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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT March 24, 2019

The Lord secures justice  
and the rights of all the oppressed.  
— Psalm 103:6

### MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, “This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great “I AM.” Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God’s ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today’s Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn’t miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you’ve ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

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### WEEKLY OFFERING

March 3rd  
Budget \$2300  
Actual \$1862  
Short \$438

### Special Collection

Catholic Relief Services  
March 31st

### TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR C

**First Reading** — “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them” (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or Exodus 17:3-7.*

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or Psalm 95.*

**Second Reading** — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*

**Gospel** — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].*

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Grant Adams,

#### Relatives

Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

#### Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

### Coming Events

**April 2-10, 2019:** Mary Alyce will be out of the office. The office will be closed but Father Anthony will have Mass. Check your bulletin for the times.

**April 13, 2019:** Parish Garden Work Day, starting at 8:00 and ending when work is finished. All ages are needed to get the grounds of the church looking good for Easter.

**May 4, 2019:** Rummage Sale from 7:00 to 2:00. Taste of Mexico from 11:00 to 1:00.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

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

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, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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]



### Mass Schedule

**Monday:** 11:30 am

**Wednesday:** 11:30 am

**Thursday:** 9:00 am

**Friday:** 9:00 am

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am

Stations of the Cross are each Friday during Lent at 5:00 pm



STATIONS  
of the Cross

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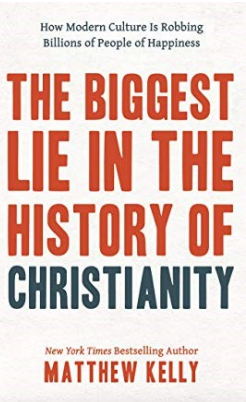


St Regina is having a fish fry on March 29th, starting at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$8

### Annual Catholic Appeal

Our Goal is **\$8,000** and 100% Participation of our 66 registered Families

27.27 % Participation  
\$3078 Pledged



### Save the Date!

**April 9th**

Deacon Jim Moss will start new classes on this book, on Tuesdays, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. The book cost is about \$4.

Deacon Moss will have a Communion Service at 12:30.

### March 31, 2019

**Lectors** — Lois Freeland

**Gift Bearers** — Khuyen Segerson, Sheri Parkinson

**Eucharistic Ministers** — Mary Alyce Fiechtl, Petra Vargas, Johnny Wall

**Servers** — Kasandra Mendoza, Kimberly Mendoza

**Sacristans** — Mary Alyce Fiechtl

**Altar Linens** — Lauri Green, Mary Theresa Foster

**Ushers**—Men of the Parish

