

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 07, 2010

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Cycle C - Year II

FR. THOMAS



Lenten Reflections!!!

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Poor in spirit" means to be humble. Humility is the realization that all your gifts and blessings come from the grace of God. To have poverty of spirit means to be

completely empty and open to the Word of God. When we are an empty cup and devoid of pride, we are humble. Humility brings openness and an inner peace, allowing one to do the will of God.

It is pride, the opposite of humility that brings misery. For pride brings anger and the seeking of revenge, especially when one is offended. If every man were humble and poor in spirit, there would be no war!

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Gregory of Nyssa taught that the Beatitudes built one upon another. Thus if we are humble and appreciate that all of our gifts and blessings come from God, we grow in love and gratitude for Jesus Christ our Savior. But this can only produce mourning and regret over our own sins and the sins of this world, for we have hurt the one who has been so good to us.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

A person who is meek is gentle and kind, and exhibits a docility of spirit. Obedience and submission to the will of God are certainly not in vogue these days, but they will bring one peace in this world and in the next.

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

A continuous desire for justice and moral perfection will lead one to a fulfillment of that desire - a transition and conversion to holiness.

"Wishing you a prayerful and Reflective Lenten Season"

MARTHAS & MARYS GROUP

Plan Now! Saint Patrick's Dinner - MARCH 13, 2010

Next meeting March 13th 9:30 a.m. in Fr Wright Hall

FOOD PANTRY

Food Drop off: First TWO weekends of the month

Food Pick-up: Fourth (4th) Fri. & Sat. of the month.

Call Donna Selin @ 972-5365 or Marie Guidotti @ 677-0841

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

All classes will continue to meet as scheduled

PRAYING THE SICK AND DYING

Pray for: Catherine Karrick, Terry Walls, Wm Smith,
Muriel Lopez and Deanna Sella

Pray for Vocations ~~~ Pray the Rosary

CSA -Under Way!

**NEXT WEEK WE WILL HAVE OUR FIRST REPORT
ALONG WITH A GRAPHIC IN THE VESTIBULE!**

It really *IS* good news that we begin our Catholic Services Appeal during Holy Season of Lent. It makes our giving of ourselves easy! This year the CSA Theme:

5 Loaves & 2 Fish

Luke 9:10-17

With our help, the Diocese of Reno really *CAN* feed the multitude. Pray, Sacrifice and please be generous. **Thanks**

CSA Mailing

If you will just complete the pledge card that you received in the mail, mail it or drop it in the collection basket - even bring it to the parish office as soon as possible that would be great. If you did not receive one, we have them in the back of church. We thank you in advance!

Convenience

Did you know this stuff about CSA? You may use a debit or credit card, or a bank draft- contact your bank-an automatic monthly payment will be sent to the Diocese, or you may donate stock - just call 326-9432 to set it up!

Observing Lent at Saint Michael

Stations of the Cross, Soup & Bread, Family Video

6:00 p.m. Simple Soup & Bread brought by you!

6:15 p.m. Family Video; Learn about your faith

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Lenten Observance: Following is the minimal Lenten Observance mandated by the Church:

FASTING

All baptized Roman Catholics between the ages of 18 years & 59 yrs are obliged to observe the Lenten Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

ABSTINENCE

All baptized Roman Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday

Here at Saint Michael...

→Confession: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, there will be a priest to hear confession during Lent.

Appreciation: Many thanks to the anonymous donors who refurbished the restrooms and kitchen floor!

Altar Server: There will be an important meeting of all Altar Servers **TODAY @ 10:30 a.m.** This is also an invitational meeting for those interested.

Volunteers Needed: Marthas & Marys need help with the St. Patrick's Dinner to be held March 13th. If you can help cook, decorate, or call Bingo numbers please leave a message for Michele at 677-2760.

Around the Diocese...

Special Second Collection - Priest Relief Fund - TODAY!

The Diocese of Reno once a year takes up a Special Second Collection for the benefit of the Diocesan Priest. This collection gives us the opportunity to express our thanks to our priests. The donations will fund retirement and medical needs for our priests. Please be generous. Thank you.

GOOD NEWS

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Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Moses approaching the burning bush is one of the most famous images in the Bible. Artists have tried to show what the bush looked like. Part of the attraction, no doubt, is the challenge to imagine and then portray the “special effects”—this bush burned but did not burn up.

That got enough of Moses’ attention for him to take a closer look. Did he have to stare at the bush a while to realize it wasn’t consumed? Did it dawn on him slowly—*this is terribly different*? Did his adrenaline surge? Here is something he could see but couldn’t make sense of. Would Moses be able to draw a picture of what he saw? Maybe he wouldn’t try. This story moved even deeper.

Moses heard his name called. *Who knows me?* “Here I am,” Moses responds. Is he ready to come closer to this bush, to this Voice? He is told, *NO, stay there now. This place is not just about a strange vision, it is holy ground. Take off your shoes.*

On this holy ground, God disarms Moses and opens his fears. Will God relieve his physical, visceral, deepening dread? God next describes the misery of his people. The Voice pushes Moses further: God will stop their slavery and take them to their own land. This is an incredible claim. These people have been in Egypt 400 years.

The burning is *inside* Moses now.

God promises much. How can Moses grasp all this? There’s more: *Go tell the people.*

What? How can I do that? Could Moses dare not hope? Can Moses dare do what God asks? The Voice again—*I will be with you.*

Moses is filled by God, by what God tells him. But he’s not consumed, not burned up.

DAN FINUCANE

This Weeks Readings

**Monday
March 8**

Lenten Weekday
2 Kgs 5:1-15b
Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday
March 9**

Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34-43
Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday
March 10**

Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5-9
Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday
March 11**

Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23-28
Lk 11:14-23

**Friday
March 12**

Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2-10
Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday
March 13**

Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1-6
Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday
March 14**

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a, 10-12
2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Dear Padre

**What do I do if my child’s
Godparent is absent?**

Dear Padre’

So often godparents make no attempt to help with the faith formation of their godchildren and sometimes lose touch completely. What can parents do if their children’s godparents let them down?

Lucy

Dear Lucy,

My eight-year-old niece Haley once asked if I would be her “step”- godfather because she didn’t know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley’s godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The *Code of Canon Law* says a godparent also “helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it” (872). A godparent should be present for the child’s first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

Unfortunately, parents can’t “fire” neglectful godparents and replace them, but neither are parents limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith. Parents can—and should—ask others to help support their child’s faith

development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children and one another lead Christian lives.

Patrick Keyes, C.Ss.R.

SCHEDULES **March 13/14, 2010**

	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>	<u>Noon-Spanish</u>
Communion Minister	Bill S.	Nancy P.	Agnes P. Nancy P. Rita W.	Rosa M.
Lector	Ray C..	Katie S.	Tyler D.	Miguel M.
Altar Server	Antonio L. Hunter M. Alex V.	Antonio L. Brad S. Kevin G.	Bethany W. Tim McN.	Alexandra C. Edith J.

ATTENDANCE/COLLECTION

February 27/28, 2010

5:30 p.m.	1 st Collection
67	\$ 1,658.25
8:00 a.m.	2 nd Collection
91	\$ 825.00
9:30 a.m.	Noon
130	189

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

<u>03/06/10</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	† Charles T. Moore	Connie West
<u>03/07/10</u>		
<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	†Irene & Olegario Jimenez	Lupe & Guy Ryan
<u>9:30 a.m.</u>	Mother’s Day Mass League	
<u>Noon</u>	The People of the Parish	

VOCATION CROSS FAMILY PRAYER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date Returned</u>
?????	03/07/10	03/14/10

***Tues - Thurs Daily Holy Mass or a Communion Service at 9:00 a.m.**
First Friday 9:00 a.m.: Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Mass
 ** **Holy Mass Intentions are available. Please call the parish office.**
 *****Thank you for your continued stewardship of Time, Treasure and Talent!**