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### Remember In Prayer

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## Third Sunday of Lent March 24, 2019

**The LORD secures justice  
and the rights of all the oppressed.**

### 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.

### 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.

**We will have Stations of the  
Cross every Friday during  
Lent at 4:00 pm except on  
Good Friday and they will be  
at 5:30 pm**



**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]*.

### 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;

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
Monday:	Annunciation of the Lord
Friday:	Abstinence

### HURDLING

God's grace within me and God's strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me.

**April 9th**

**"The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity"**

Deacon Jim Moss will start new classes on this book, on Tuesdays, from 10:00 until 11:30

The book cost is about \$4.

Fish fry March 29th at 4:30 pm

Sign up sheet is in the front for those wishing to help. Plan on joining the fellowship with our church family.



### SPRINGTIME

Came the Spring with all its splendor

All its birds and all its blossoms

All its flowers, and leaves, and grasses.

**March 31st**

**Lector** Peggy

**E/M** Jim/ Tom

**USHERS** Peach/ Marina

**Server** Francisco

**TV Mass for the Homebound**

**WTWV channel 23 at 10:30 am**

**SECOND COLLECTION MARCH 31ST  
FOR THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Catholic Appeal 48.88% participation of our 45 families

### OFFERTORY

3/17/2019

**BUDGET** \$1249.00

**ACTUAL** \$1115.00

**\$-134.00**