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MARCH 7, 2021 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.

~ John 2:14-15

This Week	Stewardship		
<p>Monday, March 8 6:PM - Reconciliation (by sign-up)</p> <p>Tuesday, March 9 11:AM - Rosary</p> <p>Wednesday, March 10 1:PM - Adoration 6:PM - Communion Service</p> <p>Thursday, March 11 3:PM - Holy Hour/Divine Mercy Chaplet</p> <p>Friday, March 12 6:PM - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday, March 13 No Activities - No Daily Liturgies</p> <p>Sunday, March 14 (Daylight Saving Time) 8:AM Mass - Rocco Conte (D) 10:30AM* Mass - St. Therese Parishioners <i>*Also on Facebook (live-stream when possible)</i></p> <p>Monday, March 15 6:15PM Reconciliation (Parish Hall)</p> <p>IF IN LOTS FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN LITURGIES, PLEASE DISPLAY CURRENT 2021 WHITE HANGTAG. (ALL OTHERS SUBJECT TO TOW.) WATCH FOR EMAILED INFORMATION AND UPDATES. All Liturgies by Sign-up only. <i>(Schedule is subject to change.)</i></p>	Offertory	Needed	Received
	February 21, 2021	\$12,500.25	\$15,212.00
	February 28, 2021	\$12,500.25	\$10,506.00
	February 2021	\$50,001.00	\$57,149.00
	YTD	\$449,008.00	\$450,203.00
	<p>Today's Readings</p> <p>First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.</p> <p>Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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].</p> <p>The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.</p>		
	<p>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</p> <p>Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30</p> <p>Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35</p> <p>Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19</p> <p>Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23</p> <p>Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34</p> <p>Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14</p> <p>Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21</p> <p>Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]</p>		
<p><u>Interested in joining St. Therese?</u> Please contact the Parish Office.</p>			
<p>Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021 "....stop making my Father's house a marketplace...." <i>Jn 2:13-25</i></p>			
<p>This Week's Saints/Special Observances</p>			
<p>Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny Monday: Saint John of God Tuesday: Saint Frances of Rome Wednesday: Saint John Ogilvie Thursday: Saint Constantine Friday: Saint Fina [Abstinence] Saturday: Blessed Agnello of Pisa</p>			
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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.

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Altar Flowers

No altar flowers during Lent!

If you would like to sponsor flowers after Easter in 2021, please call the Parish Office, 910-256-2471

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions were usually heard on Saturdays from 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM in the Reconciliation Room at the Church, and other times by appointment. Communal Services are scheduled during Advent and Lent.

Eucharistic Adoration: Usually 12:30 to 4pm on Thursdays. (Temporarily suspended. Watch bulletins and emails for re-start date.)

Baptisms: Important information can be found on our website at www.catholicwb.org/sacraments as to how to get started. Baptisms for children are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming Catholic should inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Anointing: Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. (Hospital & nursing home patients should notify the Registration Department, the social worker, or Pastoral Care upon check-in.)

Marriage: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office. Young people are usually confirmed in the 10th grade after two years of preparation. **Changes are in place due to COVID-19; contact the Office.**

St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish, united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community, outreach and service.

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IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA



2021 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
CATHOLIC DIOCESE *of* RALEIGH

There are a lot of distractions in our lives, kids, sports, school, meetings, ministries, social media, cell phones, work, family, errands, driving, home repairs, shopping, and more! Where is God in all that? Do you take time to find him?

We're almost halfway through Lent. How is it going for you? Have you had to do a restart? Lots of us have. Take a moment to examine the distractions in your life. What are the things you need to "take a whip and drive from the temple"?

If you haven't already, make the Bishop's Annual Appeal part of your Lenten almsgiving. Your donation to the Bishop's Annual Appeal enables Catholic Charities to help the poor and vulnerable in the Eastern NC through: Food Pantries, Family Crisis Support, Disaster Services, and Immigration Services. The BAA also helps low-income and remote parishes. Your gift helps to pay tuition for a seminarian studying for the priesthood.

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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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www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com

Next Weekend's Collection - Catholic Relief Services

Help Jesus in Disguise

The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Funds from the collection support Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and other organizations that aid victims of natural disasters, immigrants in need of legal assistance and resources to help them adapt to life in their new home, and refugee children with special educational needs.

Want to learn more?

Visit: crs.org

When watching Mass online...

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

Men - start your weekend off right!

Saturdays at 7:30a.m.

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings for coffee, bagels, and candid conversation about how we can become better Catholic men.

We read and discuss scripture, but most of the time spent together consists of open dialogue about how these readings relate to real events in our lives. We are fortunate to have our faith to guide us. Meeting like this helps our faith to stay strong and to grow.

On-site meetings are temporarily postponed; for online meeting inquiries or other locations, email: jim@gibson-consultants.com

Please Pray for Those Who Are Sick...

Rob Alford, Bill Allen, Jeanne Ashey, Todd Baumgartner, Pete Baxley, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Matthew Burns, Leonel Cardenez, Rob Carroll, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Jeanne Davis, Maureen Donnelly, Ashley Eason, Caleb Emmons, Bob Farris, Charlie Pat Farris, Andy Fisher, Gerry Geist, Angela Gittings, The Griffin Family, Ron Gunther, Elizabeth Hagan, Claudia Hamilton, Rosemary Heath, Debby Hester, Thomas Hilger, Craig Hoffman, Ed Hyer, Maureen Jackson, Laurie King, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Ray Kress, Janice Lariviere, Cheryl Lee, Fr. Doug Lawson, Aubrey Lueck, Dawn Mak, Linda Markin, Jessica MacKay, Terry McGiverin, Paul McLaughlin, Michele Milkiewicz, Claire Millican, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, Nicole Myers, Bob and Young-Ok O'Toole, Gregory O'Toole, Debby Pollock, Peter Prum, Marissa Rhyne, Grace Root, Garry Rust, Mr. W.S., Bill Sackley, Mildred Sanza, Charlie Sarracino, Cheryl Schmitter, David Scullin, Diane Sheedy, Melanie Smith, Eugene Spagnoli, Bob Sparrow, Stella Spratt, Nora Stamper, Irene Stein, Cynthia Sullivan, Joanne Tineille, Anneliese Todd, Hailey Tucker, Donna Tumolo, Ben Van Pilsun, Nancy Weicht, Deacon Jim Welch, Phil Williams

(Please contact the Parish Office if names should be added or removed from this list.)

Rice Bowl

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl, families learn how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through our Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Donations toward Rice Bowl are accepted throughout Lent. Need more information? Visit: crsricebowl.org

While Saturday evening Masses are temporarily suspended at St. Therese, you may sign-up for *St. Mark's* Saturday Vigil Masses (or others on Sun) via their website - <https://www.stmarkcc.net/mass-signups/> (Meanwhile, our permitted maximum number for liturgies at St. Therese, has been increased to 40 people.)

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Upcoming Special Collections:

Mar 13-14 Catholic Relief Services

Apr 1 "The Poor" (Holy Thursday)

Apr 2 The Holy Land (Good Friday)

Apr 4 Priests' Welfare & Retirement

The 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal

funds many ministries in the areas of charity, evangelization & worship. The Appeal supports the ongoing formation of priests and deacons currently serving in our diocese and provides funds needed to educate our future priests. There are currently 20 seminarians in priestly formation in the Diocese. The Appeal also funds opportunities for college age youth to learn about the Catholic faith through campus ministry. At this time, we are at 40% of goal and ask for your prayerful consideration.

Pledge cards are available at the back of the church. If you have questions about the Appeal, please contact Nancy Cowen at baa.catholicwb@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping those in need!

www.GiveToBAA.org

Text a gift: (919) 629-0644

Food Pantry News

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YOU can help the poor and working-poor in our area who use the Food Pantry. The need is great and increasing.*
 You can also make a monetary donation - write your check and mail directly to:

St. Joseph's Food Pantry, 1303 US 117, Burgaw, NC 28425

***Volunteers report need of boxed cereal, canned soups, stews, beans, and vegetables.....**

(On-site drop-off of food is available at St. Joseph's Thursdays, 10AM to noon, via a drive-thru system, or LOCALLY at 38 Pelican Drive, Wrightsville Beach and at other pantry volunteers' homes)

Want to make arrangements to drop off food at Joseph's at times other than Thursday? Contact Patricia Kopchick: 518-275-9887
 Want to help here once food collection resumes at St. Therese post-COVID? Contact: Jane Yemma, jry1950@yahoo.com

Join NC Catholics Volunteer in 2021 to repair and rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Florence here in the Cape Fear Deanery. Trips are scheduled for: **March 27th**, April 24th, May 29th, and June 26th. Over 2 years after Hurricane Florence, many families still have not returned to their homes. All experience levels are welcome to join in helping rebuild our neighbor's homes. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Altenau at Daniel.Altenau@raldioc.org or at (919) 821 - 9767. Spots are limited so sign up now! www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/NCCV

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