

Third Sunday of Lent February 28, 2016

The Story and You: Third Sunday of Lent My nephew, raised in a Catholic home and surrounded by practicing Catholic family and friends, loved his twelve years of Catholic schools. After high school he went to the state university with several of his childhood friends. I visited him on campus for his April birthday, and, while touring the grounds, asked, “Where is the Catholic Church?” I could have been speaking Swahili. After eight months on campus, spent in the company of his Catholic friends, it hadn’t occurred to one of them to inquire about a parish where they could stay connected with the faith that had been so carefully and lovingly nourished in them. There were many bushes burning all around them—fascinating classes that could have ignited their intellects and longing to seek the Master Designer, kids their age of all different religious backgrounds who could have stimulated great conversations about faith, and, it turns out, a vibrant Catholic campus community. But none of that fascinated them enough to come closer, to investigate, to take off their shoes and stand humbly before the Mystery. That’s what makes holy ground—when the Divine Spark finally connects with our own longing, and we can’t stop ourselves from drawing near. I think about that bush in the desert, utterly consumed with God. I suspect that it had been burning from the beginning of time, waiting for someone to catch its light and be ineluctably drawn towards it. The world is charged with the grandeur of God, wrote Gerard Manley Hopkins. Ah, yes. But grace upon grace is still burning in the desert, waiting for us to be chilly enough, lonely enough, “not enough” enough, to take off our shoes and listen.

Where are the places of holy ground—of engagement with God—for you?

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La Historia y Usted: Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma Mi sobrino, criado en un hogar Católico y rodeado de familiares y amigos practicantes del Catolicismo, disfruto al máximo sus doce años de escuelas Católicas. Después de la preparatoria se fue a una universidad estatal con varios de sus amigos de la infancia. Lo visité en la universidad para su cumpleaños en abril, y, mientras que me daba un paseo por las instalaciones, le pregunté, -¿Dónde esta Pude haberle hablado en Swahili. Después de ocho meses en la universidad, compartiendo con sus amigos católicos, a ninguno de ellos se les había ocurrido preguntar acerca de una iglesia donde pudieran seguir conectados con la fe que con tanto cuidado y amor se les había inculcado.

Existen tantas zarzas ardiendo en fuego alrededor de ellos- clases fascinantes que pudiesen haber encendido sus intelectos y añoranzas para buscar al Gran Diseñador, chicos de su edad de diferentes religiones que pudiesen haber estimulado grandes conversaciones acerca de la fe, y, tal parece una comunidad Católica vibrante en el campus universitario. Pero nada de eso los fascino lo suficiente como para hacerlos que se acercaran, a investigar, a descalzarse y pararse humildemente ante el Misterio. Eso es lo que hace que el suelo sea sagrado- cuando la Chispa Divina finalmente se conecta con nuestra propia añoranza, y no podemos contenernos Yo pienso acerca de esa zarza ardiendo en el desierto, completamente consumida con Dios. Sospecho que debió haber estado ardiendo desde el comienzo de los tiempos, esperando a que alguien atrapara su luz y fuese

inescapablemente atraído a ella. El mundo está cargado con la grandeza de Dios, escribió Gerard Manley Hopkins. A, si. Pero la gracia sobre la gracia todavía arde en el desierto, esperándonos a que tengamos suficiente frio, suficiente soledad, -no lo suficiente- suficiente para descalzarnos y escuchar.

¿Dónde están los lugares de suelo sagrado- lugares de relacionarte con Dios- para ti?
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Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish--
 Rosi Cervantes, Ana Portillo, Don Milner, Ken Deslongchamp, Barbara Deaguero, Tony Romero, Audrey Magee, Lucy Ortega, Conception Ayala, LaSelle Pino, Frank Romero, Fernando Olivas, Olivia Scott, Guadalupe Sanches, Clarita Rubio, Veronica Aragon, Mary Maes, Tillie Estrada, Alicia Aguilar.

The Year of Mercy—Pope Francis would like to encourage all Catholics to assist in bringing a brighter awareness of the Acts of Mercy, corporal and spiritual, in the year of mercy. So here is a list of those Acts or Works of Mercy:

Corporal Works of Mercy

- 1) Feed the Hungry
- 2) Give drink to the Thirsty
- 3) Clothe the Naked
- 4) Shelter the Homeless
- 5) Visit the Sick
- 6) Visit the Imprisoned
- 7) Bury the Dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- 1) Instruct the Ignorant
- 2) Counsel the Doubtful

- 3) Admonish Sinners
- 4) Bear Wrongs patiently
- 5) Forgive Offences willingly
- 6) Comfort the Afflicted
- 7) Pray for the Living and the Dead

St Thérèse of Lisieux, became famous and beloved because of her thoughts about pleasing God and being his faithful follower. She talked about the “little way.” That is, to bear hardships and injustices and uniting these with the sufferings of Christ on the Cross. Not that we accept a type of fatalism, but that we understand, that sometimes the only justice and equity that we enjoy will be the justice and equity of God’s kingdom.

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Readings for the week of February 28, 2016

- Sunday Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15//1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12//Lk 13: 1-9
Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab//Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43// Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday Dt 4:1. 5-9//Mt 5:17-19
Thursday Jer 7:23-28//Lk 11:14-23
Friday Hos 14:2-10//Mk 12:28-34
Saturday Hos 6:1-6//Lk 18: 9-14

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Help with TAXES—if you make less than \$53,000 and have children at home, there is FREE tax help. Emily Griffith Technical College, 1205 Osage Street, February 3 to April 14, on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30pm to 8:30pm (*closed March 21 to April 1 for spring break*).

Around the Parish and the Community

FAITH FORMATION

BUTTER BRAIDS

Lent is almost here, so it's time to start thinking about Butter Braids! This year, our proceeds will be going toward an improved sound system in the church! We will be selling after all the Masses on the weekends of February 27, March 5 and March 12. Delivery is on Palm Sunday weekend.

WORD ON FIRE – CATHOLICISM SERIES

Our next session in the *Catholicism* series, is this Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 pm.

SOUP SUPPERS

Once again we will be offering presentation of the Stations of the Cross with Soup Suppers on FRIDAYS of Lent, beginning at **6:00PM**. This year, we will be including Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction to the stations for those who wish to stay and pray. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, Mar 04 – **Penance Service with Adoration**

Friday, Mar 11 – Spanish Ministry

Friday, Mar 18 – Staff/RCIA

Theodora House—is a homeless shelter for women that is ministered to by some of the parishioners of Saint Rose of Lima. On the first Saturday of each month, they cook and serve dinner for the women, usually 15 to 20. They would love to have one or two more families/individuals to assist. If interested, call Julie Hallahan at 303.451.0400.

Mullen High School is hosting the 23rd Annual Senior Citizens Prom. The students of Mullen High School cordially invite the senior citizens of our community to the 23rd Annual Senior Citizens Prom with its “Tropical Cruise” theme. The event will take place on Saturday March 19, from 7pm to 9:30pm at Mullen High School Hutchison Field House, 3601 Lowell Blvd. Dance to the music of *That Great Little Band*. Reservations are required March 9 to Mary Ann Oswald @ 303.941.8723 or familyoswald@msn.com .

