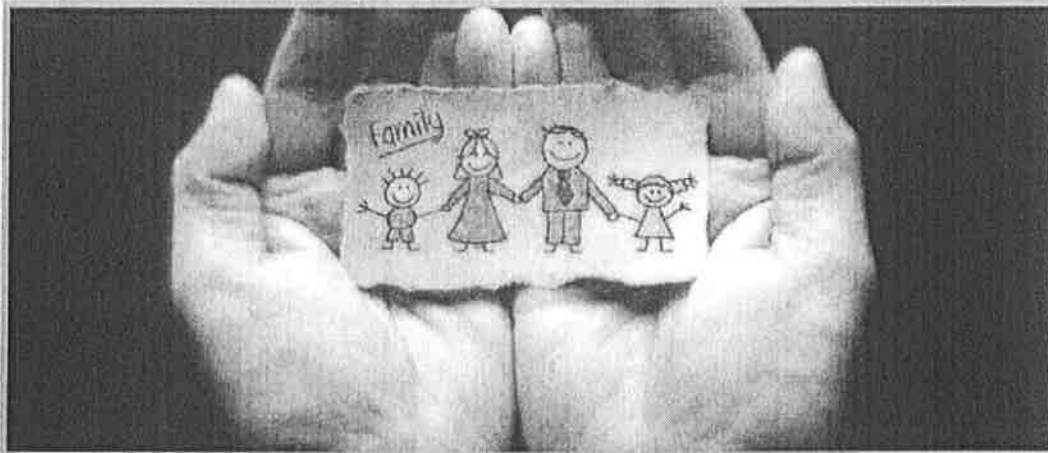
Después de Misa, cada familia recibirá un libro de Covenant Eyes

*Equipados: Cómo Ser Padres Católicos e
Inteligentes en un Cultura Sexualizada.*



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MARCH 14, 2021

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SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

in order to give focused time to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life and culture; and to give resources to create a Safe Haven in the home.

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