SECOND SUNDAY OF

Lent
MARCH 8, 2020

From the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Matthew 17:5

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
Martinez, California

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM
SUNDAY: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM (Spanish)

ADORATION: Thursdays from 12:00 - 8:00 PM
HOLY DAYS: VIGIL MASS 7:00 PM; 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00 PM
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Mea Auld, Pre-School Director mauld@csdo.org

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: www.virtusonline.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISMS:
Registration is mandatory two months prior to the Baptism month. Please call the Sylvia at the office to make an appointment once you have all your documents ready. Parents & Godparents are required to attend a mandatory Baptism preparation class one month before reception of the Sacrament. All information regarding requirements and schedules, can be found on the parish website at www.stcmtz.org

FIRST EUCHARIST:
The Religious Education ministry begins annually in Sept. and ends in May. The First Holy Communion program is a two year program. In the 2nd year, nine First Communion “Parent Only Classes” are conducted on Monday’s (Oct — May) See faith formation calendar posted on the website for dates.

CONFIRMATION:
Youth Confirmation ministry begins in September and ends in June. It is a one year program for all incoming Freshmen or above. Contact: Paul or Jenny Holland at Ext 8 for more Information.

MARRIAGES:
Arrangements and mandatory preparation need to be arranged at least eight months prior to a wedding date. No dates can be set prior to an initial meeting with a priest. No exceptions.

www.stcmtz.org

RECONCILIATION:
Confession times are weekly on Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:00 PM and/or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is the continuation of the Lord’s compassion for the sick. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of two sacraments which heals and saves the baptized person from sin. The other sacrament of healing is Penance. For an anointing during working hours, please call the Parish office.

FUNERALS:
We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services at 925-932-0900. A representative will contact the parish office to coordinate your arrangements.

RCIA: “Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults”
Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you need Adult Baptism? Holy Eucharist Communion? Confirmation? St. Catherine offers a friendly and supportive program. Please call the office for more information or Karen at Ext. 4
IGNITE YOUR TASTE BUDS!

A sweet & unexpected way to experience Lent this season.
Reflect on the significance of the gifts we often take for granted- the gift of chocolate and the gift of faith.
It is much more satisfying to experience Lent in community.

We Offer Two Options:

**MONDAY EVENINGS** : 6-8pm
Dates: March 9th & March 30

**FRIDAY MORNING** : 8:45-10:45
Dates: March 13 & April 3

TO REGISTER or find out more... CALL OR TEXT
Cindy Buscaglia 925 787-8986

***** Meetings will be held in the Parish Center

The Lenten season is a special opportunity to grow spiritually through penitential practices, especially those of self-denial, almsgiving, and through works of kindness and compassion. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have completed their 14th year of age. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare to share more fully and celebrate more readily his Resurrection. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year. As always, anyone for whom fasting or abstinence would pose a health risk is excused.

**Legion of Mary Acies**
Mar. 21, 2020

Join the Legion of Mary Curia Acies devotion at St. Catherine of Siena on Mar. 21 at 11 a.m. The devotion is an annual event where active and auxiliary legionnaires consecrate themselves to Our Lady. The service includes the Rosary, Consecration to Our Lady and Mass. The Our Lady of Guadalupe praesidia at St. Catherine’s will be the host for the day. Legionaries from other parishes will join us. A potluck luncheon will follow. If you have questions call Bobby Kiefer 925-658-1442 or Anne Crisp 925-787-0857. All are welcome.

**DISCIPLESHIP**
To empower a community of Christian people walking together as disciples of Jesus in order to share His good news.

**INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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Mass Intentions forms can be found in the vestibule and on the Parish website. (www.stcmtz.org) Parish forms can also be picked up at the Parish Office.

St. Catherine Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers for the family; and, the repose of the soul of

Esperanza Ronquillo
James Joseph Webber

who entered eternal life.

Communal Anointing of the Sick
March 14, 2020 at 10AM

St. Catherine Parish Communal Penance
March 28, 2020 (Saturday) at 10AM
TRANSGRITION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Dear Families in Christ,

The transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of the Disciples Peter, James and John in the Holy Land is clearly connected with the death and resurrection of Jesus. The transfiguration of the Son of God inspires faith and hope in the disciples and in us, that the power of death is not definitive and final. It is a shining example of the paschal mystery manifesting the abounding life of God that washes over all our suffering and pain, all human treachery and sin, death itself and the transformation into new and risen life.

Death is overcome by glory: and the light of Christ’s rising drives all darkness itself. Leaving behind the blistering, tormented wilderness of hunger, thirst and temptations of the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. The King of Kings and Magi who walked alone now walks with His Disciples on the mountain. The Transfiguration in today’s Gospel reading, (Matthew 17:1-9) is a preview of Jesus resurrection. It proclaims that life overcomes death. The stunning bright light of God breaks in the midst of darkness as Jesus erupts as the person of Lights, “and His clothes become dazzling white.” Jesus leads His disciples up a high mountain apart by themselves. We have come to understand the significance of the mountain imagery in this Gospel. The high places of the mountains are those exotic high places where earth intersects with heaven inhabited by the divine presence with the God of mystery.

Moses also had been on the high mountain, prostrated at the burning bush, in the desert to meet God and he reappear on this mountain with Jesus. This is a very Holy place— the dwelling place of the Almighty God and when the Disciples hear the voice that speaks to them from the cloud, “This is my beloved Son. With whom I am well pleased; Listen to Him.” So the disciples come to witness this Divine affirmation of Jesus, on this Holy mountain and behold His radiant presence as He is suffused with Divine light. Prophetically, this is the same voice from heaven that proclaimed the same message when the Holy Spirit descended on Him at His Baptism by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, ‘This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased, on Him my favor rest. (Matthew 3:16-17).

To listen to Jesus is to embrace with one’s whole self the word that He speaks, for He Himself is the word that God speaks. Jesus Transfiguration is a word of hope which proclaims in His and our own dark night of earthly hopelessness that darkness and death are not the victors in our journey. Life is triumphant. Jesus Transfiguration revealed His glory to the disciples to strengthen them for the scandal of the Cross. His glory shone from a body like our own to show that the Church which is the body of Christ would one day share His glory. The light of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ fills our own bodies and continues to grow in us, moving to its climax when everything is gathered up completely in God.

The Disciples, and we, must listen to Jesus’ teaching. We must leave the Shining Glory of the mountain top and continue the journey that will take them and us around the world. Father Anthony Le, our Disciple, recently installed an identical message, with the same symbolism and layer of meaning, above St. Catherine Church’s vestibule entrance door on the choir loft. It is loud and clear, and it says: “Go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel to all creatures.” (Mark 16:15). Amen.

May God bless you all.

Bored at Mass? These Tips Will Help You Make The Most Of The Eucharist

One of the most common refrains I hear from young people is ‘Mass is boring. Homilies are boring. I don’t know why I have to come Sunday after Sunday.’ Some of my youth in the rear pews would be distracted on their phones during Mass. When I asked them once what they were doing, one of them retorted with a straight face that he was Instagramming pictures of Mass and tweeting quotes from my homily! Cheeky little fellow (lol) but he got me there.

I googled what advice other writers had to give for this problem. But I was met with advice that bordered more on the spiritual. Well, that’s beautiful and brings out the spiritual and salvific meaning of the Eucharist. Most young people I know sincerely want to participate in the Mass more meaningfully, they understand that the Eucharist is rich and meaningful but yet find it difficult to focus and concentrate. Hence, I am tempted to mention some practical steps that one could undertake to get more absorbed into the Mass.

So what do I do?
7 practical steps to make the Mass more meaningful for you

1. Get me to the Church on time
Getting to the church at least 10 minutes before Mass makes a huge difference. It gives your mind some time to dial down from the fast-paced activities that you came from. Having all your general preoccupations at the back of your head quite often distracts heavily, and since the readings (Liturgy of the Word) happen close to the beginning, you are bound to lose out and pay less attention. Use the time before Mass to kneel and speak to God from your heart. Offer to him all your joys and the challenges that you are facing, and you will find God speaking to you during the Eucharist.

2. Mother Church wants YOU
I’ve had young people telling me that they feel more involved in the Eucharist when they play some role at Mass. There are a number of options available – choir, lectors, ushers, greeters, altar servers or church decoration. Becoming a member of one of these groups will focus your attention on what’s happening and make you more attentive. Being a member of one of these groups has many other positive side effects as well for your personal life.

3. Pray Business Class
Avoid looking for a place in the last pews of the Church right at the back, especially when there is plenty of space up front.

4. Come on out, you Bathroom Singers
Take the hymn book and sing along. Understand the words you are singing. Don’t worry if you have no talent for singing; most people don’t. The ones who do are usually in the choir. Can you imagine how bored you would be if you went to a concert and didn’t know any of the songs? Exactly! Taking part in the proceedings, even if you don’t get much out of it initially, goes a long way. Don’t expect quick results.
5. A Tweeting Exercise

“A homilies are so boring!” How often have I heard that. Turns out, most times they are not; in fact they are usually pretty interesting and the priest has probably put in a lot of effort preparing it. **If you get bored during lectures in school or college or watching the evening news or scrolling through your Facebook feed, chances are that the problem is with you!** Give yourself an exercise. Listen to the homily and try to capture the essence of it in 140 characters or less. Then, after Mass, tweet it. It’s harder than you think.

6. It’s a 167-to-1

Remember that the Eucharist is Thanksgiving and if you are just a Sunday Church-goer, then you are giving God your full attention for 1 hour only or less. The rest of the 167 hours each week, God gives you as a gift and doesn’t step in your way. Ask yourself how many good things you have received from the Lord. Isn’t it right and just that we spend one hour each week worshiping the Creator with all our hearts?

7. A Perfect 7 – Mary

The final word belongs to Mary, Queen of heaven and earth and our Mother. **Ask Mary to intercede for you during Mass.** Pray to her for guidance and strength. She was always by Our Lord’s side and she will remain by yours as well. No human being understands you better than Mary does.

Follow these 7 steps and you will slowly find the beauty of the Eucharist opening up before you. As with any other activity, this too will take time. Don’t expect to be charged up on the first Sunday itself. All great tastes develop in time and with patience. You cannot make great music on the first day. Neither was Rome built in a day.
WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

To assure that our Church and facilities testify to the greater honor and glory of God.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH MISSION

Lord Jesus, in a short time our parish will begin its special time of mission.

Open the hearts and minds of each one of us so that we might receive your word with eager joy. Let this parish and its members be the "good ground" in which the sower's seed will take deep root and produce an abundant harvest of Christian living.

Bless the missionary who will break open your word for us with his preaching. May he be a gentle but ardent servant of your good news.

Help us to welcome into our parish community all of those who may feel distant from your loving care. May our smiles and our witness of faith help them to find you once again.

Through the intercession of Mary, your Mother and first disciple, help us to make this local community of disciples a "light shining on the mountain-top." May this parish mission strengthen our faith and help us in our desire to serve you until "your kingdom come and your will be done."

We ask you this, confident that you are our Savior, and that you live and reign, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

The Homeless Action Committee of Martinez
Your donations to the Homeless Action Committee brings dignity to the Homeless of Martinez by allowing them to shower and have clean clothing to wear. Thank you for your wonderful response with gifts of clothes and hygiene items. Save your items for the next drive when we will be collecting them again.

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CH = Church  SC = School
PH = Parish Hall  YD = School Yard
PC = Parish Center  PCL: Parish Center Library
HOSPITALITY
To form a joyful family community that reaches out and receives one another as Christ reaches out and receives us.

2020 Hospitality Calendar

March 1, 2020
WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

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Thank you for your continued generosity

HUNGER IN OUR WORLD
Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from the Ushers in the vestibule after Feb. 26. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross

Friday’s, February 28, 2020—April 3rd, 2020
Soup Supper begins at 6PM followed by Stations of the cross at 7PM

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

Reminder!
As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise, if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so.

All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well-being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety.

ASSEMBLY OF CYRUS THE GREAT

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday beginning at 7PM
Every Friday afternoon in Lent students will be presenting the Stations of the Cross as we journey through Lent.

Student Learning Expectations celebration after Mass: students who are involved Christians make positive moral choices and actively participate in liturgies.

New Parish App Coming Soon!

In the coming weeks St. Catherine of Siena will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and so much more.

We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St. Catherine of Siena and School and better engaging the New Evangelization.

It is not too late to join other members of our parish community in participating in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. Remember, your contributions to Rice Bowl changes lives: **25% of the proceeds remain in the Oakland Diocese**, with a portion being given out as **grants to St. Vincent de Paul conferences** and other organizations working to alleviate hunger and food insecurity in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Respect Life Ministry Announcement:
If you missed the Walk for Life you may want to participate in Forty Days for Life. This upcoming Lent there will be two local vigils at which you can participate: one at the Walnut Creek Planned Parenthood and one at the Concord Planned Parenthood. At both sites the vigil will be 12 hours each day, Mondays through Saturdays. The spring campaign runs from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday, from February 26 - April 5.
Anne-Martine Moore, the Respect Life Coordinator at Queen of All Saints is heading-up the Concord program. You can contact her at adapadoop@aol.com or call 925-595-0401. This is a program in which you can sign up to peacefully pray the Rosary in front of one of the Planned Parenthood facilities. You can sign up for a day and time that suites your schedule. I have participated on a Friday at the Concord location with parishioners Carolyn Susin and Tom Greerty after attending Mass at Queen of All Saints. Carolyn and I also participated at the Walnut Creek location. It is beautiful way for you to take a small, yet powerful step toward the saving of innocent lives. For more information see the website.ww.40daysforlife.com

Calling All Women!
Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women invite all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast Saturday, March 21st - 9:30 -12:30
Crowne Plaza
45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA

Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration from our speaker Cindy Rippee as she shares with us her testimony. A religious educator and bible study teacher, Cindy will share with us how the Life in the Spirit seminars have changed her life and the life of her family. Born into an alcoholic home, she is now a Benedictine Oblate affiliated with the Prince of Peace Abbey. Cindy will share with us how the word of God and His unyielding faith has brought her through unspeakable loss into living with joy each day. Men are always welcome to attend!Tickets are $33/$40 after
For more information: Email Magnificatsotirsyp@gmail.com for reservations or call Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for any questions.

Respect Life Ministry Announcement:
If you missed the Walk for Life you may want to participate in Forty Days for Life. This upcoming Lent there will be two local vigils at which you can participate: one at the Walnut Creek Planned Parenthood and one at the Concord Planned Parenthood. At both sites the vigil will be 12 hours each day, Mondays through Saturdays. The spring campaign runs from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday, from February 26 - April 5. Anne-Martine Moore, the Respect Life Coordinator at Queen of All Saints is heading-up the Concord program. You can contact her at adapadoop@aol.com or call 925-595-0401. This is a program in which you can sign up to peacefully pray the Rosary in front of one of the Planned Parenthood facilities. You can sign up for a day and time that suites your schedule. I have participated on a Friday at the Concord location with parishioners Carolyn Susin and Tom Greerty after attending Mass at Queen of All Saints. Carolyn and I also participated at the Walnut Creek location. It is beautiful way for you to take a small, yet powerful step toward the saving of innocent lives. For more information see the website.ww.40daysforlife.com

St. Patrick’s Dinner
March 14, 2020
Adults $15.00
Children 6-12 $7.00
Children 5 and under–FREE
FAMILY $40.00
(Parents and Children under 12)

OPEN BAR: 6:00 PM ~ DINNER: 6:30 PM
Contact: Jim Kelly 372-6357 or Tim McLoughlin at 639-9946

A Parish Mission (Renewal) is a time of listening and reflection for those who wish to be more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.
Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI, a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, will conduct a three-day Mission (Renewal) in our parish.

“Evangelization” or “preaching the good news” does not necessarily mean standing on a street corner shouting or waving the Scriptures as people pass by. It encompasses the many ways that we show we are disciples of Jesus throughout our lives. One way is by invitation. Do you have friends who were raised Catholic; and, for one reason or another, now feel alienated from the Church? Do you know someone who may be curious about the Catholic faith community? Invite then to come along with you to our Parish Mission (Renewal) from April 6th ~April 8th.
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- **Beneath His Cross Apostolate**
  - Jessica Preciado .................................. 925-354-1656
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  - Don Brocca .......................................... 925-858-7330
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- **Pastoral Advisory Council**
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- **Young Ladies Institute - YLI**
  - Rori Polvorosa ..................................... 510-734-4907
- **Confirmation /Youth Ministry (High School 9 -12 grades)**
  - Paul & Jenny Holland .............................. Ext 8 925-228-2230

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- Mon-Thu: 8:30 AM - 1 PM
  - 2:00 PM - 5 PM
- Friday: 8:30 AM - 1 PM

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:**
The following deadlines are in effect:
- All requests must be submitted no later than:
  - March 6th by Noon for the March 15th bulletin.
  - March 13 for the March 22nd bulletin.
- Please direct your submissions to:
  - stcathmtz@yahoo.com All submissions must be submitted via email and copy/camera/paste ready. Please reference Bulletin Submission in the subject note. Thank you.

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**SAVE THE DATE:**
Saturday June 6th
9-3
A Women’s Retreat
Led by Sr. Joanne Heinritz, CSJ
Hosted by:

**SAVE THE DATE:**
Saturday July 18th 9-3
A Men’s Retreat
Led by Fr. Mark Wiesner

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Sunday, Mar 08, 2020  SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Cherish the vision

Dreams are fragile things. They arrive in the darkness and are dispersed with the dawn unless we commit them to memory. As Jesus is transfigured, his disciples catch a glimpse of God’s dream for us: Where Love is honored and glorified. Consider the theme of today’s International Women’s Day, “An equal world is an enabled world.” That is a dream come true.

**Today’s Readings:** Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9 (25). “His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.”

Monday, Mar 09, 2020  MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

How to get what you need

As the classic Rolling Stones’ song goes, “You can’t always get what you want. But if you try sometimes you just might find you get what you need.” Is that ever true—especially when it comes to the way God takes care of us. In the case of Frances of Rome, she wanted to be a nun, but she ended up married for 40 years. It wasn’t until she was widowed that she finally was able to join an order. But in the long meantime, she is reported to have said, “I am ready to do what the Lord wants,” and she did, by finding ways to serve the sick while also taking care of her family. By doing God’s bidding instead of her own, she ended up with everything she needed and more. So could you.

**Today’s Readings:** Deuteronomy 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230). “Good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.”

Tuesday, Mar 10, 2020  LENTEN WEEKDAY

Godsent

Harriet Tubman, slave-turned-abolitionist, died on this day in 1913 in a home she founded for the elderly poor. Nicknamed "Moses" for leading slaves to freedom via the Underground Railroad just like the Israelites were led out of captivity, she let faith be her guide. “She talked with God, and he talked with her every day of her life,” wrote fellow abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison about Tubman. “She felt no more fear of being arrested by her former master” for she “ventured only where God sent her.” Where is God sending you? Stay true to that course.

**Today’s Readings:** Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12 (231). “You have but one master, the Christ.”

Wednesday, Mar 11, 2020  LENTEN WEEKDAY

Count yourself in

While numerology is largely dismissed as pseudoscience, there is no denying that certain numbers had special significance in biblical literature. The number 12 figures prominently. The 12 tribes of Israel descended from the 12 sons of the patriarch Jacob (later named Israel). New Jerusalem is imagined with 12 gates guarded by 12 angels. Jesus first spoke in the gospels at age 12. Is it coincidence that he selected 12 disciples at the outset of his ministry? The number 12 represented inclusion and completeness. So, when you read a gospel account of “the Twelve,” remember that you are included in God’s story and play a role in completing it.

**Today’s Readings:** Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 (232). “As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the Twelve disciples aside.”

Thursday, Mar 12, 2020  LENTEN WEEKDAY

In spite of everything

After hiding from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic for two years, Anne Frank’s family was discovered and sent to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp where she and her sister died in 1945. Anne was just 15. Yet, the clear, insightful voice of a young Jewish girl has outlasted all the bombast of Hitler’s empire. In the film Jojo Rabbit, a mother and child see bodies hanging in the square of their village, which has been overtaken by Nazis. When the little boy asks, “What did they do?” the mother replies, “They did what they could.” Anne Frank also did what she could by writing in her diary while in captivity. What can you do to stem the tide of evil and anti-Semitism?

**Today’s Readings:** Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233). “If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.”

Friday, Mar 13, 2020  LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Look who is walking beside you

The Way of the Cross reminds us that we share this walk with many others who suffer and need solace. Consider these words by Pope Francis in reference to human trafficking: “Help us to share the sufferings of all those treated as refuse. It is all too easy to condemn people and difficult situations that offend our false sense of decency. It is less easy to accept our responsibilities as individuals, as governments, and as Christian communities.” Allow your Lenten practice to open your eyes to your complicity in sin and your capacity for compassion if you continue to follow the way of Jesus.

**Today’s Readings:** Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234). “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

Saturday, Mar 14, 2020  LENTEN WEEKDAY

No strings attached

Most of us are not quite as generous as we might think we are. How often do you give to those who do not so much as offer a thank-you or a smile in return? If you do it once, would you do it again? Are you generous with neighbors or relations who consistently ignore your wishes and feelings? Truth be told, most of us are good to those who are good to us. But Jesus welcomed everyone to join him at the table and freely offered them healing, forgiveness, even friendship—no strings attached. Jesus encourages us to stretch in that direction.

**Today’s Readings:** Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (235). “Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain.”
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