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**John 2:13-25**



Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

**Lenten Prayer for Strength to Accept Sacrifice**

Lord Jesus, by Your Passion and Resurrection You brought life to the world. But the glory of the Resurrection came only after the sufferings of the Passion. Stretched out on the Cross, deprived of all earthly possessions and human aid, You cried out to Your Father that the end had come. You had accomplished the work given You, and You committed into His hands, as a perfect gift, the little life that remained to You.  
Lord, teach me to accept all afflictions after the example You have given. Let me place my death in Yours and my weakness in Your abandonment, Take hold of me with Your love, that same charity that knew no limits, and let me offer myself to the Father with You so that I may rise with You to eternal life.

**Weekly Mass Readings  
March 8 – March 14**

- Sunday, 3/7** Ex 20:1-17 & 1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
- Monday 3/8** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday 3/9** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday 3/10** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday 3/11** Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday 3/12** Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday 3/13** Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday 3/14** 2 Chr 36:14, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

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**St. Pius X  
Mass Schedule**

† **Weekend Mass**  
Saturday- 4:30 pm  
Sunday- 10:00 am

† **Daily Mass**  
Tuesday-6:00 pm  
Wednesday-8:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Thursday-8:00 am  
Friday-8:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each month-  
8:00 am*

† **Online Mass**

Sunday -10:00 am  
Wednesday - 6:00 pm

**We are still Live Streaming Facebook  
for anyone at home**

Find us on Facebook at:  
*St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic  
Churches*

**Parish Office Hours**

Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

**St. Anthony of Padua  
Mass Schedule**

† **Weekend Mass**  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month-8:00 am  
Sunday- 8:00 am

† **Daily Mass**  
Wednesday-9:00 am  
Friday-9:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each  
month-9:00 am*

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# FROM THE PASTOR



A Message From Fr. Brian Johnson

Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

John 2:13-25

Have you ever heard someone say “He cleaned house and took names”? I bet it was heard about a pretty heated exchange. We might apply such a description to what Jesus is doing today when he conducts his ‘Cleansing of the Temple’ (John 2:13-25). The gospel describes Jesus ‘taking names’ when it says, “Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, (Jn 2:24) and the house cleaning clearly happens when he “drove them all out of the temple area” (Jn 2:15). What led Jesus to perform this display of protest about commerce in the Temple? What exactly did he do? He excitedly stirred up the animal herds to stampede in an exodus out of the Temple, and He overturned the money stations of the exchange bankers along the way. His proclamation was, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace” (Jn 2:16). Keep in mind the reading’s opening line that puts a timestamp on this episode “*Since the Passover of the Jews was near*” (Jn 2:13). The feast of Passover was a celebration of the Jewish people marking their release from Egyptian slavery. The enslavement of the Hebrews meant the Egyptians were exploiting the Hebrews’ bodies (forced extraction of labor) for the Egyptians’ own gain. Jesus discerns a similar ‘exploitation’ in this Temple Market. The rulers of the Temple were exercising a ‘subjection’ of the people. The rulers mandated sacrificial expenses taxing ordinary believers to support the elitist priestly classes and the wealthy merchant class specializing in the provision of Temple approved ‘sacrifice animals’ & related financial services. Basically, the Temple managers were using religion to profit themselves. Jesus taught openly against ‘hijacking’ religion like this for monetary gain in other places in the gospel like when he condemns the scribes with the words “They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext, recite lengthy prayers” (Luke 20:47). He condemned the Pharisees for such money worship in Matthew 23:16 “Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘If one swears by the temple, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gold of the temple, one is obligated’. The gospel writer Luke bluntly says about them in 16:14, “The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all these things and sneered at Jesus.” So we can say that Jesus is ‘incensed’ (!) when He comes to the Temple and finds that its focus is not on sincere prayer being offered. Instead, he finds that the Temple ‘bosses’ are focused only on what the market price of sheep and doves are for that day, or what the exchange rate is for ‘laundering’ impure currencies into ‘kosher’ ones. Jesus finds the corruption of religion on display in the Temple so offensive, that it moves Him to make a ‘protest gesture’ of stopping business that day. He declared the Temple to be the ‘Father’s house’. I find his reference to ‘Father’s house’ to be a ‘leveling’ claim recognizing the equality and dignity of all people who stand before the altar. Jesus is reframing all Temple prayer and worship in ‘personalist’ terms when He describes 1) the Temple as a home and 2) identifies a collective ‘Father’ to us all. In our Divine Father’s house, everyone is a child of His, and all sincere seekers and worshippers in the Temple are welcome. There is no ‘slave’ and ‘master’ class of people when it comes to acceptable sacrifice offered to God. All are equal children of God. So, it is significant that Jesus cleanses the Temple in Passover days, because he was exposing a ‘new slavery’ created by the money-grabbing Temple authorities. Human slavery is so evil because it subjugates the divinely created body which houses a human soul made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). Who can own what God has created? In the Book of Genesis, Abel’s blood cries to heaven after Cain fatally seized control over Abel (tragically to death). The human body knew its Creator and revolted against another human being’s domination over itself. Only God has such authority over what He created (our souls and bodies). A subjected-exploited body cries out to heaven for relief. Psalm 34:7 tells us that, “The LORD hears the cry of the poor....” In today’s gospel, Jesus answers the cry. The offensive connection between temple practices and money, in effect, putting prices upon people’s prayers, moves Jesus to His prophetic action (clearing it out) declaring divine opposition to such abuses. He states, “Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up”(John 2:19). Of course, Jesus was talking about the Temple of His Body-the same human nature-body God gives us when we are conceived and the same body that houses the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19-body as Temple of Holy Spirit). Jesus’ action preserved the human dignity of all worshippers seeking to pray in the Temple, and re-established such human equality and respect, above all in the very Temple of the Father’s House. Prayer to God is the free expression of one’s heart back to Him. There is no toll tax on praying. As the old Glory & Praise hymn titled ‘Come to the Water’ sang it, “And Let all who have nothing.. Let them come to the Lord... Without money, without price...” Or as we read later in the Letter of James similarly that, “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world” (James 1:27). Peace, Fr Brian

## Another Saint in Time of Plague

St Joseph Benedict Cottolengo (born 5-3-1786 died 4-30-1842)

Joseph Cottolengo was born into an Italian middle class family, in Bra, then in the Kingdom of Sardinia. The eldest of twelve children, (six of whom died in infancy), he was close to his mother and shared with her a deep love of the poor and the sick. One time when he was five years old, after hearing about a plague striking some neighboring town, his mother found him walking around the house with a measuring rod taking dimensions and sizing the rooms. When asked what he was up to, he said he was determining how many sick beds could be placed in their house if the plague hit there area too.

In 1802, Joseph became a Third Order Franciscan (layman living the Franciscan lifestyle among the world). His religious fervor increased and he entered the seminary at Asti in 1805. Unfortunately, it was closed two years later, though he continued studying theology and keeping regular prayer at home. He was ordained a priest in 1811, and assigned as an associate at the Cathedral of Turin. He completed his doctorate in theology in 1818, and was made a canon attending to liturgical services at the Cathedral Basilica of Corpus Domini in Turin. As a canon, he lived simply and donated all of his fees and stipends to the poor. Turin at this time following the French occupation, suffered great impoverishment among the masses in the city, and many poor or displaced farmers immigrated in from the surrounding countryside seeking work. At times the streets were full of wandering beggars seeking any food or shelter. There were frequent and recurrent outbreaks of disease and epidemics. In 1827, St Joseph read the biography of St Vincent DePaul, and he felt his heart’s calling was to serve the poor full-time. He devoted himself to works of charity for the rest of his life. Around this time he encountered a family who stopped in Turin on their way to Milan, who was in distress. The mother was pregnant and ill and was rejected as a patient at the Maggiore Hospital because she had tuberculosis. The maternity hospital would not accept her either, because she was feverish and they feared her infectiousness upon other expectant mothers. She passed away from her disease, but St Cottolengo gave her the last sacraments, and baptized her child before it died, too. He sat with the devastated father and tried to comfort the other children, heartbroken with grief over their mom and sibling’s death. This struck him deeply. St Joseph went and sold everything he owned, including his outer cloak, and rented two rooms. He began his new ministry to the rejected sick in January 1828, offering free accommodation to his first patient who was an elderly paralyzed woman. Shortly thereafter word spread, and his rooms grew to occupy more of the building and he accepted any of the sick from the streets. He had become a ‘final refuge’ for those desperate for medical treatment. Like minded helpers began to join his mission of serving the sick who not accepted into regular hospitals. Some physicians and nurses from town also joined his work and he began receiving gifts from wealthy benefactors to expand the number of available beds.

In 1831, a cholera epidemic broke out and the city authorities closed his medical mission down. He was asked to move by the city and cathedral out of fear of contagion in the neighborhood. He felt rejected by the town and church decision and identified even more strongly with the ostracized poor sick. Pushed to the margins himself, he founded his first ‘Little House of Providence’ in 1832 just outside the city. He continued to welcome the sick to enter and receive their necessary medical treatment from his hospital care station. Women who joined him became associated to one another as ‘Ladies of Charity and later became the religious order of the ‘Sisters of St Vincent DePaul’. He branched out in his charitable work to include caring for and raising abandoned or orphaned children in home centers (orphanages). He also founded monasteries, convents, communities of priests, communities of brothers, and organized groups of lay volunteers. His legacy of charity stands today at the heart of Turin as a sign of what it means to love and serve others, especially those who cannot pay for care.

St Joseph had a deep love of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and was frequently found before the Blessed Sacrament praying alone with Jesus. His sought to imitate the life of St Vincent DePaul and serve Christ’s marginalized poor, those incarcerated without any medical attention, and the neglected sick. St Joseph himself died of Typhoid Fever after contracting it while tending to the sick in a local epidemic in 1842. He was canonized in 1934, and his missions of Cottolengo Fathers, Sisters & Brothers can be found serving in ‘Little Houses of Providence’ in such countries as Ecuador, India, Italy, Kenya, Switzerland and the United States. He is a great patron saint for the many feared or forgotten sufferers of plagues.

St Joseph Benedict Cottolengo, pray for us!



**Spiritual Tool Time with St. Joseph Lenten Retreat**

Tuesday Evenings 6:30 pm 7:30 In person Church or Zoom  
Fr Brian will lead us through some weekly reflections on St Joseph, patron saint of families, fathers and the Church. Be introduced to some Spiritual Tools to use this Lent to shape up or craft your Soul!

**FFY Faith Formation Youth News:**

We will meet on Wednesday, Mar 10, for our FFY In-Person Session at 6:45pm. If the Marshall County School System is on virtual learning, we will meet via Zoom. Watch the mail for the new Gospel Weeklies Packet and emails!

**Thank You Sr Michael Marie Friedman!**

As Sr Michael Marie Friedman, OSU returns to Mount St Joseph Motherhouse, we want to thank her for the years of service and sacrifice that she has offered our community. We miss you already, and thank God and you for your always prayerful presence among us. You have taught us through your witness to consecrated life as an Ursuline and shared your deep love of Jesus and His Church with us! Thank You!

Her new address is: Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph  
8001 Cummings Road Maple Mount, Kentucky 42356

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

March 8- March 14

**Happy Birthday:**

St. Pius X

March 10 Nora Lucas

March 11 Addison Peterson

March 12 Victoria Hosman

March 13 Cynthia Devine

March 14 Tommy Robertson

St. Anthony of Padua

No birthdays this week

**Happy Anniversary:**

St. Pius X

David & Donna Carr

St. Anthony of Padua

No anniversaries this week



**Gasper River Summer Camp Registration** is open for this coming summer! Space is limited, please register soon. Scholarships are available. Please contact Paula Schmidt for the scholarship application information. Visit [gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://gasperriverretreatcenter.org) for more information about camp and to register for camp.



Every Wednesday St Pius 6:30 pm  
Every Friday St Anthony 9:30 am



Every *Friday* thru Lent

4:00-7:00pm at St. Pius

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**Protect our Children: Report and Seek Help against Abuse:** The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Eileen Sacks, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, James Eden, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Elizabeth Nelson, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Carol Ross, Marty Tyskling, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Larry Wenzel, Anna Williams, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Jeanette Hayes, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Nannette Frizzell, Catherine Broks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Dorothy Henry, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Juanita Perkins, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers

**St. Anthony of Padua:** Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang and their families and caregivers.

**Pray for Our Military**

**St. Pius X:** Julianne Utley, Daniel Burgess, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett, Amanda Wojahn and Luke Jablonski.

**St. Anthony of Padua:** Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

**St. Pius X**

Mass Intentions March 8-March 15		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Michael Malzahn
Wednesday	8:00 am	Sitching Manalato
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Hilda Reichert
Thursday	8:00 am	Emmett White
Friday	8:00 am	Irene Rudnicki
Saturday	4:30 pm	Christopher Rendon
Sunday	10:00 am	Mary Ann Johnson

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Parish Hall Donation (2/28/21)	\$ 289.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (2/28/21)	\$ 1,826.00
Online Giving (2/28/21)	\$ 1,223.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 130,761.20

Divine Praises

Blessed be God.  
 Blessed be His Holy Name.  
 Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.  
 Blessed be the Name of Jesus.  
 Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.  
 Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.  
 Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
 Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.  
 Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.  
 Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.  
 Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.  
 Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.  
 Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.  
 Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints. Amen

Parish Council

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
Larry Krouse	Secretary
Robert Weekes	Finance
Dawn Whitt	Spiritual Life
Catherine Broks	FFY

Bereavement Committee

Fran Dacus (618)383-4646

Other Groups

Finance Council	Harold Dacus, Chair
Art & Decorations	Paula Schmidt
Knights of Columbus	Philip Scheidegger

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions March 8-March 15		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Betty Yunk
Friday	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving
Sunday	8:00 am	Tom Franklin

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (2/28/2021)	\$ 1,470.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 42,570.00

*Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church's Mission depends on you!*

Consider Attending Daily Mass this Lent!

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No Dues for the First Year!

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**Spiritual Saying for Lent**

“As Lent is the time for greater love, let’s listen to Jesus’ thirst for us . . . Repent and believe Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Let’s repent of our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor – He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.” –Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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Roy McFadden	Chair Person
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Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance/ Building & Ground
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Sr. Michael Friedman	Spiritual/Faith Formation

The Holy Sacraments: Preparation for and Reception of the Sacraments

- + **MARRIAGE:** Preparation is needed prior to the wedding. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 6 months prior to date.
- + **BAPTISM:** Preparation is needed prior to the Sacrament. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 3 months prior to birth.
- + **HOSPITAL:** Please notify the office or Fr. Brian if you or someone whom you know is in the hospital.
- + **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Is offered to anyone ill, infirmed, or prior to surgery. Contact Fr. Brian at (270) 668-7675 (Emergency)
- + **CONFESSION:** Saturday at 3:30 St Pius; or please ask Fr Brian before any mass, or to set an appt, please call him at 270-395-4727
- + **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month during office hours (9 am-2 pm). Call the office at (270) 395-4727
- + **Bulletin information:** Must be submitted to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Email: [stpiusx@stpiusx.us](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)