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**Thank you,
Msgr. Stan Carson**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7, 2021

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

2010 12th Avenue

www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary

Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry

Cathy McFee

***Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.***

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be
held at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be
held at the Cathedral. 944-4603**

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF
THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO
THE GREAT IN 1995.**

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

PH: 814-944-4603

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603

Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

**Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
and Grieving - 944-4603**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday

12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11

**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation**

**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation**

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM

8:00 AM

12:00 Noon

10:00 AM

12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon

5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM

12:00 Noon

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Today, Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent

Esther Dorazio (Geri Rose)

Next Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent

Bebe Milliron (Paul Kowalski)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

March 7, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Bob Beck (Jean Schandelmeier)

10:00 AM +Fran Moses (Altoona Family Physicians)

Noon PM +Amelia Seiler (Joan Weston)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

March 8, Monday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Joseph Soyka (Karen & Steve Martynuska)

12:00 PM +Jane Davidson (Gary & Janet Roesch)

March 9, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Bill & Kathleen Hoff, Wed. Anniv. (Family)

12:00 PM +Gerri Rose, Remembrance (Elizabeth Rose)

March 10, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Priests (Anonymous)

12:00 PM +Alfred Rutolo, Anniv. (Family)

March 11, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Joseph Anthony Moffa, Anniv. (Estate)

12:00 PM +Joyce Moyer (Marie & Sharon Yanchik)

March 12, Friday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Jack Bauer (Mike & Sherri Byrne)

12:00 PM +Karl Burgmeir, Anniv. (Daughter, Carol)

March 13, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM +Joe Wiedemer, Anniv. (Family)

12:00 PM +Irene DeBernardis (Doug & Jan Stoehr)

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM +Marti Stefanon (Kathy Grove)

March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Eric Hockenberry, Birth. (Family)

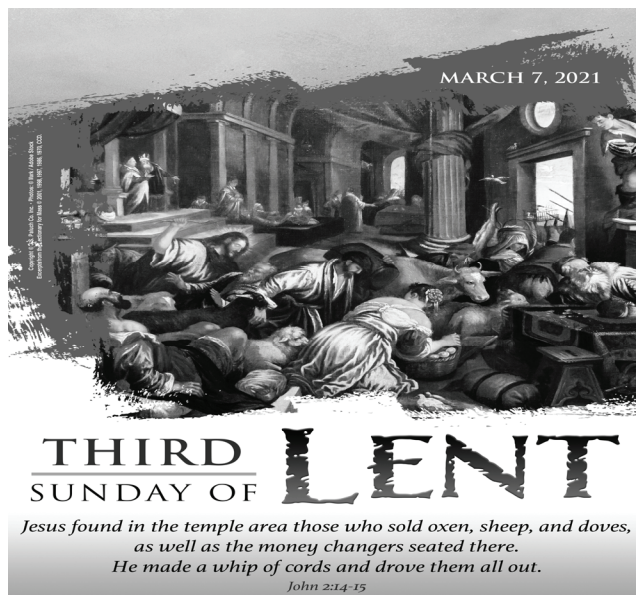
10:00 AM +Sr. Beverly Hmel, Birth. (Sam & Judy Kokolis)

12:00 PM +Angeline Mangiacarne, Birth. (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of February and March has been donated by the Noel Villadolid Family. Other months are available for \$30.00. Thank you.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalms — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]. The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectio for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

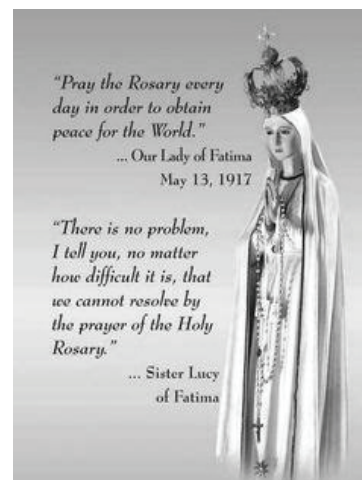
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, February 28, were \$1,143.

Arise Together in Christ

Arise faith-sharing groups will resume during the Easter season. If interested, call Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317 so materials can be ordered on time.



"THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT . . ."

For pious Jews in first-century Palestine, the Mosaic Law prescribed the way every action in life is dedicated to God. Today's reading from Exodus tells how the Ten Commandments, the introduction to this larger legal code, is given to Israel as a gift from God.

In the Gospels Jesus is portrayed as a rabbi, or someone learned in the Law. A rabbi's learning ideally included both the precepts of the Law and its reverent contemplation as a divine gift, within which one could hear God's own voice. This was the way rabbis through the centuries used the Law to adapt to changing circumstances. This seems to be what Jesus was doing with the moneychangers in the temple.

When Jesus accused the moneychangers of sacrilege and cleared them out of the temple, the onlookers asked for a sign of his authority to do such a thing. After all, wasn't it a sacrilege to purchase animals for sacrifice with pagan coins? Wasn't this how the Jews adapted to Roman rule? Jesus says nothing about that; he only knows that this commercial activity inside the temple was a sacrilege. Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus is criticized for not being strict enough with the Law, as when he ate with prostitutes and tax collectors, but here he is prescribing something stricter, something "more."

Jesus is doing something extraordinary, contrary to ordinary practice, prompting the onlookers to request a sign, evidence that God is acting here through Jesus. His insistence that the moneychangers depart, his clear vision regarding "my Father's house," and his cryptic reference to himself as a temple, are signs of his contemplative intimacy with his Father that is the source of his authority about the Law.

Catholics, like first-century Jews, have our regular means for living in God's presence. We have the liturgy, sacraments, devotions, and personal prayer. During Lent, we are asked to be a little stricter with ourselves, listening for God's own voice. If we do, we might discover that we, too, are being called to something "more."

Today's Readings: Ex 20:1–17 [1–3, 7–8, 12–17]; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22–25; Jn 2:13–25

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Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed publicly at the Cathedral at 5:30 PM on Fridays. You are also encouraged to pray them privately in our church or at the cathedral at other times.

FEAST OF FAITH

Postures of the Mass

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body.

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PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

TIME begins on Sunday, March 14. Be sure to turn your clocks one hour ahead before you go to bed on Saturday.

Set Clocks Ahead



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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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Ash Wednesday (February 17) was and Good Friday (April 2) will be a day of **fast and abstinence**. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. FASTING refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. ABSTINENCE refers to not eating meat at all during the day. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout other days in Lent.