

Assumption Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022

REPENT
OR
PERISH.
THE TIME IS NOW.

LUKE 13:1-9



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Office Hours:

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus' parable of the barren fig tree illustrates his warning about the consequences of allowing sin and corruption to take root in our hearts and minds. Fig trees were a common and important source of food for the people of Palestine. A fig tree normally matured within three years, producing plentiful fruit. If it failed, it was cut down to make room for more healthy trees. A decaying fig tree and its bad fruit came to symbolize for the Jews the consequence of spiritual corruption caused by evil deeds and unrepentant sin. The unfruitful fig tree symbolized the outcome of Israel's indifference and lack of response to God's word of repentance and restoration. The prophets depicted the desolation and calamity of Israel's fall and ruin - due to her unfaithfulness to God - as a languishing fig tree (Jeremiah 8:13). Jeremiah likened good and evil rulers and members of Israel with figs that were either good for eating or rotten and wasteful (Jeremiah 24:2-8).

Jesus' parable depicts the patience of God, but it also contains a warning that we should not presume upon God's patience and mercy. God's judgment will come in due course - very soon or later. God, in his mercy, gives us time to get right with him, but that time is now. We must not assume that there is no hurry. A sudden and unexpected death leaves one no time to prepare to settle one's accounts when he or she must stand before the Lord on the day of judgment. Jesus warns us that we must be ready at all times. The Lord in his mercy gives us both grace and time to turn away from sin, but that time is right now. If we delay, even for a day, we may discover that grace has passed us by and our time is up. Do we hunger for the Lord's righteousness and holiness?

Readings for next Sunday,

March 27, 2022

Joshua 5:9a,10-12

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

† Saint of the Week: St. Oscar Romero

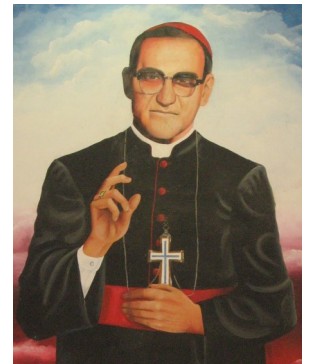
The night before he was murdered while celebrating Mass, Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador said on the radio: "I would like to appeal in a special way to the men of the army, and in particular to the troops of the National Guard, the police, and the garrisons. Brothers, you belong to our own people. You kill your own brother peasants; and in the face of an order to kill that is given by a man, the law of God that says 'Do not kill!' should prevail." Simultaneously, Romero had eloquently upheld the gospel and effectively signed his own death warrant.

Oscar's father wanted him to be a carpenter—a trade for which he demonstrated some talent. Seminary classes in El Salvador preceded his studies at Rome's Gregorian University and his ordination in 1942. After earning a doctorate in ascetical theology, he returned home and became a parish priest. He was named archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, and four years later was named bishop of Santiago de Maria.

When a military junta seized control of the national government in 1979, Archbishop Romero publicly criticized the US government for backing the junta. His weekly radio sermons, broadcast throughout the country, were regarded by many as the most trustworthy source of news available.

Romero's funeral was celebrated in the plaza outside the cathedral and drew an estimated 250,000 mourners. On February 3, 2015, Pope Francis authorized a decree recognizing Oscar Romero as a martyr for the faith. His beatification took place in San Salvador on May 23, 2015, and he was canonized on October 14, 2018.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: March 24



Patricia Ansel, Jennifer Boling, Kista Crites, Judy Davis*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs*, Larry Hinkle*, Helen Holder*, Kathy Jenkins, Sueann Keller-Schulle, Wanda Kinnie, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Caroline Reeves, Carla Roth, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Scott Tasker and Maleigha Taylor.

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Synod Listening Sessions

Pope Francis has invited all faithful around the world to journey together in a global listening process the Church has named, "Synod for a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

To ensure that our voices are heard, Assumption Parish will host Listening Sessions later this month. The sessions will be led by Nancy Starcher who is our Parish Coordinator for the Synod. Written feedback from these meetings will be forwarded to the Diocese which will then pass on the results to the Vatican.

Two listening sessions will be held on Thursday, March 31, at St. Mary's Hall. The first will be at 12:30 p.m. following Mass (lunch will be served); the second at 6 p.m.

More details are available on our website. Thank you in advance for participating in this important process!

The Year of **St. Joseph**

Most watchful guardian and loving father, pray for us.

The Year of St. Joseph officially concludes in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston with the celebration of the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Parish Council Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for three (3) new members of the Parish Council. All registered and active members of the parish are eligible to be nominated.

Nominations can be submitted to the Parish Office by phone, email, or by dropping a note in the offertory basket now through April 28.

The three outgoing members whose terms are expiring this year are Tammy Dorsey-Dale, Nancy Starcher and Tina Stephen. Tammy and Tina recently filled seats that had been vacated due to resignations, so both of them are eligible for another term. Other current members are Paul Bogdan, Janet Corley, Lauren Ellifritz, Jean Harber, Mike Fleming and Pam Williams.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

| Date | Time | Intention | Offered by |
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| Saturday, March 19 | 4:00 p.m. | Soul of John Turner | Dena Turner |
| Sunday, March 20 | 8:30 a.m. | Soul of Mary Hester Marsh..... | Linda Marsh |
| Monday, March 21 | No Mass | | |
| Tuesday, March 22 | No Mass | | |
| Wednesday, March 23 | 5:00 p.m. | Soul of Bonnie Whetzel..... | Marvin Whetzel |
| Thursday, March 24 | 12 noon | Soul of Herman Wise | Jean Harber |
| | | The Harber Family | Sue Harber |
| Friday, March 25 | 6:00 p.m. | Soul of Dolores Fairall..... | Nancy Starcher |
| Saturday, March 26 | 4:00 p.m. | Souls of John & Hazel Coffman..... | Cindy & Jim Alt |
| Sunday, March 27 | 8:30 a.m. | Souls of Joseph & Catherine Blundon..... | Assumption Parish |

Note: Mass on Fridays during Lent is held at 6 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross.

Ways to Give This Holy Season

The incredible young people of our parish are sponsoring several community projects that provide us with some great ways to help with our Lenten almsgiving!

Food Drive

Our Youth Group (formed jointly with Grace United Methodist Church) is sponsoring a food drive to benefit Faith in Action Food Pantry. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off at the vestibule or the Parish Office anytime between now and April 3. The members are also distributing flyers in neighborhoods for a front porch food drive; if you receive one at home this is the same food drive (you can donate at home or at church, whichever is most convenient for you).

Cancer Care Bags

CCD and KHS senior Alyson Smith is holding a community collection drive to donate 50 care bags for the cancer center that will be opening soon at WVU Medicine's Potomac Valley Hospital. Donations can be left in the vestibule of the church or at the Parish Office by March 24. Some examples of items include chap stick, hand lotion, hard candy, fuzzy socks, puzzle books, and pens/pencils.

Collections & Attendance

March 12-13, 2022

Offertory

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| Offertory Envelopes | \$2,855 |
| Loose Donations | \$692 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | \$10 |
| Total | \$3,557 |

Attendance

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| Saturday 3/12 | 54 |
| Sunday 3/13 | 58 |
| Total | 112 |

Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is being taken this weekend for the Priests' Health & Retirement Association. A separate basket is available.

Register for Easter Mass!

Online

<https://signup.com/go/LNZufWb>

Email

acckwv@gmail.com

Phone

304-788-2488

Mass times:

Vigil: 8:00 p.m. Easter Sunday: 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.



Donut Sunday is Back!

Please join us after Mass next Sunday, March 27, at St. Mary's Hall to enjoy a donut, a cup of coffee and some long-awaited fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this event!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 26

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Kathy Finnell
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

Sunday, March 27

Lector: Paul Bogdan
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
EM: Nancy Starcher
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

Saturday, April 2

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: Evelyn Cole
EM: Sue Harber
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeter: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, April 3

Lector: Pam Williams
Servers: Jane Placka, Beverley Iser, Nick McKenzie
EM: Pam Williams
Cantors: Candace Lowery
Greeters: Mike Landis & Jeff Kuhn



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