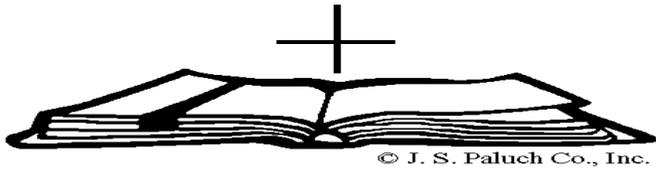


Third Sunday of Lent
 March 7, 2021
 I, the LORD, am your God . . .
 You shall not have other gods besides me.
 — Exodus 20:2a, 3

TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God’s protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

Mass Intentions



- Sat., Mar. 06, 8:00 a.m. Chuck Armstrong (L)
- Sat., Mar. 06, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Nick Sita, Kim Hammergren, Elaine Muro, **and for the living**; Special Intention, Karge Family, Karen Bovia and Mr. Lam Nguyen and Family
- Sun. Mar. 07, 7:30 a.m. Frank Minyard, Margaret Mary Mule’, Edward Arndt, Gloria Fabre, Steve Horcade, Paul and Janine Robin, James Leonard, Larry Kass Sr., Henry and Mary Craig, Loretta O’Rourke, Al Satches Bertha Knieper, Otis Gilmore, Carol Pieri, Marlys White **and for the living**; Salvadore Mule’, Jon Craig, Jackie Cambas and Jason Stein
- Sun. Mar. 07, 9:15 a.m. Vicki Cavalier (L)
- Sun., Mar. 07, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners
- Mon., Mar. 08, 8:00 a.m. Salvadore Mule’ (L)
- Tues., Mar. 09 NO MASS
- Wed., Mar. 10, 8:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon
- Thurs., Mar. 11, 8:00 a.m. Richard Naretyy
- Fri., Mar. 12, 8:00 a.m. Laurie Lee Kent

PRAYER LIST

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| Rosalind Baham | Chuck Armstrong |
| Joel Ferrera | Louise Cashmere |
| Kenneth Vicari | Yolanda Bourgeois |
| Tuck Tucker | LeLe Kopfler |
| Catherine Atkins | Roxanne Troxclair |
| Robert Till | Diane Rodriguez |



Envelopes	\$ 2,529.00
Loose	\$ 1,153.00
E-giving	\$ 220.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 109.00

Thank you to all for the continued contributions. If you wish to give online, please go to:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

Next weekend we will take up a 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

- Sanctuary: Louis Meyer
- Blessed Mother: Joan Blackman
- St. Joseph: Jason Stein
- St. Anne: Mike and Sandra Caminita

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent, the stations of the cross will be at 3:30 p.m., outdoors weather permitting. Each parishioner attending the Stations of the Cross is requested to keep the booklet for personal use during this entire Lenten Season. New booklets will be purchased when we return to indoors.

POPE FRANCIS’S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Confessions will be available in all parishes from 5:00 p.m.— 6:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays during Lent: March 10, March 17, and March 24, 2021.



PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power, and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. **AMEN**

Rice Bowl-SUSTAINABILITY IN EL SALVADOR

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques—and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center-Upcoming Event

God's Presence Deep Within....you.....me....us (Zoom)

On Friday, April 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual Presentation on Zoom. Presenters: A.S.C. Assistant Director Sr. Gloria Murillo, S.T.J. and Associate Director, Bonnie Chase Jesus said, "...When you are weak I am strong". (2 Cor. 12) This workshop invites us to journey with Jesus in our weaknesses and our brokenness as we experience His healing in our woundedness. Donation \$30.00 To register online go to archspirctr@arch-no.org

LENTEN MISSION: FREEDOM FROM SIN

Discovering the root causes of our personal sin!

Ever wonder why you keep confessing the same sins? Ever tempted to go out and find a new, different sin to commit to avoid the boredom of repetition?

On Thursday, March 18, 2021, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass Fr. Peter Hammett will use the Sacred Scriptures to try and help those attending the Mission to find the root of their sin.

The morning will consist of:

- 8:00 a.m. - Mass, followed by a short break
- 8:50 a.m. - 1st reflection,
- 9:30 a.m. - Coffee break (Odilo Hall)
- 9:50 a.m. - 2nd reflection
- Time for private confession

Monthly Explanation of the Mass The Penitential Act and the Gloria

At the beginning of each Mass, we take time to prepare ourselves through the Penitential Act to enter the sacred liturgy and encounter Christ. We ask God to help us that by acknowledging our sins we may prepare ourselves to listen to his Word and share in the Body and Blood of Christ. We recognize our need for God's help – our need to be saved – so we ask his mercy upon us: "Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy."

Immediately following this (on Sundays outside of Advent and Lent and on solemnities, feasts, and at other solemn celebrations) we join the angels and saints in heaven and sing the Gloria – the same hymn sung by the angels to the shepherds heralding the birth of Jesus (Christmas). The incarnation is God's response to our sinfulness! During Lent and Advent, we do not sing the Gloria due to the penitential nature of the seasons and the emphasis on expectancy.

In these seemingly routine moments of the Mass that we can become all too familiar with the Lord invites us to bring our minds and hearts into the deep mystery of our faith – God so loves us that he sent his Son. Jesus has come not to condemn the world, but to save the world.

EASTER OUTREACH

St. John's Outreach Ministry will be making Easter baskets for the homebound and sick in our parish. If you would like to make a monetary donation or help deliver baskets, please call Linda Carlin at 985-302-2009 or Phyllis Legnon at 985-796-3552. Thank you.

REMINDERS

PSR Classes, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m., Jonathan Hall and Office Classrooms

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs, March 11th at 7 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Fridays, during Lent-3:30 p.m.

K.C. Fish Fries, Fridays in Lent, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

On Monday, March 8th at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will begin our study of the time period, the Catholic Reformation, by viewing a video on St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). The Jesuits played a crucial role in the reform of the Church in response to the Protestant revolution, along with great Saints like Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross.