

BULLETIN: MARCH 20, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Please pray for the ill & those in need of our continued prayer: Bob Yoder, Christopher Endicott, Luke Barden, Joe Kranz, Doug Jones, Trang & Ann Treber, Tara Young, Eddy Messer, Scott Weaver, Foster Sauter, Steve Wilmes, Keagan Sanders, Shirley Schaffer, Tara Clawson, Gary May, & Regan DeRee

DAILY EVENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19th

7:00 a.m. That Man is You
8:30 a.m. Mass: Solemnity of St. Joseph
1:00 p.m. Committee Meeting for 50th Anniversary
4:15 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass: The Jones Family
7:30 p.m. Mass: Neocatechumenal Way

Sunday, March 20th

8:15 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass: + Pilar Gonzales
10:15 a.m. Religious Education
11:30 a.m. Mass: + Maria Elena & + Ismael Tinajero

Monday, March 21st

8:30 a.m. Mass: Olivia Benz
11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass: Sharon Zadra
7:00 p.m. In Ipso: (Going Deeper) w/ Fr. Chris
8:00 p.m. Marriage Prep.

Tuesday, March 22nd

8:30 a.m. Mass: Michelle Earl

Wed, March 23rd

NO Mass (Office Closed)
6:30 p.m. ENDOW

Thursday, March 24th

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Deborah Messer
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (Adoration)
7:00 p.m. Parish Penance Service
7:00 p.m. RCIA

Friday, March 25th

7:15 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30 a.m. Mass: + Bessie Japp
5:00 p.m. Soup Supper (Altar Rosary)
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 26th

7:00 a.m. That Man is You
4:15 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass: + Arnold Kopriva
7:30 p.m. Mass: Neocatechumenal Way

REFLECTION

In the Church, we are made children of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God who makes known His name and His ways to Moses in today’s First Reading. Mindful of His covenant with Abraham (see [Exodus 2:24](#)), God came down to rescue His people from the slave drivers of Egypt. Faithful to that same covenant (see [Luke 1:54–55, 72–73](#)), He sent Jesus to redeem all lives from destruction, as today’s Psalm tells us. Paul says in today’s Epistle that God’s saving deeds in the Exodus were written down for the Church, intended as a prelude and foreshadowing of our own Baptism by water, our liberation from sin, our feeding with spiritual food and drink. Yet the events of the Exodus were also given as a “warning”—that being children of Abraham is no guarantee that we will reach the promised land of our salvation.

At any moment, Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, we could perish, not as God’s punishment for being “greater sinners” but because, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we stumble into evil desires, fall into grumbling, forget all His benefits.

Jesus calls us today to “repentance”—not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. We’re called to live the life we sing about in today’s Psalm, blessing His holy name, giving thanks for His kindness and mercy.

The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel (see [Jeremiah 8:3; 24:1–10](#)). As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so too Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance (see [Luke 3:8](#)).

Lent should be for us like the season of reprieve given to the fig tree, a grace period in which we let “the gardener,” Christ, cultivate our hearts, uprooting what chokes the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruits that will last into eternity.

OFFERTORY

March 13, 2022:

\$4,651.75

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ *****REMINDER*** MARRIAGE PREP CLASSES:** Marriage Prep Classes continue on Mondays at 8:00 pm, for those who have been attending.
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** EASTER ALTAR ADORNMENT ENVELOPES:** Please consider helping adorn the altar for this coming holy season! There are envelopes in the pews that you may place in the offertory basket.
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** SURRENDER NOVENA:** Bishop Aquila is inviting all the faithful to pray the Surrender Novena from March 17-25. This novena is going to help the first-ever Archdiocesan Discernment Event. Copies of the novena are in the entrance of the church. <https://archden.org/lent-2022-pastoral-note-surrender/>
- ❖ *****NEW*** MASON TO FIX THE PILLAR:** We are currently looking for a mason to fix the pillar and other stonework in the parish. If you know of anyone, please contact the parish office. The one we previously contacted was too expensive.
- ❖ *****NEW*** 2022 OLP WOMEN’S RETREAT:** The O.L.P Women’s retreat will be held at the church on Oct 14 & 15. Please save this date on your calendar. You will not want to miss this!
- ❖ *****NEW*** REBATE FROM ARCHBISHOP’S CATHOLIC APPEAL:** Thank you for all who contributed to the ACA. Thanks to your generosity our parish received \$11,458 as a rebate from the Archbishop’s Catholic appeal!
- ❖ *****NEW*** REVEAL CHRIST’S LOVE:** Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food for the hungry, support, displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ’s Love** to those in most need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.
- ❖ **O.L.P. CONFESSIONS:** Our Parish Confessions will be this week on **Thursday, March 24th**. Adoration at 6:00 P.M., followed by a Penance Service & Confessions at 7:00 P.M. There will be two other bilingual priests to hear confessions.
- ❖ **FISH FRY AND SOUP SUPPERS:** During this time of Lent the Knights of Columbus and Altar & Rosary will be having a Fish Fry and Soup Supper every Friday before the Stations of the Cross from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
- ❖ **PREPARING FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY:** If there are any photos that pertain to Our Lady of the Plains and its history that you would like to share, it would be appreciated. You may send via email at ourladyoftheplains@gmail.com or a box which will be available at both entrances for anything you would like to share publicly, as we are getting geared up to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of OLP.

PARISH UPDATES CONTINUED

- ❖ **DEARNERY CONFESSIONS TIMES:**

Parish	Date & Time
St. Giana Molla	Thu, March 31, 6:30 pm
St. Michael	Sat, April 2, 10:00 am
Our Lady of Loreto	Tue, April 5, 7:00 pm
Queen of Peace	Thu, April 7, 7:00 pm
- ❖ **DEFENDING LIFE:** Join in defending life and encouraging your representatives to VOTE NO on HB22-1279 Reproductive Health Equity Act (RHEA). Please pray so that this bill may not be passed.
- ❖ **O.L.P. CLEANING DAY:** A spring-cleaning day has been scheduled for Saturday, March 26 beginning at 9:00 a.m. A cleaning sign-up sheet is posted in the parish hall. Contact Dana Weaver at 303-622-9706 for more information.
- ❖ *****NEW*** FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK:** <https://watch.formed.org/forgiven/season:1/videos/embraced-in-mercy-the-rite-explained>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ❖ *****NEW*** RCIA(C):** March 27 at 9:00 a.m. will be the Second Scrutiny for Catechumens and Candidates
- ❖ **1ST RECONCILIATION RETREAT:** For those students in RE (3rd & 4th Graders), RCIA, & RCIC that need to Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, there will be a retreat, Saturday, April 2nd at 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- ❖ **FIRST CONFESSIONS:** All those in Religious Ed, RCIA, RCIC, who have not done their first confessions have to come on April 9 at 11:00 A.M for First Confessions.
- ❖ *****NEW*** CHILDREN’S FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK:** Lent with Brother Francis Day 3 - A Time to Wash Someone's Feet <https://watch.formed.org/lent->

YOUTH GROUP

*High School Youth Group: We will meet
Sunday, March 20th at 12:45 p.m.*

ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ **MEETING April 3rd:** Sunday in the classroom next to the kitchen (printer room). All are welcome, meeting starts at 10:10 am. Agenda includes funeral circles, soup supper & more.