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March 12, 2023

GOD EVER PURSUES US

We hear today of God’s unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God’s intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God’s mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and

Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 4:30 pm

If you have not completed your card ,please make your pledge and return it to the church office. Our goal is 100% participation in our church family that is the Diocese of Memphis.

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Remember In Prayer

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. The Three Lenten Disciplines: Prayer

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are not specifically Christian practices. Jewish piety, from which the primitive church developed, already included these three spiritual exercises. The Muslims also include these three in the five pillars of their Islamic faith. But it is Jesus himself who invites us to practice these three pillars of conversion. He reminds us that they are not done to “show off” that we are holier than everyone else. On the contrary, fasting, charitable works, and praying are done with humility (Matthew 6:1–6; 16–21). It is challenging, but we are not discouraged because the Holy Spirit comes to our aid.

The Lenten discipline of prayer can be thought of in two ways. For Christians, to pray in the first way is to speak like children to God, who loves us as mother, father, sibling, and friend. When speaking to God, we tell God what we have inside us, trusting that our words are the ones that most please God. The second approach to prayer means proclaiming with confidence our fears, problems, joys, and yearnings to God, knowing that God loves and hears us. Praying either way means spending time with God, at times talking, at times silent, but always with the assurance that we are loved.

SHARING

It’s easy to halve the potato where there’s love.

Special Collection

Catholic Relief March 19, 2023

TODAY’S READINGS First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — Listen to God’s voice today; be not hardhearted (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again

(John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent;

Daylight Saving Time begins

Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Lenten Penance service Wednesday March 22nd after 5:00 pm Mass

Next Sunday is our monthly lunch March 19th

TIMING

What you give in health is gold. What you give in sickness is silver.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer of Saint Patrick

Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,

Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ where I lie down, Christ where I sit,

Christ where I arise,

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.

Salvation is of the Lord.

Salvation is of the Christ.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; 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;

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, 18-19, 20-21ab;](#)

Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 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]

Celebrate St. Patrick Day

At St. Andrew Lunch March 17th

Reuben Sandwich plate \$12.00

Turkey SANDWICH PLATE \$12.00

SERVING TIMES 11:00 AM TO 1;00 PM

Dine in or take out

Menue includes sandwich ,chips, pickle, dessert, drink

731-968-6393

MARCH 19TH 2023

Lector Mary C

Servers Carlos & Max

Counters Ann & Anita

March 5th,2023

Sunday collection

\$1006.00

B &M

\$540.00

ASH WEDNESDAY

\$220.00