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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus. **R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.**
Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ. **R/. Now and forever. Amen.**

9:00 AM - **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** "*Hymn of Faith*"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Exodus 20: 1-17 or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17 (short form)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 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 feat 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.**

READING II - 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

GOSPEL - Mark 9: 2, 10

As the Jewish Passover was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple precincts he came upon people engaged in selling oxen, sheep and doves, and others seated changing coins. He made a [kind of] whip of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, sheep and oxen alike, and knocked over the money-changers tables, spilling their coins. He told those who were selling doves: "Get them out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!" His disciples recalled the words of scripture: "Zeal for your house consumes me."

At this the Jews responded, "What sign can you show us authorizing you to do these things?" "Destroy this temple," was Jesus' answer, "and in three days I will raise it up." They retorted, "This temple took forty-six years to build, and you are going to 'raise it up in three days!'" Actually he was talking about the temple of his body. Only after Jesus had been raised from the dead did his disciples recall that he had said this, and come to believe the Scripture and the word he had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name, for they could see the signs he was performing. For his part, Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all. He needed no one to give him testimony about human nature. He was well aware of what was in man's heart.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*O, My Jesus*"

OUR FATHER - page 95



"St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

THINK LENT?

Lent is our season for healing and spiritual renewal, we are asked to prepare by fasting, praying, and doing works of charity, but there are many paths...take time, reflect, meditate, do random acts of kindness, pray with all your heart...Think about your Lenten journey?

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...

Henri Nouwen

AN HONEST BEING-WITH

Being with a friend in great pain is not easy. It makes us uncomfortable. We do not know what to do or say, and we worry about how to respond to what we hear. Our temptation is to say things that come more out of our own fear than out of care for the person in pain. Sometimes we say things like "Well, you're doing a lot better than yesterday," or "You will soon be your old self again," or "I'm sure you will get over this." But often we know that what we're saying is not true, and our friends know it too.

We do not have to play games with one another. We can simply say, "I am your friend, I am happy to be with you."

We can say that in words or with touch or with loving silence. Sometimes it is good to say, "You don't have to talk. Just close your eyes. I am here with you, thinking of you, praying for you, loving you."



ST. JOSEPH, first century, March 19

Joseph, the Jewish carpenter called by God to complete the Holy Family. In the Gospels, he is named in the genealogies (Mt 1:16; Lk 3:23); as "righteous man" who planned to divorce Mary quietly until an angel intervened (Mt 1:18-25); as the family protector on the flight to Egypt (Mt 2:13-15, 19-23); as Mary's betrothed, "of the house of David" (Lk 1:27); in the infancy narrative (Lk 2:1-19); as a parent fearing for a lost child (Lk 2:41-52); and in descriptions of Jesus as his son (Jn 1:45;6:42).

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

ST. PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER is today! at 3 p.m.!

Please invite family and friends ... ask how you can help today to make this event another successful fund-raiser for our Parish.

Thank you to All!

ST. JOSEPH STATUE has been donated to the Parish from Thomas and Lorraine Kompa, in honor of All Parishioners of St. Francis, past and present, for their hard-work maintaining this parish through the many years, to the present, and for the future! God Bless You All! St. Joseph pray for us!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE... Do a random or regular act of kindness, it makes a difference! "Be the change you would like to see in the world." —Mahatma Gandhi .

PROTECT THE CREATION!...Think-Green *** Recycle, plant a garden, plant a tree, conserve your energy use, take a walk, encourage protection of our environment...???

SPRING BEGINS ... Friday, March 20th

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice AS CLOSE AS A PRAYER

The love of God surrounds us like the air we breathe around us - as near as a heartbeat, as close as a prayer, and whenever we need Him He'll always be there.

"The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made." —Psalm 145:13

Today each beat of your heart will remind you that God is with you!

HOLY WEEK - 2009 (EASTER SCHEDULE)

APRIL 5 - PALM SUNDAY - 9 a.m.

Liturgy and distribution of Palms, Holy Mass

APRIL 6 - HOLY THURSDAY - 7 p.m., Holy Mass

APRIL 10 - GOOD FRIDAY - 7 p.m., Passion Service

APRIL 11 - HOLY SATURDAY - 1 p.m. Blessing

of Easter foods, blessing of new fire and holy water.

APRIL 12 - EASTER SUNDAY - 8:30 a.m.

Procession of the Resurrection High Mass -9 a.m.

ST. PATRICK,

c. 389-461

March 17

The patron of Ireland, this bishop was born in Roman Britain. Kidnapped at 16 by Irish raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland. He was a lonely shepherd for six years before escaping and returning home. But his dream of converting the Irish pagans propelled him to



priestly studies in Gaul (now France), and about 432 Pope Celestine I consecrated him bishop and sent him to Ireland. For nearly 30 years he preached tirelessly, made countless converts, founded monasteries and established the primatial see at Armagh.