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**SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3



# St Ann's Parish & Its Missions

## Our Mission Statement

**As a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Tucson,**  
**our mission is to spread the word of God. Our mission is to promote peace, love and unity**  
**to all the people of our community.**  
**The doors of Saint Ann's Parish and Its Missions**  
**are open to all who wish to enter.**

### **Pastor**

Rev. Joseph Esson

### **Office/Parish Center (for all Churches)**

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### **St . Ann's Parish**

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

### **Assumption Chapel**

Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

### **St Ferdinand's**

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

### **Mass- St Ann's Parish**

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at  
9:00 a.m.

### **Entrance Antiphon**

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

### **Communion Antiphon**

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.

### **Prayer after Communion**

As we receive the pledge  
of things yet hidden in heaven  
and are nourished while still on earth  
with the Bread that comes from on high,  
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,  
that what is being brought about in us in mystery  
may come to true completion.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses

### Adoration

Adoration of the blessed  
sacrament: Every 1st &  
3rd Thursday of each  
month, St Ann's Parish.



**Adoration Thursday, 4:PM to 6:PM**

**April 3, 2025**

April 17, 2025

### Important Reminder

Once you have received the host in  
your hand,  
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**Saturday, April 5, 2025**  
**Reparation Mass at 9:00 AM followed by**  
**Rosary and prayers**  
**Come and Join Us!**  
**St Ann's Parish**



And he told them this  
parable: "There once was a  
person who had a fig tree  
planted in his orchard, and  
when he came in search of  
fruit on it but found none,  
he said to the gardener,  
'For three years now I have  
come in search of fruit on  
this fig tree but have found  
none. So cut it down. Why  
should it exhaust the soil?'"  
- Lk 13:6-7

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### **Questions of the Week**

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

#### **First Reading:**

God reveals to Moses that He has heard the cry of  
His people, and He is coming to rescue them from  
slavery in Egypt. What prayer do you need answered  
from God?

#### **Second Reading:**

Paul believed the mistakes of the Israelites in the  
desert serve as an example and a warning of what to  
avoid in our journey with God. How might you show  
gratitude to God this upcoming week of Lent?

#### **Gospel:**

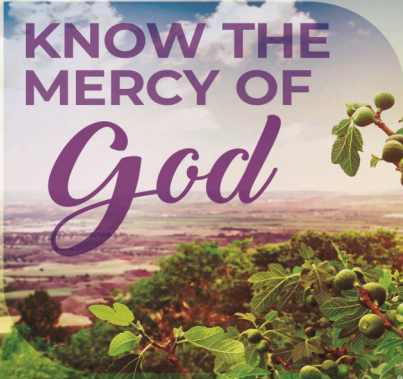
Jesus taught one must repent to bear good fruit in  
life. Can you think of some good fruit you have borne  
from repenting?

"Why did the clam go to confession?"



"Because he had been **shellfish**."

**FUN FACT!**  
Lent is a penitential season. It is a time for us to be  
sorry for our many faults against God and to repent  
and amend to do better. The way we best do this is  
by going to the Sacrament of Confession where we  
receive forgiveness for our sins.



### **Some Facts on what Lent is about**

- ❑ Lent is about trying to do sacrifices like Jesus.
- ❑ Lent is a time when God asks us to come closer to Him in friendship.
- ❑ Lent lasts for 40 days.
- ❑ It leads to the greatest feast in the Christian calendar.
- ❑ On Ash Wednesday the priest makes the sign of the cross on our head with ashes.
- ❑ While he does it he says these words 'Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.'


Come Join us in praying the  
stations of the Cross every  
Friday of Lent  
5PM at  
St Ann's Parish



**Station XII**  
Jesus dies on the cross



Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses



The practice of requesting a mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic Tradition. Continuing in this long standing practice, you can remember someone who has died recently or many years ago. But intentions do not have to be just for the dead. They make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

You can also offer an intention for funeral or come to the parish office to set up a mass intention. Mass intentions are \$10.00 each


All mass intention must be done a week before mass date to be posted in the bulletin.

†Deceased      ♥ Health      \*Special Intention

Weekend of 03/ 22-23/25

Tom Ferguson †

St Ann's



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**ANNUNCIATION**

On Tuesday, we celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord. Although March 25 is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is celebrated with solemnity. For example, during Lent, we do not say/sing the Gloria at Sunday Mass, but for the Annunciation we will. We must celebrate with joy the announcement of the conception of our Savior Jesus, even in the midst of the privations of this season.

We also honor Mary being the first Christian disciple. This happens when she responds to God's message through the angel, "Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."


Yours truly in the Sacred Heart,  
Father Pat



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**April 9, 2025 at 5:PM, St Ann's Parish**

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PRAYER  
FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

**Prayer of Lent**

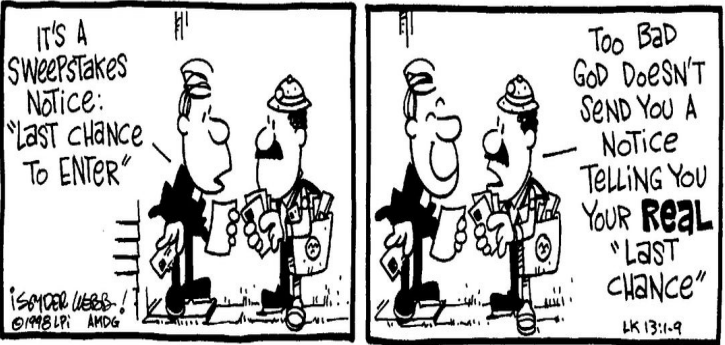
Dear God,

As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance.

As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me.

As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply. Amen.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:**  
“This is what you shall tell the Israelites:  
I AM sent me to you.” (Ex 3:14)

**Psalm:**  
The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

**Second Reading:**  
These things happened to them as an example,  
and they have been written down as a warning to us,  
upon whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

**Gospel:**  
“But I tell you, if you do not repent,  
you will all perish as they did!” (Lk 13:5)

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**Live The Liturgy  
Inspiration of the Week**

Jesus Christ is the ever-vigilant gardener. He desires us to bloom, that we will do what we were created to do, that we will bear the fruit that God intended. Will we let him cultivate our ground and prune our imperfections? Will we let him save us?

**Observances for the week of  
March 23, 2025**

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent

**Tuesday:** The Annunciation of the Lord

**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent





**ANIMA CHRISTI**

**Devotions, Explained!**

Traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist, the Anima Christi dates to the 14th century and was a favorite prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

**Prayer of Lent**

Dear God,

As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance.

As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me.

As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply.

Amen.



**Parish Collection for  
March 15 &16**

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your generosity!**



## Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

### Sunday:

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9  
**Scrutiny:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### Monday:

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

### Tuesday:

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

### 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, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

### Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

### Saturday:

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

### Next Sunday:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Scrutiny:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

**Lenten challenge:** Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

### The Patient Gardener

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don't deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing. "Professional landscaping! Tri-level garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!"

But I'm so terrible at weeding these garden beds — they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I'm afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I'm just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

### Answer:

Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave — the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin — while still damaging to the human heart and human society — are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!