

Exodus 20: 1-17 or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17
1 Corinthians 1: 22-25
John 2: 13-35

FOCUS: As Christians, we must give ourselves to the Father's will

Today we heard the story of Jesus cleansing the Temple. Often our bodies and souls have been referred to as temples of the Holy Spirit. We can continue our lenten journey toward Easter by cleansing our personal temples from all that keeps us from loving God with all our hearts.

Through this liturgical year we generally listen to Mark's Gospel, but bits and pieces of John's Gospel are given to us to expand upon Mark's brevity. John's account differs greatly from the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and here we have a prime example.

John places the account of Jesus clearing the Temple of the moneychangers and the sellers of sacrificial animals early in his Gospel. In placing this incident here, John gives us a number of central ideas about the ministry of Jesus. This will be the first of the three journeys of Jesus to Jerusalem for Passover, and this is where we traditionally get the idea that the ministry of Jesus lasted for three years. Secondly, Jesus' own death and resurrection are suggested in his reference to the raising of the Temple. Thirdly, the conflict between Jesus and the religious authorities of his time is clear from the very start. This early knowledge of what is to come colors the rest of our reading of the Gospel.

Many of us find this particular incident in the life of Jesus very puzzling as he is so compassionate and forgiving in the rest of the gospel accounts. Perhaps His anger here comes from pure frustration. The great sin which is noted over and over again in the Old Testament is that of idolatry in its many forms. Jesus enters the Temple of God only to find it filled with people worshiping the almighty shekel, and bent on making a profit at the expense of devoted Jews. Hardly the purpose for which the Temple was intended. Divine frustration and human frustration seem to react in accord.

As the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish religious practice the body of Christ, the Church, is our center. From the writings of Paul to the early Church we hear reference to "through many, (all) are one body in Christ" (Rom 12:5). Just as the body of Christ would be raised on the third day, all of the faithful who make up the Church will rise at the end time. Each time we share Eucharist we celebrate anew our unity in the Body and Blood of Jesus.

As we continue our lenten journey toward the glorious celebration of the Triduum, we can strive to put aside all that keeps us from doing the Father's will and, thus, die to self. However, as members of Christ's body, we know that this death will lead to eternal life.

ALTAR SERVERS Mar 29-30

1715 Michael Strunck, James, Strunck, Paul Humphrey
0900 Cadet Joseph Tomasello, Cadet Rugarber
1100 Juliette Zimmerman, Alicia Wigger,
Wesley Carter

PROCLAIMERS FOR Mar 29-30

1715 Sharon and Pat Kane
0900 Beth Volmer / Samantha Rossi
1100 Steve Osterholzer / Tom Cooke

“Word Among Us”

Please take a copy of this special Lenten Issue as you leave the chapel.

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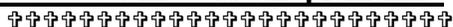
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Wednesdays 1820-1930 MHT Chapel

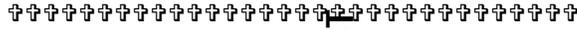


Passion Drama We would like to do the Passion Drama again on Good Friday (18 Apr), and we need someone to serve as the director / coordinator. If you have some interest and can help, please see Father Vince



BAPTISMAL CLASS

APRIL 24, 2003 @ 1900, MHT Parish Rectory,
POC Father Burns @ 938-8760



Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent. Also on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18-59 fast by limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals on those days.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPER

Join us on the Fridays during Lent for Stations at 1800 and Soup & Bread Supper at 1830.

If you can bring soup or bread to share, we would be appreciative.

Important Dates for your Calendar:

4 Mar-1 Apr Lenten Series with Father Costa

7 Mar-11 Apr

Stations of the Cross/Soup Suppers: (Friday's)

8 Apr Parish Reconciliation, 1900 MHT

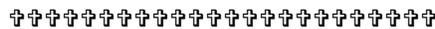
13 Apr Palm Sunday

17 Apr Holy Thursday

18 Apr Good Friday Liturgy, 1900 MHT

19 Apr Easter Vigil, 2000 MHT

20 Apr Easter Sunday, Mass 0900 & 1100



Prayers for Michael Kwinn III.

Michael Kwinn, III, son of LTCs Brigitte and Michael Kwinn is fighting cancer. The Most Holy Trinity Parish family has secured a medal of Mary of the Miraculous Medal that was touched by Mother Teresa of the Missionaries of Charity in 1997. Michael and his family have been blessed with the medal and are wearing the two medals. We are asking members of the parish family to pray to God for Michael's healing through the intercession of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Mother Teresa whose is being considered for canonization to Sainthood. Please feel free to ask others.

Novena Prayer: O Immaculate Virgin Mary / Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, /Penetrated with the most lively confidence in your all-powerful and never-failing intercession,/ manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal,/We your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this novena, / if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for whom we pray./

(Healing of Michael Kwinn III)

You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. / Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. / Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the Queen of angels and of men. Amen

Jesus, we humbly ask you to glorify in heaven and on earth, the servant of God, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who generously participated in Your sufferings, who loved Thee so much and labored for the glory of your heavenly Father and for the good of souls.

With confidence, we beseech thee to grant us, through her intercession the grace of ... (Healing of Michael Kwinn III) which we ardently desire.

Pray: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen (3 times)*

Format borrowed from Prayer for Intercession of Padre Pio