



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

March 7, 2021 | 3rd Sunday in Lent

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Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday -
Word & Communion Service
5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass
11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Ministers for next Sunday, March 14

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewing

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen.

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draws us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2018, NOVEMBER 1, 2017



Lent 2021

Our Lenten Journey continues this third week we are asked to review our lives and take stock of how we are living, change our ways if it is not in accord to how God has asked us to live. Check out Mother of Good Counsel's website www.mgccc.org/lent for lots of resources including online retreats, study, prayers and ways to give this Lenten Season. MGC has some ongoing events, as well as some special one time events happening and materials for reflection.

- Stations of the Cross - Fridays except March 19 at 7 pm. Virtually or in person.
- Book Club - Virtual Faith sharing on The Inner Chapel
- Wednesday - Friday 12pm - 5pm. Stop by and pray in the church, ring the doorbell for entrance.

* March 19 - Lunchtime - Drive By Fish Fry 11 - 2 pm.

Religious Education

Our Tri Parish Religious Education for will take place on the following Sunday afternoons from 2 to 3 pm.

March 14 & 28

April 11 & 25

Confirmation Class & Teen Disciples

March 7 from 6 pm to 7:30 our Confirmation Class will be meeting and our teen disciples will meet on March 14 from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Enjoying Peace in Jesus Presence

Is Jesus calling out to you this Lent? Given all the challenges we continue to live with, are you longing for a felt sense of "God with you"? Or perhaps Jesus seems distant without you knowing why, and there is a hunger to hear his words of reassurance, comfort and hope? Mother of Good Counsel Church will be available for prayer Wednesday - Friday from 12 pm until 5 pm for personal prayer.

The Inner Chapel

During Lent parishioners will be reading the book The Inner Chapel by Becky Eldredge. A small faith sharing group will be meeting virtually beginning this week. There are copies of the book available for \$15. You may read the book on your own or join us for small faith sharing group. There will be a group that meets on Thursday at 7 pm and a group that meets Saturday morning at 10 am. Please register for bookclub and we will make sure you have the virtual link.

Blessings Bags

Mother of Good Counsel is collecting the following items: include wipes, \$5 Subway gift cards, and deck of cards. These items will be placed in a drawstring bag and given to people who are homeless. Please drop off any items at Mother of Good Counsel by March 7, 2021

Second Collection for Flooding

The Diocese of Lexington through Catholic Charities is taking up a second collection this weekend to offer support to areas that have been hardest hit by flooding in Eastern Kentucky. Please consider how you may be able to help.

Drive By Fish Fry

Mother of Good Counsel will be hosting a fish fry on March 19 from 11 am to 2 pm. Preorders are required. Pickup times are needed. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12.

<http://mgccc.org/lent/fish-fry/>



December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

Our Weekly Offering

for 02/28/21

Loose: \$5

Envelopes : \$965

Weekly Online Donations: \$715

Total Weekly Offering: \$1685



WHILE HE WAS IN
JERUSALEM FOR THE FEAST
OF PASSOVER, MANY
BEGAN TO BELIEVE IN HIS
NAME WHEN THEY SAW
THE SIGNS HE WAS DOING.
JOHN 2:23

The Long Arm of the Law

Eventually you're going to get caught. That's what this expression means. And that is pretty much how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will get them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. The psalm verses for today insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People.

People who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said: "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the directives for flying a plane are what are uppermost. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

The laws in today's first reading deal with basic living. Which ones seem to be the hardest to live by? Why?

Which laws give you the most support as you try to live with integrity?

Monday

MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab

Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23-28

Lk 11:14-23

Friday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2-10

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6

Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

MARCH 14

Fourth Sunday

of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16,

19-23

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21



Readings for the Week



Dear Padre

March 7, 2021

Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to metanoia. What did he mean?

Most of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your deacon is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to metanoia, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."

We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to see a new direction and the courage to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make.

The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on metanoia. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to metanoia.

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Lenten Practice

Prayer for the good of the soul.

Fasting for the good of the body.

Almsgiving for the good of our neighbor.

-Gertrude Mueller Nelson



Birthdays This Week:

3/8: molly O'Rourke

3/11: Mark Gonzaga

Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Nancy Nuttter, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton and Renee Messer.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Prayer Family: Molly O'Rourke



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