



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

March 20, 2022 | 3rd Sunday in Lent

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Eucharistic Services:

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday, March 27, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

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 draw 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 (C)

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus, enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope, and effective charity.

LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2021, NOVEMBER 11, 2020



Becoming Catholic

The OCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic continues. Please be praying for those who are entering the church this Easter in a special way during the upcoming Lenten season. Class this week will be on Tuesday March 22 from 7 to 9 pm. The topic this week will be The Creed

Book Discussion Group

Book Discussion Group continues today following Mass March 20, 2022 with Introduction to the Devout Life by St. Francis de Sales.

Teen Disciples

All students in grades 6 to 12 are invited to join Teen Disciples. Teen Disciples will meet today Sunday March 20 from 5 to 6:30 pm.

The Pilgrims Trail

Have you ever wanted to visit other churches in the Diocese of Lexington? Travel to parishes throughout the Diocese in 2022. The Pilgrims Passports are now available, if you would like one, please pick one up from the parish to take and get stamped at all the parishes in the Diocese.

Listening Sessions for the Synod

Thank you to those who participated in the listening session last Sunday. You are still able to fill out the questions discussed in the listening session online <https://bit.ly/3Ngx6bU>.

Fish Fry

Thank you to those who helped to serve the fish fry. The parish raised \$700 from our fish fry fundraiser.

Lent Resources

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl - OVERCOMING DISASTER

In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Ongoing throughout Lent - make donations online and through your Rice Bowl at home. <https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/5968>

World Water Day 2022

March 22 is World Water day. World Water Day is an annual United Nations Observance, started in 1993, focusing on the importance of water, coordinated by UN-Water and led by one or more UN-Water Members and Partners. World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis <https://www.worldwaterday.org/>
Groundwater – making the invisible visible
Groundwater is invisible, but its impact is visible everywhere.

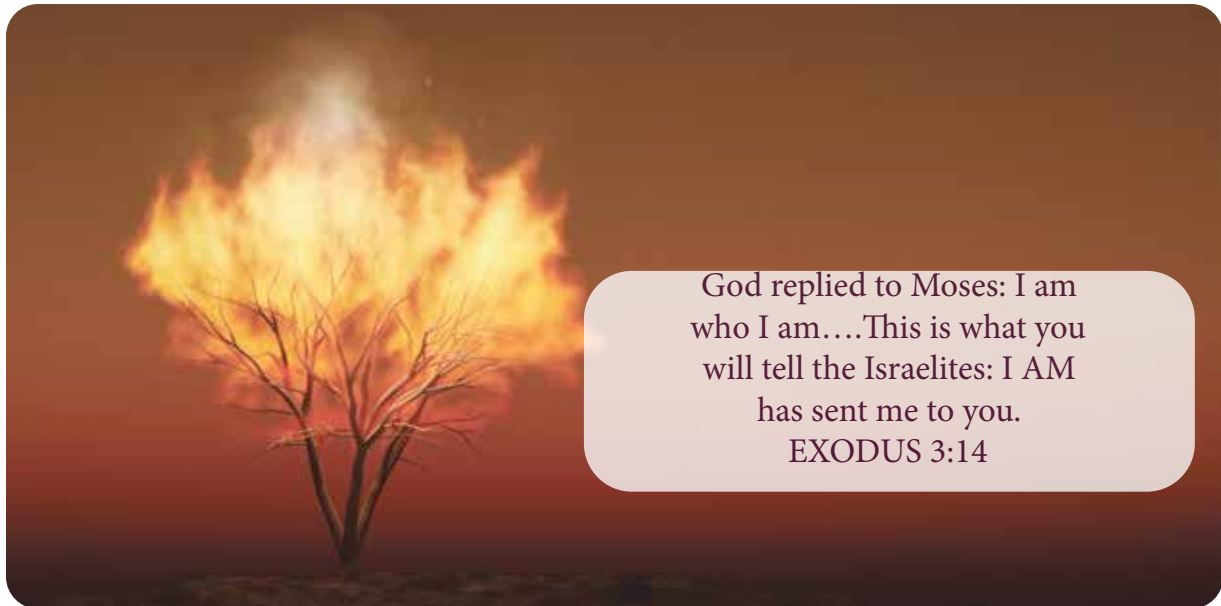
Out of sight, under our feet, groundwater is a hidden treasure that enriches our lives. In the driest parts of the world, it may be the only water people have. Almost all of the liquid freshwater in the world is groundwater, supporting drinking water supplies, sanitation systems, farming, industry and ecosystems. In many places, human activities over-use and pollute groundwater. In other places, we simply do not know how much water is down there. Groundwater will play a critical role in adapting to climate change. We need to work together to sustainably manage this precious resource. Groundwater may be out of sight, but it must not be out of mind.

Reflection on Water

How do I use water throughout my daily life? How am I a responsible steward of this gift? How do my consumption patterns and demand for energy impact the availability of clean water for communities in my country and around the world? Who has access to clean water, a basic human right, and who does not?

One opportunity to take a deeper look at water and other parts of creation and your impact on them is to do an ecological examen. There is a basic one below or you can do a virtual one at: <http://www.ecologicalexamen.org/>

1. I give thanks to God for creation and for being wonderfully made. Where did I feel God's presence in creation today?
2. I ask for the grace to see creation as God does – in all its splendor and suffering. Do I see the beauty of creation and hear the cries of the earth and the poor?
3. I ask for the grace to look closely to see how my life choices impact creation and the poor and vulnerable. What challenges or joys do I experience as I recall my care for creation? How can I turn away from a throwaway culture and instead stand in solidarity with creation and the poor?
4. I ask for the grace of conversion towards ecological justice and reconciliation. Where have I fallen short in caring for creation and my brothers and sisters? How do I ask for a conversion of heart?
5. I ask for the grace to reconcile my relationship with God, creation and humanity, and to stand in solidarity through my actions. How can I repair my relationship with creation and make choices consistent with my desire for reconciliation with creation?



God replied to Moses: I am who I am....This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.
EXODUS 3:14

I Am!

If you have ever tried to explain a profound experience of love, fear, or excitement; of music, nature, or life itself, you know that no words can adequately capture the essence of that experience. If it is thus with a human experience, what must it be like with an experience of God?

Such was the situation with Moses. He came upon a bush that was burning, yet not burning up. He probably thought that this was an unfamiliar natural phenomenon. It was only as he got closer, and a voice spoke to him that he realized it was not natural at all. It was a sacred event unfolding at a sacred place. There God said: "I am the God of your father" (Exodus 3:6). This was an identification, but not a name. It was only later when Moses asks for God's personal name that God's real identity was revealed. Or was it?

Scholars agree that the name given is some form of the verb "to be," but they are not in agreement as to which form. Is it "I am who I am," "I will be who I will be," or "I cause to be what has come to be"? The name indicates that God is the power of existence, but it is not clear what this means or how it works. Some commentators maintain that God is telling Moses and us: This is as close to my full identity as you can come. You wouldn't understand it anyway. Be satisfied knowing that "I Am."

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA,

- For Reflection**
- Reflect on this idea: profound human experiences open our minds and hearts to the experience of God.
 - Remember, this mysterious incomprehensible God cares for each of us.

Monday MARCH 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday MARCH 22 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday MARCH 23 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday MARCH 24 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Friday MARCH 25 <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Saturday MARCH 26 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14
Sunday MARCH 27 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> Jos 5:9a, 10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Dear Padre

March 20, 2022

Can people convert to Catholicism only during Lent and Easter?

People can convert to Catholicism at any time, but Lent and Easter are especially associated with the journey of believers into our communion.

If a person is in danger of imminent death, reception into the Church can happen in a matter of moments at any time during the year. However, most people who want to join the Church needn't rush. The Church can gradually tutor them in the life and faith of the community over the course of a year or more. Adult converts normally do this through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which helps move people from a stage of curiosity and inquiry into fully conscious and active participation in the faith and life of the Church. It does this while attending to the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year.

Lent plays a key role in the RCIA as a season of intense spiritual preparation for those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The Easter season is the traditional time for new converts to engage in the period of mystagogy—when they explore with the faith community the significance of the mysteries they're now living in their baptism, confirmation, and celebration of the Eucharist.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR

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Happenings this Week

Tuesday

7- 9 pm OCIA Meets

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Word & Communion

Service

Friday

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Our Weekly Offering

for 3/6/22

Loose: \$0

Envelopes : \$465

Lent Book: \$16

Online: \$ 191

Total Weekly Offering: \$656

Prayer Family:

Fred & Sally Duke



**Stay Connected
to MGC on
Social Media**



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Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, 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, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Mike Caldwell, Monica Spare, The Rice Family, Renee Messer, Maria Hall, Elizabeth Pennington, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson and Ron Brunty.

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.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

March : For a Christian response to bioethical challenges.

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges: may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Birthdays

3/24: Donnie Combs

3/26: Ximena Lozano