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**Sunday Bulletin
3rd Sunday Lent**

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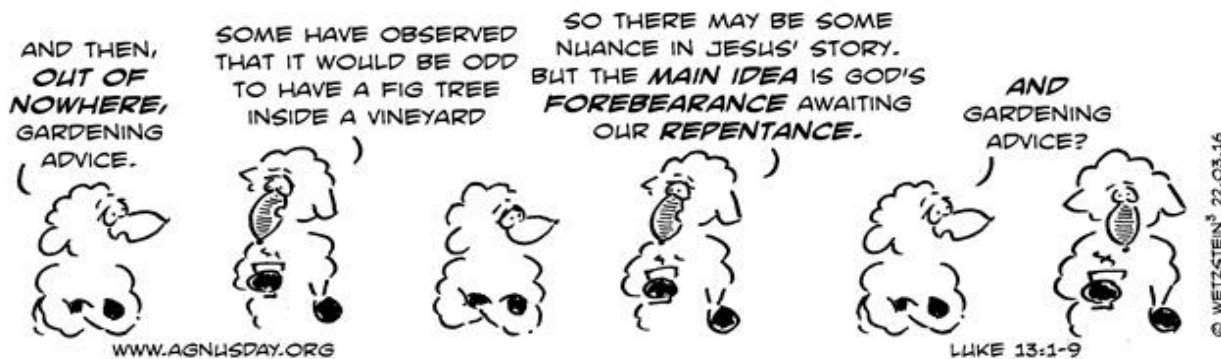
At any moment, Jesus warns in today's Gospel, we could perish, not as God's punishment for being "greater sinners" but because, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we stumble into evil desires, fall into grumbling, forget all His benefits. Jesus calls us today to "repentance"—not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. We're called to live the life we sing about in today's Psalm, blessing His holy name, giving thanks for His kindness and mercy.

The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel (see [Jeremiah 8:3; 24:1-10](#)). As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so too Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance (see [Luke 3:8](#)). Lent should be for us like the season of reprieve given to the fig tree, a grace period in which we let "the gardener," Christ, cultivate our hearts, uprooting what chokes the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruits that will last into eternity.

Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, PhD More information at www.stpaulcenter.com

Crusade Prayer (137) Prayer of Restoration

O God, Almighty One, O God the Most High, look upon me, Your humble servant with love and pity in Your Heart. Restore me in Your Light. Lift me back into Your favour. Fill me with the grace, so I can offer myself to You in humble servitude and in accordance with Your Most Holy Will. Rid me of the sin of pride and everything which insults You and help me to love You with a deep and abiding desire to serve You all of my days forever and ever...Amen



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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY	11:00 am
Rosary	10:30 am
Monday	9:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	9:00 am
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	7:00 pm
Saturday	7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Friday 7:30 – 8:15 pm
and by appointment

ADORATION

Friday 7:30–8:15 pm

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading	Exodus 31-8a, 13-15
2nd Reading	1Cprinthians 10.1-6, 10-12
Responsorial	Psalm 103
Gospel	Luke 13.1-9

Submissions for the Sunday Bulletin
before 5:00 pm Thurs to
icccparish@gmail.com



Fruits of the Fig

In the Church, we are made children of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God who makes known His name and His ways to Moses in today's First Reading. Mindful of His covenant with Abraham (see [Exodus 2:24](#)), God came down to rescue His people from the slave drivers of Egypt. Faithful to that same covenant (see [Luke 1:54-55, 72-73](#)), He sent Jesus to redeem all lives from destruction, as today's Psalm tells us. Paul says in today's Epistle that God's saving deeds in the Exodus were written down for the Church, intended as a prelude and foreshadowing of our own Baptism by water, our liberation from sin, our feeding with spiritual food and drink. Yet the events of the Exodus were also given as a "warning"—that being children of Abraham is no guarantee that we will reach the promised land of our salvation...see reverse.



03-20-2022
3rd Sunday Lent

Parish Pastoral Council meets 1st Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August
Parish Financial Council meets 2nd Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August
CWL meets 4th Tues after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August

Sunday Collection 03-06-2022 = \$ 917.00
\$1,200.00 NEEDED

Date		Lector/Reader 1	Lector/Reader 2	Gift Bearer	Altar Server/Cross Bearer	Music Ministry
03-20-2022	3 rd Sunday Lent	Lucille Partington	Mary McLaughlin	Larry + Vella Anderson	TBA	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal
03-27-2022	4 th Sunday Lent	Joe Raskauskas	Barb London	Steve + Barb London	TBA	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal
04-03-2022	5 th Sunday Lent	Cecile Gregory	Sharon Lagace	John + Mary Vavrek	TBA	TBA
04-10-2022	6 th Sunday Lent	Karen Leslie	Janelle Durda	Frank + Ruth Pohr	TBA	TBA
04-16-2022	Easter Vigil	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Carmen + Mona + Shirley
04-17-2022	Easter Sunday	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Thank You
 A huge Thank you to Larry Vavrek for clearing all the snow out of the parking lot this week.

Food Drive for Easter
 Our Parish CWL will be collecting food items for the Food Bank from March 6th -April 10th which will be taken to the food bank for Easter distribution.

Feasts and Saints of the Week

Wednesday	03-23-2022	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Friday	03-25-2022	Feast of the Annunciation

Quote of the Week
 "Here is the rule for everyday life; do not do anything which you cannot offer to God"

CWL Meeting
Tuesday, March 22nd after Mass at 7:00 pm

Way Of The Cross followed by Mass and Adoration on Friday at 6:30 pm. It will be offered for the unborn. Come pray for those little ones

Mass Intentions for March 20-26 2022

	Offered By	Offered For
Sun		
Mon	Family of Brenda Sereda	RIP: Brenda Sereda
Tue		
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		



Call Cecile Gregory with prayer requests urgent or emergency 587-202-8887
 Wade Kaczkielo, Karen Leslie, Don Lozeron, infant Parker Nellis, Brooklynne Russell and for all the sick and needy in our community.

Lenten Retreat
 "From Parishioner to Disciples"
 Presenter: Father Ed Eherer. C.S.s.R.
April 2, 2022 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon with Lunch
 Kindly sign up if you would attend.

Welcome to Pancake Breakfast Today after Mass
2021 Parish income + expense Statement Today

Pope Francis consecrates both Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Novena Prayer for the people of Ukraine.
 God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that Your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all Your precious children, at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

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