



Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021

I, the Lord, am your God...
You shall not have other gods besides me.
—Exodus 20:2a, 3

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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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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WEEKLY OFFERING

February 14th	
Budget	\$2100
Actual	\$1121
Bldg.	\$0
Short	\$979

Special Collection

Catholic Relief Services
March 14th

Church Staff

Pastor: Fr. Anthony Onyekwe

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Mass Intentions

March 6th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

March 7th: Harold Segerson +
by Khuyen Segerson

March 13th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

March 14th: Jerry Graves +
by Mary Alyce Fiechtl

Liturgical Ministers

March 14, 2021

Lectors —

Gift Bearers —

Eucharistic Ministers —

Sacristans — Mary Alyce Fiechtl, Carmen McDaniel

Altar Linens — Lauri Green, Mary Theresa Foster

Ushers — Men of the Parish

TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR B

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

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.

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].

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Joe Bobak,
Ethel Huffman, MaryAnn Maness, Deacon Jim Moss,
Joey Wall, Shawn Wall

Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Sunny Maness, Fr Robert Ponticello

HEAVEN

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

—John Henry Newman

Annual Catholic Appeal

Our Goal is \$8,000 and 100% Participation
of our 51 registered Families

Participation 5.88%
Pledged \$145
which is 1.81% of goal

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;

Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Mass Schedule



Monday: 11:30 am

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 11:30 am

Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

Coming Events

Saturday, March 13th: Parish Council will meet at 9:00 am.

Saturday, March 13th: Set your clock forward 1 hour for Daylight Saving Time.

Monday, March 15th: There will be no 11:30 Mass. Instead, Mass will be at 5:00 pm with the Penance Service following at 5:30 pm.

Monday, March 22nd: Deanery Penance Service with Bishop David, at St Mary's in Jackson at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

March 29th –April 5th: The office will be closed.

Saturday, April 10th: Mass will be at 5:00 pm instead of 4:30 pm. Bishop David will celebrate Mass and confer the sacrament of Confirmation on our students.