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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 7, 2021



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MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM
(ROSARY AFTER)

FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM
ANNointing of the SICK &
NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 PM

SUNDAY: 7:15 - 7:45AM
9:45-10:15 AM

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION

TUESDAY: 8:00AM-6:00PM
FRIDAY: 8:30AM-9:30 AM
(DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

LAURA E. RHODE, SECRETARY

Gospel Reflection

The scene of Cleansing of the temple is recorded by all four Gospels. This event took place during Passover festival. Pilgrims from all over the world used come to Jerusalem to participate in this festival and to offer sacrifices, fulfill vows and to seek counsel from priests.

The prevalent Roman coins were considered unclean to offer to God. So, they had to change them to temple copper coins, giving a lot of commission to money changers. All the trades of Jerusalem were either controlled by or belonged to Sadducees. They were directly the beneficiaries of them.

When Jesus said “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace”, the prophesy of Zechariah was fulfilled “No longer will there be merchants in the house of the Lord of hosts on that day” (Zech 14:21). It was Jesus' reaction to the commercialized Faith.

By purifying the temple from merchants, Jesus was making a clear distinction between worship and money. “No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon” (Matthew 6:24). God expects love from man and this love is unconditional and free. “What do I care for the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord. I have had enough of whole-burnt rams and fat of fatlings; In the blood of calves, lambs, and goats I find no pleasure” (Isaiah 1:11). God is going to replace this animal sacrifice with the sacrifice of his son Jesus on the cross. The greatest expression of God's love.

“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” The Evangelist was emphasizing not on the cleansing of the temple but on the replacement and inauguration of a new temple. Here he was referring to the temple of his body. The Jews believed that God dwelt in the sanctuary of Jerusalem temple. The dramatic scene of the tearing of the temple’s veil: “Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom” (Mt 27: 50-51) is the end of all the holy spaces. It ended the separation between the sacred and the profane. Anyone who is in communion with Jesus Christ is united with God and can worship anywhere.

Now the real encounter with God is not in a particular place but in the new temple; the Body of risen Christ. Jesus made very clear to Samaritan woman where one has to worship the Lord. “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth” (John 4:21-24).

We must always remember the words of St. Paul “We are the temples of the Holy Spirit”.

Today's Readings

First Reading (*Exodus 20:1-17*)

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: “I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers’ wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

“Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.”

Responsorial Psalm (*Psalm 19:8,9,10,11*)

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading (*1 Corinthians 1:22-25*)

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Gospel

Gospel (John 2:13-25)

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,

Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He him-

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 8:30am (Chapel)
Friday 6:00pm (Church)

K. C. Baby Bottles

Pick up a bottle in the vestibule and put your spare change in it, return it to the Church.

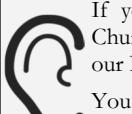


2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal – “Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us”

Your support of this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal can help bring many of our brothers and sisters who live and work in South Mississippi the opportunity to encounter Christ. By "Witnessing to the Eucharist" we become the hands of the Lord to those who need His message of Hope, Forgiveness, and Love. Please consider a generous gift to this year's appeal! Pledge envelopes are in the back of the church. Thank You!

Prayer Request

Frances Adams	Patsy Ladner
Michael & Toddy Arceneaux	Verna Mae Ladner
Ralph Baldwin	Larry Lind
Nelsie & Johnny Banks	James Lovett
Emilee Battaglia	Layla Mallett
Marge Blaisdell	Woody Mauffray
Gene Breazeale	Charles Meador
Ida Brown	Kathleen Micell
Claud Burk & Linda Burke	Barbara Moran
Michael Girdinia	Mary Louise & Sonny Moran
Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa, JoAnn, Jude, Shirley Cucurullo	Warren Moran
Margaret Cuevas	Belinda & Kenny Morgan
Howard Edwards	Shirley Morris
Peggy Glynn	Patrick Murphy
Christine Greenwood	Bernadine Necaise
Merle Haas	Janet Necaise
Verna Haas	Tyrone & Faye Necaise
Jennie Hoda	Christopher Nugent
Wayne Hoda	Joy Patin
Amanda Jones	Joan Rhode
June Kenney	Brooke Rolison
Mary Kenney	Tina Roundtree
Donald Koenenn	Karrie Schultz
Shelly Koenenn	Jerry Shavers
Barbara Ladner	Mike Shubert
Shelia Ladner	Timothy Scott Steen
Willard & Cecile Ladner	Maura Strong
	Josie Thomas
	Denise Walker
	Shaylynn Whitfield



If you are unable to come in the Church, sit in the parking lot and listen to our Broadcasting on **91.1 Fm.**

You can also listen to a Portable radio in Church if you have trouble hearing.



Welcome to the
Coffee Shop
Sundays after 8am Mass,
in the Parish Hall.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

Amir Darwis _____ US Army National Guard

Drew Ladner _____ US Marine

Darrell Little _____ US Army

Devin Nelson _____ US Army

Brandan Witt _____ USAF

Evan Cameron _____ USAF

Dillon Lacoste _____ US Navy

Lance Cuevas _____ USAF

Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 6

4pm - Charles Haas †

Sunday, March 7

8:00am—Parishioners

10:30am -Sidney Sr., Etheline, Sidney Jr., Margaret & Josie Bennett †

Monday, March 8

8:00am -Vernon & Helen Peterson †

Tuesday, March 9

8:00am -Kim Young

Wednesday, March 10

8:00am - Helen Peterson †

Thursday, March 11

8:00am- Souls of Purgatory

Friday, March 12

8:00am - Willard & Cecile Ladner

Financial News

Insurance	\$42,034.01
Diocesan Support	\$23,058.96
School Supplement	\$23,536.83
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$140,879.28
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$229,509.08
Amount needed each Week	\$4,413.63
Last Sunday Collection	\$3271.71
Shortfall	\$1141.92

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