

# GOOD NEWS!

**MARCH 7, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**  
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 /  
Jn 2:13-25

Eventually you're going to get caught. That's what this expression means. And that is pretty much how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will get them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. The psalm verses for today insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People.

People who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said: "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the directives for flying a plane are what are uppermost. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

# Dear Padre

*Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to metanoia. What did he mean?*

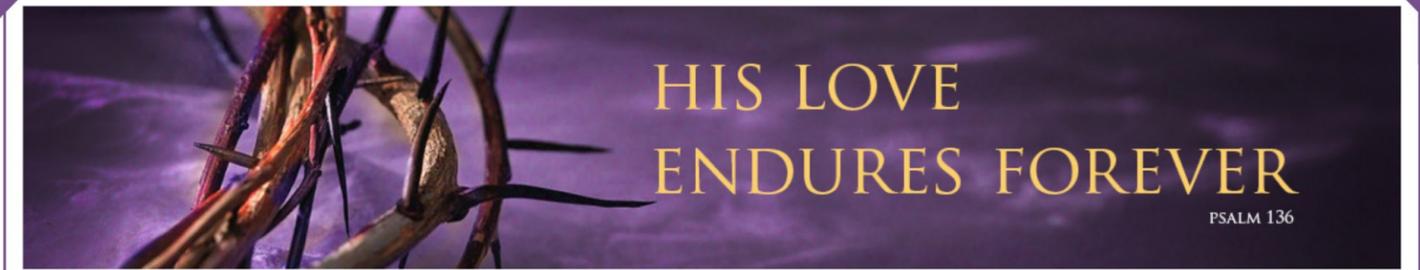
Most of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your deacon is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to metanoia, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."

We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to see a new direction and the courage to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make.

The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on metanoia. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to metanoia.

## Scripture Readings for the week of March 8—14

| Monday                       | Tuesday                       | Wednesday                 | Thursday                   | Friday                     | Saturday                | Sunday   |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab<br>Lk 4:24-30 | Dn 3:25,34-43<br>Mt 18: 21-35 | Dt 4:1, 5-9<br>Mt 5:17-19 | Jer 7:23-28<br>Lk 11:14-23 | Hos 14:2-10<br>Mk 12:28-34 | Hos 6:1-6<br>Lk 18:9-14 | 2 Chr 36:14-16,<br>19-23<br>Eph 2:4-10<br>Jn 3:14-21 |



## 2021 LENTEN SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASS

Mondays: 9 am- St. Anne  
Tuesdays: 9 am- St. Anne  
Wednesdays: 9 am- St. Gabriel  
Thursdays: 9 am- St. Catherine

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Anne  
Wednesdays: 5-6 pm - St. Catherine  
Thursdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Catherine  
Fridays: 5:30-6:30 pm - Following Stations  
Saturdays: 3:30 pm - St. Raphael

Communal Penance Service & First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 24th at 6:30 pm at St. Anne

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call parish office for home visits

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Anne  
Wednesdays: 5-6 pm - St. Catherine  
Thursdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Catherine  
Churches open for prayer during the day

### LENTEN REFLECTION

Wednesdays: 6:30 pm - St. Catherine  
Can be followed virtually  
[www.resurrectionacgr.org](http://www.resurrectionacgr.org)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursdays at St. Raphael at 4:30 pm  
Fridays at 5 pm  
Confessions following for an hour  
February 19 - St. Anne      March 12 - St. Raphael  
February 26 - St. Catherine      March 19 - St. Anne  
March 5 - St. Gabriel      March 26 - St. Catherine

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — 7 MARCH 2021

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our first reading today we hear of God's special covenantal relationship with the Israelites in the desert. Essential to the covenant is "how to act" which God delineates in the Ten Commandments. In the Gospel Jesus has great zeal for Temple and he casts out the abusers - the money changer, etc. He declares: "Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up." John explains that many came to believe in Jesus because of his words and action. Notice Jesus is always winning people over by his words AND actions. God is mighty in word and in deed. That's important to remember. Jesus is speaking of his own body – that when we destroy him, kill him, by our sins and transgressions, he will be raised up on the third day.

These readings lead perfectly into our third point of the Kerygma. Remember that our first two points were: CREATION and CAPTURED BY SIN/DEATH. If we stopped our conversation here we will be very depressed. What is the answer to our human mortality, to suffering and death? The answer is REDEMPTION or SALVATION in Jesus Christ. In this point of the Kerygma we proclaim that God comes to save us from ourselves. He sends us his only begotten Son. The God-Man who we kill on a cross. He rises from the dead on the third day. I know this verse from scripture may seem to be over used, but it really does sum up perfectly this third point: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). It says it all right there! You can be saved.

There is hope. There is eternal life instead of the eternal death we see in front of us at the end of our lives. It might seem like the Kerygma would stop here. But as you will see next week there is more to the proclamation... stay tuned!

God bless,



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES**

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

**Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent**  
 4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
*Ronald Frayer*  
 6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Craig Rolston*  
 11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Charlie & Jan Dettling*

**Monday, March 8, St. John of God**  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Special Intention for Christopher Ryan*  
 4:15 pm, St. Raphael Sodality Meeting  
 7:00 pm, Spruce/St. Catherine K of C Meeting

**Tuesday, March 9, St. Frances of Rome**  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Special Intention for James Ryan*  
 9:30-10:30 am Adoration/Confession St. Anne

**Wednesday, March 10,**  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Gabriel  
*Feliksa Sokolowski*  
 9:30 am Rosary, St. Gabriel  
 5-6:00 pm Adoration & Confession St. Catherine  
 6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation St. Catherine Hall  
 6:30 pm Children's Sacramental Preparation Class St. Catherine Hall

**Thursday, March 11,**  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Daniel Truman*  
 9:30-10:30 am Adoration/Confession St. Catherine

**Friday, March 12, NO MASS**  
 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross St. Raphael  
 5:30-6:30 pm Confession St. Raphael

**Saturday, March 13,**  
 3:30 pm Confession, St. Raphael

**Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 Rosary is prayed half an hour before all Masses  
 4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*  
 6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
*Fr. Robert Bissot*  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Clifford Anderson*  
 11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Didi Rigato*

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).  
 Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. A portion of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

|                     | St. Anne    | St. Catherine | St. Gabriel | St. Raphael |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Needed each week    | \$2,144.23  | \$2,593.95    | \$555.10    | \$740.38    |
| Needed year-to-date | \$75,048.05 | \$90,788.25   | \$19,428.50 | \$25,913.30 |
| Actual year-to-date | \$78,179.07 | \$90,960.29   | \$17,500.52 | \$26,986.96 |
| Feb. 28             | \$1,564.00  | \$2,405.00    | \$490.00    | \$583.80    |
| Other Collections:  | \$65.00     | \$145.00      | \$10.00     | \$30.00     |
| Feb. Online Giving: | \$2,286.94  | \$1,302.00    | \$50.00     | \$132.52    |

**Pray for Our Priests & Religious**

Sunday—Rev. Tyler Bischoff  
 Monday—Rev. Joseph Blasko  
 Tuesday— Deceased Priests  
 Wednesday— Rev. Lawrence Boks  
 Thursday—Rev. Msgr. James Brucksch  
 Friday— Rev. Anthony Citro  
 Saturday— Most Rev. Walter Hurley

**Projects at St. Gabriel Church** A video explanation from Fr. Tyler along with detailed information is available on our website. A letter will be going out to all St. Gabriel families in the coming days explaining the scope of the project. There is a need to replace the windows of the church which are from the 1890s. The biggest issue is the high water level which is causing severe damage to the foundation of the church. We need to dry out the crawlspace in order to save St. Gabriel's foundation. Donations towards these projects will be greatly appreciated. Be sure to mark the envelope or check: St. Gabriel Special Projects.

**New Parish Website** Check it out at [www.resurrectionacgr.org](http://www.resurrectionacgr.org). The home page features aerial views of our churches, easy to find buttons for the video Mass, bulletins, online giving, posted all of the latest news and events, and much more. There is an up-to-date calendar of all parish events. On the homepage you will find. Bookmark the website and check it out for the latest news about our parish.

**Face Masks:** Please remember that it is still a requirement to wear a face mask when entering the church.

**During the Lenten Season,** anyone who is homebound and would like to go to Confession, receive Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion, please contact the parish office to set up an appointment. Fr. Tyler is available most afternoons for home visits.

**St. Anne parish** is asking volunteers to take over the light cleaning of our church to "tidy up" before Mass each weekend. The plan is for volunteers to sign up for a month at a time. This would be ideal for a family or group of 2-3 fellow parishioners. To help with this stewardship of our church, please call the parish office or see the sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

**Lenten Fasting and Abstinence**

**Abstinence**—Catholics 14 years or older are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. No meat may be eaten on these days.

**Fasting**—Catholics age 18 years through age 59 are bound to the obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We are to have only one full meal and two other small meals. Eating between meals is not allowed but liquids are permitted.

The U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops explain that those who may be excused from fast and abstinence include those outside the age limits, if physically or mentally ill, if suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes, and pregnant or nursing women.

For more info on Lenten practices visit [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org)



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