And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Lo, these three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and I find none. Cut it down, why should it use up the ground?’


Unfortunately, each of us strongly resembles the tree that, over many years, has repeatedly shown that it’s infertile. But, fortunately for us, Jesus is like a farmer who, with limitless patience, still obtains a concession for the fruitless vine. “Let it alone this year” the invincible patience of Jesus!

...It’s never too late to convert, never. God’s patience awaits us until the last moment.”

Pope Francis
**Third Sunday Of Lent**  
**March 24, 2019**

**Welcome to our visitors!**

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**Mass Intentions for the Week of March 25**
- Mon—Dorothy Droitzmann
- Tue—t-Charles Grant, 1 yr. anniv.
- Wed—Jennie Hawkins
- Thr—Nichole Koch Family
- Fri—t-Dan & Fran O’Keefe
- Sat 5pm—t-Dorothy Powell
- Sun 5pm—t-Mary & Jeffrey Roberto

Please remember Jim and Barb Johnson and all Deacons, Diaconate Candidates and their wives in your prayers as they attend the annual Deacon and Diaconate Candidate Retreat this weekend.

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, March 26.

We have received reports that some parishioners have received a text and/or email from “Fr. David” asking for help while he is busy in a meeting. **THIS IS SPAM.**

**Please pray for the elderly and sick of our parish** especially, Bruce Skibeness, Sharon Rosell, Martha Noyes, Bluetta Jump Tierney, Roy Bliss and our priests and nuns who suffer from poor health, we pray to the Lord. **(Please call the parish office with updates; this list will be reviewed weekly.)**

**March Birthdays:** 25-Ramiro Arroyo, Aaron Elsey, Bertha Munguia, Marco Pulido, Saul Villa 26-Braulio Gonzalez 27-Pat Kuntz, Ruperto Vicente 28-Kaela Hansen, Carlos Villa 29-Karlee Hansen, Floy Hotarek, Olivia Rangel 30-Karely Arias, Mark Hall, Patrick Kipczynski, Angelica Munguia, Diego Murillo

**St. Andrew’s Pre School Registration** for the 2019-20 school year for **currently enrolled** students and their siblings is under way. We predict spots will fill fast. Forms are at the parish office.

Please join us on Fridays of Lent for **Stations of the Cross** at 6 PM, followed by a KC sponsored **Soup dinner** at 6:35 PM. Donations accepted.

**Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday, March 25, at 6:30 PM.

**Magnificat/V-Encuentro classes** continue on Saturday, March 30, at St. Joseph School- Wentachee, and April 6, at St. Paul Cathedral-Yakima, at 9 AM.

**Baptism Preparation classes for parents and godparents** will be offered Saturday, March 30, at 9:30 AM in Spanish. Please register in advance at the parish office.

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**FAITH FORMATION CORNER**

**MEN’S GROUP:** Join us Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Library. Questions? Call Mark Hayden 509-929-2035.

The **Tuesday Morning Study group** has begun American Catholics: A History of the Roman Catholic Community in the United States. We welcome new members.

Elementary, Middle or High School religious education classes will resume next Sunday, March 31.

**Annual Steubenville Retreat Registration** is happening now until Sunday, April 14. Open to students entering high school Fall 2019 to recently graduated students. Head count is needed for hotel reservations. Please contact Sarah if you would like to attend.

**Attention Seniors:** we are collecting senior photos. Please send hard or soft copy to Sarah.

Knights of Columbus will sponsor a **Red Carpet Event** for the movie UNPLANNED, premiering Thursday, March 28, at Grand Meridian in Ellensburg. Tickets are by donation, contact Simon Rillera (206-355-4117).

Our **Annual Ministry Fair** will be next weekend after all Masses. Please be sure to visit the ministry tables in the activity center to see how the parishioners of St. Andrew’s are answering God’s call to their fellow brother or sister. Also, please consider how you might take an active part in one or more ministries. You are also asked to fill out the **Annual Stewardship form.** Your information will be forwarded to the appropriate ministry head for contact. Thank you for all you do at St. Andrew’s.

Next weekend is **St. Vincent 5th Sunday Collection.** Thank you for your continued support. We have had many requests for help with utilities and rent recently.

To recognize, thank and uplift important personnel in our communities and parishes, Bishop Tyson will offer a **Red Mass** for all those in the Legal Profession and Government Service on Tuesday, March 26, at 5:30 PM, at St. Paul Cathedral.

A disabled woman is looking for temporary housing. At this time she is unable to work, but willing to cook, shop or give rides for a disabled or elderly person in exchange. House-sitting is an option. Please contact Gretchen Thatcher (933-2364) for more information.

**Central Washington Catholic Foundation** offers grants for (K-12) Tuition and scholarships for college students. Deadline is April 1. For more information and forms visit [www.cwcatholicfoundation.org](http://www.cwcatholicfoundation.org)

**Are you new to St. Andrew’s Parish?**  
We welcome you! Please fill out a registration form.
March 24, 2019. Third Sunday of Lent
The First Reading, from Exodus, recounts Moses’ first encounter with God who provides reassurance of His nearness to the people in their suffering and tells of His desire to deliver them from slavery. This compassionate God goes even farther, revealing His name to the people as a sign of intimacy with them.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that God, though full of mercy and compassion, is also just, and that there will be consequences for our behavior. He admonishes us, “whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.”

Today’s Gospel passage includes the familiar parable of the unfruitful fig tree. It is preceded by an interesting dialogue between Jesus and some people reporting the news of the day, asking for His “take” on the matter. They tell Jesus about a bloody massacre that some Galileans had suffered at the hands of Pilate. They expected Him to confirm their view that the Galileans had done something to deserve such a death. But Jesus defies their expectation, telling them that the people who died such an awful death were no more sinful than they themselves are. He goes on to say the same of another recent event in which a group of people had been killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. They, too, Jesus says, were no more sinful than anyone else.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn’t doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well? Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? God is merciful but just. Let’s turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

PENANCE SERVICE: TUESDAY April 2 at 6:30 pm. Our second penance service will be on April 25 in preparation for Mercy Sunday April 28.

MINISTRY FAIR: March 30-31. If you feel the call, please sign up for the ministry where you can share your talents with the rest of the community.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY. There will be a meeting on Monday April 1 at 6:30 pm to talk about the financial future and up keeping of Holy Cross cemetery.

BISHOP’S VISIT. Bishop Tyson will come to our parish on April 11 for a leadership meeting from 5-8:30 pm. He will talk about the scandals in the church and what our diocese is doing to prevent them. The second session is about the curriculum of our Religious Education classes. Although this meeting is intended for our parish leaders (members of our councils, religious education teachers, personnel.) you are welcome to attend, as long as you call the parish office, so we can have a head count for the light supper we will provide.

UPCOMING EVENTS MARCH 2019
25 Pastoral Council at 6:30 pm
28 Movie Premier: Unplanned at the Grand Meridian.
28 RCIA Class at 7:30 pm. KC Meeting 7 pm in 2nd
29 Stations of the Cross 6 pm. KC soup 6:35pm
29 Mass in Vantage.
30 Baptism Classes Spanish at 9:30 am
30-31 Ministry Fair. St. Vincent de Paul Collection

APRIL 2019
1. Holy Cross cemetery pilot board meeting. 6:30 pm
2 Mass at Pacifica: 9 am. Preschool Registration opens
2 Penance Service at 6:30 pm
4 Sacrament Prep. Parent Class at 6:30 pm.
5 Stations of the Cross 6 pm. KC Fish Fry 6:35pm