

Daily Readings

Week of March 20, 2022

Sunday, 3/20: Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8,11/

1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12/Lk 13: 1-9

Monday, 3/21: 2 Kgs 5: 1-15/Ps 42: 2, 3; 43: 3, 4/Lk 4: 24-30

Tuesday, 3/22: Dn 3: 25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18: 21-35

Wednesday, 3/23: Dt 4: 1, 5-9/Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5: 17-19

Thursday, 3/24: Jer 7: 23-28/Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11: 14-23

Friday, 3/25: Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10/Ps 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10: 4-10/Lk 1: 26-38

Saturday, 3/26: Hos 6: 1-6/Ps 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18: 9-14



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RENEW YOUR SPIRIT”

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Mass Schedule: 11:00am Sunday

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March 20, 2022

3rd Sunday of Lent



Schedule for March 27, 2022

Lector: Margo

Greeters/Gifts: Jim & Lola

Servers: Tyler/Kevin

Money Counters: Margo/Kris

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Volunteers

Today's Mass Intention:

Helen & Ray Koppes

Priest Visit to the Homebound
If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Marilyn Stevenson, Derek Denniston, Julie Ahrendsen
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



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TO OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Third Sunday of Lent—*“Here I am.”*

Within the last few days, two parishioners have mentioned to me that they have seen robins, implying joyfully that the deep dark winter is over, and spring is near.

Similarly, we discover the theme of hopefulness amidst vulnerability and conversion in this week’s readings. In the First Reading, we re-encounter Moses in the burning bush.

Perhaps in a sweltering mid-afternoon, Moses is drawn to a mysterious sight of a bush afire with what he would later discover as the “divine fire of love.” Having escaped from Egypt where he grew up in the luxurious household of the Pharaoh, after murdering an Egyptian, Moses is baited by divine love in a burning bush.

“I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned,” Moses said. And that’s all it took for him to encounter and experience conversion, and pardon, and the enduring love of God.

God was waiting for Moses to initiate a life transforming conversation and relationship with him. The event is akin to that of the Samaritan woman at the well, which is an alternative gospel for this weekend. Going to fetch water in the middle of a boiling day could likely be explicated as wanting to escape the notice of others due to her vulnerability of her tainted life.

Surprisingly, she does not run into anyone other than Jesus, who knew “everything” about her. And yet, He would not only take water from her but would also proffer to her the real invitation to fill her soul’s thirst, that which she sought to fill with multiple past relationships, though with His divine love.

In the final part of this week’s gospel, we notice the love of Jesus in the words: “Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.” The servant desiring to labor and get the fig tree to bear fruit is Jesus. He is not concerned with our faults as much as He is with nourishing us for our happiness and salvation.

Like Moses and the Samaritan woman, Jesus is seeking to fulfill our deepest longings. What we should do is to take the opportunity to grow in recognizing Him in our hearts and in all people as loved children of God. All it takes from us is the affirmation, *“Here I am.”*

Happy third Sunday of Lent!



- Fridays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm followed by Mass. Please join us!
- ATTENTION! Beginning April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday), our Mass time is changing to 10:30am!
- The Holy Week Schedule has been set: Holy Thursday Mass 4/14 @ 7:00pm, Good Friday Service 4/15 @ 3:00pm, Easter Sunday Mass 4/17 @ 10:30am.
- Please consider donating Easter flowers to help decorate our altar during the Easter season. If you are unable to purchase the flowers but would still like to donate flowers please call Doris Denniston @ 319-480-6963 or Karen Bachman @ 319-981-3906.
- We will be returning to our custom of serving refreshments after Mass, generally on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please look in your pigeonhole in the hall for the schedule. The person who is the 1st on the list is the chairperson and should contact the other people on the list. If you're unable to serve, try and exchange dates with someone & let your chairperson know. Refreshments should be easy to serve and eat. Examples could be: cookies, bars, doughnuts, cupcakes, rolls, etc. We hope you will all be able to participate and enjoy some social time with your church family!
- The next CCD class is Sunday, April 3rd at 9:45am, followed by our “Children’s Mass”.
- We are in need of some more of our church family to consider participating in all of our ministries, especially over-18 members who could help by being Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. It is a ministry that needs a bit of training. We also would like to have some more altar servers, and those need to be a certain age and trained a bit. All of us could be greeters/gift bearers & some of us could be readers or sing in the choir. We will be working on this project for the next few months--please consider volunteering for one or more of these ministries.



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