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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B THE TEMPLE

Each Sunday in Lent, our readings have been carefully chosen to act as markers of signposts, so as to guide us on our journey through the holy season. First we heard about how Jesus' temptations in the desert can help us as we make a special effort to face our demons and overcome temptation during Lent. Last week, the Gospel told us about his transfiguration on the mountain and how this is a revelation of Jesus' divine nature, as well as an invitation for us to be transfigured or transformed by God's love.

However, our Gospel for the Third Sunday in our Lenten journey can come as something of a shock to us. It is not the usual picture of the "gentle Jesus". Jesus drives out the money changers from the temple with some considerable force! People at the time of Jesus would also have been shocked. The money changers were there to exchange the usual coins for a special currency that was used only in the temple and those who were selling animals were doing so to provide offerings and sacrifices for the temple worship. Both the money changers and those selling animals were therefore part and parcel of everyday life at the Temple. So, why all the drama and why was our Lord so moved and angry at this "normal" scene in the temple area?

Our Gospel tells us why and, as usual also provides us with spiritual insights to help us. Jesus could see that people had rather lost the plot. All the exchange of money and animals had become an end in itself and the real reasons and purposes for doing all this had been lost; namely to give honor and glory to God. There was a danger that the Temple, *the* sacred place in Jerusalem, had become instead just another place or building rather than a living sign of God's presence among His people. In fact, it had become, to quote Jesus' words a "marketplace". There is also another important layer in our Gospel drama. Jesus also provides his listeners with a prophecy about his soon-to-come suffering, death and resurrection: "...destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." This, of course, makes us think of Good Friday and then of Easter Sunday.

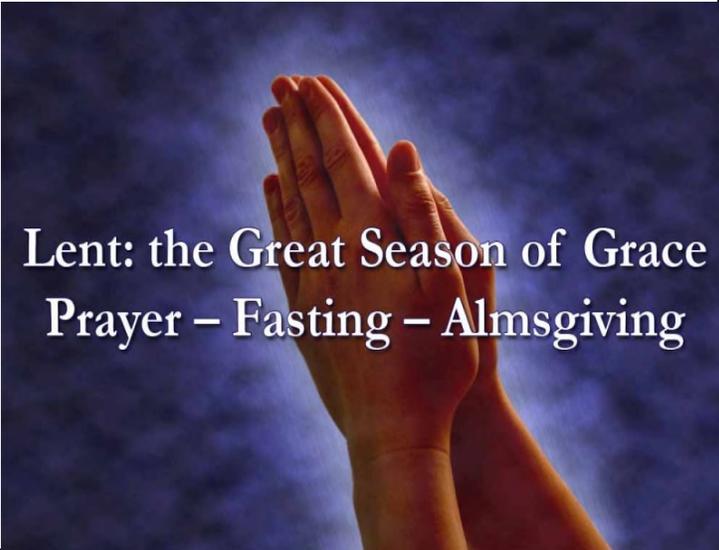
So far so good; but how can this Gospel help us

further as we continue our Lenten journey in earnest? Perhaps we can take with us the image of the Temple in Jerusalem. St. Paul (1 Corinthians 6: 19) reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, for we are made in the image and likeness of God and God dwells in us. The obvious question then is what sort of temple are we? We might say that Lent is a time to renovate the temple that is us, especially if it has become a bit jaded or full of clutter and junk spiritually speaking. In other words, Lent is a time to do some serious spiritual spring cleaning of our hearts and souls. Similarly, just as the temple in Jerusalem was meant to be a very visible sign of God's presence among His people, so too are we meant to be living stones or signs of that same presence to others.

During Lent we are asked to focus in a special way on the three pillars of Lent: acts of charity, fasting and prayer (all three note...not just one!). So, in our acts of charity we can try to be real signs of God's loving presence in the world. When we fast, it can be a way of making sure that the temple that is our body is not just obsessed with food: we also need to feed the spirit and soul. Fasting can also remind us of those who have little food each day out of necessity. Our prayer can be a way of re-consecrating ourselves to God and to make sure that we do not "lose the plot" spiritually speaking.



Fr. Anthony



Lent: the Great Season of Grace
Prayer – Fasting – Almsgiving

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY, March 6

- Adoration Committee Mtg.
7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Academy

WEDNESDAY, March 7

- The Gathering - 7:30 p.m. St. Mary's Academy

THURSDAY, March 8

- Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Academy

FRIDAY, March 9

- Mary's Way of the Cross: 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church

Mary's Way of the Cross

Friday, March 9th - 6:30 p.m.

It has been a Catholic tradition through the centuries to meditate on the Way of the Cross, so that it becomes our way of life. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, made that first way of the cross. In these stations we see through Mary's eyes, a mother's eyes, what Jesus was going through on the way of Calvary.

Please join our teen group as they present this very moving CD dramatization .

You 're invited to join us

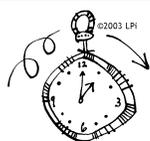
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

*March 3 * April 7 * May 5*

*St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church
206 Union St., Hudson*

8:30 a.m. Confessions & Rosary

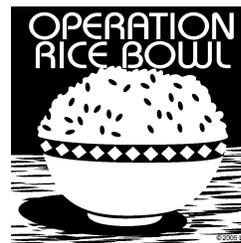
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11th

Next weekend, on Saturday, March 10th,
be sure to set your clocks **forward** one hour.

"Rice Bowls" for Operation Rice Bowl



For many years our parish has participated in the "Operation Rice Bowl" program. It helps American Catholics participate in the fasting and almsgiving dimensions of the Lenten seasons by eating one very modest meal each week and putting the cost of a regular meal in the "Rice Bowl," which is returned to Church at the end of the Lenten season. These monies are then transmitted through foods and goods to those areas of the world where poverty is a major problem.

During the next few weekends we will have the cardboard "Rice Bowls" on tables at the Church entrances. We invite you to take one for your household, and to return it at the end of the Lenten season.



Need your Rosary repaired?

A parishioner has decided for her Lenten observance to repair broken Rosaries. If you have a Rosary that is damaged in any way, we invite you to place it in the collection basket during Lent. Put your Rosary in an envelope with your name, address, and telephone number on it. After the Rosary is repaired, we will contact you and arrange for your repaired Rosary to be returned to you.



The following **Eucharistic Moment** has been shared by the Perpetual Adoration Committee to promote Eucharistic adoration:

Sunday, March 4th

"In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; Eucharistic adoration is simply the natural consequence of the Eucharistic celebration, which is itself the Church's supreme act of adoration." - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Would you spend some time in Eucharistic adoration?

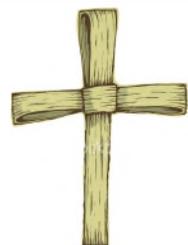
Columbia-Greene Perpetual Adoration Chapel

You are invited to an **Informational Meeting** on **March 14 at 6:30 p.m.** at **St. Mary's Church, 429 E. Allen St., Hudson.** The meeting is to introduce the details of the proposed Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel to serve the Catholic communities of both Columbia and Greene counties. Presenting will be Fr. Anthony Barratt and members of the Columbia-Greene Chapel Committee. Information will include a review of the proposal to create the Chapel, recruitment of hourly adorers, and the spiritual benefits associated with Perpetual Adoration. Come and learn how you can be a part of this unique opportunity - and the blessings that await our communities through this very special devotion. For more information, contact Elsie Turoci at 518-929-0858.

40 DAYS for LIFE CAMPAIGN
Wednesday, Feb. 14 to Sunday, March 25

40 Days for Life Campaign is a community effort of a period of **40 days of prayer, fasting, community outreach and peaceful prayer vigil** at the **Planned Parenthood right of way, 1040 State Street, Schenectady, from 7 AM – 7 PM.**

This Lent, make a commitment to pray daily for an end to abortion. To see when Bishop Scharfenberger is coming to pray with us or other special prayer vigil events, go to rcda.org under events; Facebook: [diocese of Albany respect life](https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofalbanyrespectlife/); or 40daysforlife.com/Schenectady. Contact: Viviane: 384-0699, Sarah: sch40days@gmail.com, www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady



Palm Crosses

Our *Christian Service Committee* will be at *St. Mary's Academy on Sunday, March 18th, 10:00 a.m. (following 9:00 a.m. Mass)*, to teach the art of *making Palm Crosses*. Come and learn and help our parishioners make more than 500 crosses needed to distribute to all the nursing homes in our area. We need your help, it's fun to learn!

When Did I See You Lord?

In speaking with Jill Wishon, Director of the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, we learned that, although most of the people she serves receive food stamps, **toiletry items are excluded from purchase.**

Our **Parish-Wide Lenten Service Project** will involve a weekly collection of specific toiletry items. Our youth group will assemble 'care bags' for the Soup Kitchen to hand out to people in need.

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one." *Mother Teresa*

March 3rd & 4th	Deodorant & Soap
March 10th & 11th	Razor & Shaving

Annual Divine Mercy Consecration – 33 Days to Merciful Love

Bishop Scharfenberger is inviting Catholics throughout the Diocese to join him in a 33-day preparation period **starting Tuesday, March 6**, with the book: *33 Days to Merciful Love*, by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. The preparation will lead to the annual diocesan Divine Mercy Consecration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.** Please find more information on the dedicated webpage: www.rcda.org/DivineMercyConsecration



PRAY THE ROSARY

Sundays at 1:30 p.m.
 St. Mary's Church - Hudson

For God's blessing upon the Perpetual

Adoration Committee

"Do something beautiful for Jesus."

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

HUDSON

Regular Offertory Weekend (Feb. 25).....	\$4,971.00
Black & Native American Missions.....	45.00

GERMANTOWN

Regular Offertory Weekend (Feb. 25).....	\$1,777.00
Heat and Fuel (Feb. 25).....	20.00
Black & Native American Missions.....	20.00
Seminarian Support (Feb. 25).....	5.00

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Reading: p. 102 Opening Hymn: # 440 Closing: # 557

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**MONDAY: Weekday (March 5)**7:15 AM Paul Donahue - Neil, Chris Mullins & Charlene Plasky
Chris Groll - Gary & Cindy Schools & Family
Louis Conte - Tom & Vera Colwell**TUESDAY: Weekday (March 6)**7:15 AM Helen Halloran (Birthday) - Family
Gertrude Yaroschuck - Daughter & Son
Paul Piche - Buddy & Rosa Pfeil**WEDNESDAY: Weekday (March 7)**7:15 AM George Nobes - Pat & Dick Nobes
Phyllis & Basil McKinley - Dee Marotta
George Pough Sr. - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donahue**THURSDAY: Weekday (March 8)**7:15 AM Paul Donahue - Dominic Kappel
Chris Groll - Lynn Hart & Family
Guy Balestra - Buddy & Rosa Pfeil**FRIDAY: Weekday (March 9)**7:15 AM Scott Novack - Tom & Sue Buckley
Paul Donahue - Jack & Mary Ann Nytransky
George Pough Sr. - Nettie Shallo
9:00 AM For an end to violence in our schools
(G'TWN)**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT****SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (March 10)**4:00 PM Chris Rickborn - Paula & Spencer Rickborn
(HUD) John A. Alvarez - David Dolan
William J. Whalen - Ray & Carol Ann Paul
5:30 PM Joseph Augustino - Dick & Pat Nobes
(G'TWN)**SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (March 11)**9:00 AM Sophie Slominski - Jackie & Ted Filli
(HUD) Marie B. Conte - Thomas &
Esperanza Haefelin
Donna Lynn Scalera**Readings for the Week of March 4**Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 /1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 /Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]
Mt 18:21-35 Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab,
7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9
[8]/Jn 4:5-42
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14
and 17
[cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos
6:6]
/Lk 18:9-14 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-9 /
Jn 4:5-42

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next weekend our diocese will be taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve Jesus in the disguise of our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. These agencies provide a broad range of services, including advocating for immigrants, providing humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, resettling displaced individuals, and working for increased peace in our world. Your support of this collection is an opportunity to **help Jesus in disguise**.

In 2005, in war-torn Afghanistan, Aazar and Ali lost their family due to their father's political affiliations. The boys, ten and eight years old, fled to Pakistan, looking for safety amid the many threats to their lives. Shortly after they arrived in Quetta, Pakistan, they were separated, and despite days of searching, Aazar could not find his younger brother. Continuing to receive threats, Aazar was forced to keep moving, making his way to an orphanage in Turkey, where he was granted refugee status. In 2012, he received a referral to be placed in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) program, bringing him to the United States.

Once here in the United States, Aazar reached out to a nightly radio program broadcast in the Middle East for help in finding Ali. Within one week, his brother was found alive in Pakistan, where he had been residing as a domestic helper, and so did not attend school, nor did he have any friends. The USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) program began working with the United Nations to reunite the brothers, and ultimately, after nine years of separation, the brothers were once again reunited and could begin to resettle and reconnect as family.

MRS is one of the six worldwide Catholic relief agencies funded by The Catholic Relief Services Collection. These agencies work to provide food, water, disaster relief, and other vital assistance to Jesus in the disguise of suffering people each day.

Please be generous in The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support truly makes a difference.

Faithfully yours in Christ,


Edward B. Scharfenberger
Bishop of Albany

For more information on The Catholic Relief Services Collection and the organizations it supports, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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