

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 7, 2021

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS	MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI	PARISH INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p>Saturday March 6 Mass 5:00 pm Int. Healing for Dave Brown</p> <p>Sunday March 7 Mass 8:30 am Int. + Doreen Weber Mass 10:30 am Int. Joellyn English</p> <p>Monday March 8 Mass 9:30 am Int. Manuel Cota</p> <p>Tuesday March 9 No public Mass and Office is Closed Parent/God Parent Class before Infant Baptism 5:00 pm</p> <p>Wednesday March 10 Mass 9:30 am</p> <p>Thursday March 11 Mass 9:30 am Int. Dustin Schernk and Brian Gibbons RCIA Class 6:00 pm</p> <p>Friday March 12 Mass 9:30 am Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm Confession following</p>	<p>We need to avoid a calculating mentality in Divine worship: Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. We are not supposed to think of God as a vending machine into which we put our sacrifices and good deeds to get back His blessings.</p> <p>Let us remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temples, body and soul, because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impunity, injustice, pride, hatred, or jealousy. Let us be cleansed by asking God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</p> <p>Let us love our parish Church as our "Father's house" and use it. Let us make our Church - our "Heavenly Father's house" - a holier place by our active participation in the liturgy, by offering our time and talents in the various ministries, and by our material support for its maintenance and development.</p> <p>In the light of the gospel reading, we might ask ourselves in what ways we have allowed the values of the market place to override the values of the gospel in our own lives, in the life of our society, and in the life of our church.</p> <p>In summary, we need to remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit - body and soul - because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impunity and injustice. We are expected to cleanse our hearts of pride, hatred, jealousy, and all evil thoughts, desires, and plans.</p> <p>Reminiscent of what Jesus did in cleansing the Temple, we, as 21st century disciples, must, with His grace, cleanse ourselves of attitudes and behaviors that prevent us from seeing and responding to a need wherever we find it.</p> <p>Let us welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives during Lent by repentance and the renewal of our lives. We will drive out the wild animals that do not belong in the holy temple of our body by making a whip of cords out of our fasting, penance and almsgiving during Lent, and by going to Confession to receive God's loving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</p> <p>May God bless us and enable His Holy Spirit to give us the grace to keep our spiritual houses clean for Him to dwell in always.... Amen.</p>	<p>RCIA: The Rite of Scrutiny. The first Scrutiny is today at the Vigil Mass. The second Scrutiny will be at the 8:30 Mass next week and the third Scrutiny will be at the 10:30 Mass on the 5th Sunday of Lent. These Rites are to remind us and the elect, that we should all remove the "barriers" of sin and evil that could prevent us from experiencing the fulness of God's transforming love.</p> <p>Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation: Every Friday during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross at 5pm followed by the opportunity to go to confession.</p> <p>Pat Croman-Scott has a very special birthday coming up! On March 17th, Pat will be celebrating her 100th Birthday! Since we can't celebrate with her in person, we invite all those who know her to send a Birthday Card or letter. You can send it to PO Box 570, Rockaway Beach OR 97136 or drop it off in the office and we will make sure she gets it.</p>	
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS			
<p>A Time for Healing and Sorrow: Please pray for all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for the repose of the souls of Denny Hennessy, Mary Thurber and Doreen Weber and all those who have died recently, and pray for those who have asked for our prayers.</p> <p>A Time for Joy and Celebration: We pray for all those who are celebrating a special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Phyllis Scott, Manuel Cota, and Fernando Silveira.</p>			
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