

March 8, 2015

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:



On April 2, 2015 we will celebrate the Feast of Holy Thursday (the Last Supper including the Washing of the Feet) at 6:30pm. All our Eucharistic Ministers must attend. Lectors, ushers, choir members, altar servers, parish council members, altar society, religious education teachers, etc. are urged (not obligated) to take part. Children in our Saturday religious education program will take in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the chapel. I invite all our parishioners to participate. In the past few years this liturgy is the least attended of the Holy Week services. Please come.

As you know I am working on a history of the parish. If you want to see what I have done so far, go to our website "icmary.com" and click on to "History". Also click onto "Selma". You will see that the march I took part in was on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1965. After the march we stood in the rain for three hours outside the courthouse in Montgomery. We were encouraging the judge to grant permission for the five day walk from Selma to Montgomery. What was happening inside the courthouse that day was in the movie "Selma". With three other Irish-American priests, we sang for three hours. Since it was St. Patrick's Day we sang many Irish songs and taught our fellow marchers to join in. it was a great moment. I was the youngest of the priests. The others have since died.

I write about this day in memory of my three fellow travelers.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, March 1, 2015 was \$4,223.00

The second collection this Sunday March 8, 2015 will be for our Easter Flowers.



Easter Flowers:

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered or a special intention remembered by the faithful at Easter, please make your reservation for the following in this week's second collection.

Large Lily Plant: \$50.00
Hydrangea Plant: \$50.00
Small Lily Plant: \$25.00
Tulip Plant: \$20.00
Hyacinth Plant: \$10.00

Monthly Food Collection: Thank you for your generosity we were able to fill 23 bags for the needy in our community.

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On this Third Sunday of Lent, we enter into a reflection on what God's commands mean to us. Are they a list of do's and don'ts? Or are they something that we take to heart and allow to consume us with zeal for the work that God has set before us? Let us pray today for the wisdom to know how God truly wants us to live.

The first reading,

Exodus 20:1-7; **God** provides the people of Israel with the Ten Commandments. They call for love of **God** and neighbor.

In the second reading,

1 Corinthians 1:22-25; **Paul** proclaims that **Christ** crucified is the power and wisdom of **God**.

In the Gospel,



John 2:13-25; **Jesus** symbolically upsets the business as usual activity of the temple. He thereby condemns the whole religious system as conducted by the religious leaders.

Today' Focus:Turning the Tables: The life and deeds of **Jesus** often upset or overturned the social and religious expectations of his day Sometimes this is exactly what we need to do during Lent.

Praying with the Word: Upset us, **Lord Jesus**. Turn the tables on which we have placed the things we think are valuable, so that we may come to know you as the true presence of **God** among us.



Jesus



intercedes for us each day. Let us pray: Lord, have mercy on me; intercede for me!



Way of the Cross Devotion during Lent:

On the Fridays of Lent St. Mary's will have the Stations of the Cross:

In English: after the 12:05 Mass

In Arabic: at 6:45pm

In Spanish: at 8:00pm



Lent 2015: If you want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.-**Luke 9:23**

Sunday March 8-God's Laws!: We are given the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Lent is a perfect time to use it. **Exodus 20:1-17**

Monday March 9-Finding Acceptance: Think of those you ignore or neglect. Make a place in your heart for them. **Luke 4:24-30**

Tuesday March 10A Search for Truth: Remember me, dear **God**, as I seek to make your heart for them. **Psalm 25:4-9**
Wednesday March 11-Teacher. Model: Keeping **God's** commandments is our way to enter the **Kingdom of God**. **Matthew 5:17-19**
Thursday March 12-Take Heed and Hear: When you are called, will you have the courage to listen and to answer? **Jeremiah 7:23-28**
Friday March 13-A Renewed Faith: Are you taking the time this Lent to fast, to pray more, to offer alms to the needy? **Mark 12:28-34**
Saturday March 14-Swimming Upstream: **God** loves us beyond measure. He seeks our love in return. Can we do that? **Hosea 6:1-6**

2015 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: \$4,500,000 of the funds raised through the *Appeal* help needy parishes throughout the archdiocese. While continuing the great tradition of educating our youth and providing spiritual refuge and enlightenment, many of our parishes and schools need assistance to meet their day to day requirements. Invest in your faith and parish community and make your gift to the *2015 Cardinal's Appeal*.

