

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 2024

*I, the LORD, am your God . . . You shall not have other gods besides me.*

— Exodus 20:2a, 3

### TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God's protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) *or* Exodus 17:3-7.

**Psalm** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) *or* Psalm 95.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) *or* Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

**Gospel** — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) *or* John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Tuesday:** St. Casimir

**Thursday:** Sts. Perpetua

**Friday:** St. John of God; Abstinence

**Saturday:** St. Frances of Rome

### LOOK AHEAD

Why is a CAR'S WINDSHIELD so LARGE and the REARVIEW MIRROR so SMALL? Because our PAST is Not as IMPORTANT as OUR FUTURE.  
So, LOOK AHEAD and MOVE ON.

### ~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

#### A LENTEN PRAYER

*Lord Jesus Christ, you have all power to heal and deliver from harm. There is no trouble, nor bondage you cannot overcome. Set me free to serve you joyfully and to love and serve others generously. May nothing hinder me from giving myself wholly to you and to your service.*

*Amen.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday:** For the members of St. Edward's Parish

**Monday:** Pete Curley Riley 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †  
Beasley Bridget Ann 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

**Tuesday:** Monroe Birthday  
Matt Edward Birthday  
Rosie Cat Birthday

**Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday:** Deputy's Mary Ann Birthday †

**Friday:** Mary Lisa McNally Birthday †

**Saturday:** In honor of the Holy Spirit and Sacred Heart  
In thanksgiving to God the Father, Son, Holy Spirit and the Blessed Mother

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

A cowboy appeared before St. Peter at the pearly gates.

“Have you ever done anything of particular merit?” St. Peter asked.

“Well, I can think of one thing,” the cowboy offered. “once, a trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota, I came upon a gang of bikers, who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked him in his face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. I then yelled, ‘Now, back off, or I'll kick the crap out of all of you!’”

St. Peter was impressed. He leafed through the great book he held. “When did this happen?”

“Just a couple of minutes ago.”

## OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,121.00	\$2,149.00
Number of Families contributing	107	79
Total Pledge for 2024	\$157,619.00	\$159,756.00
Pledged to Date (8 Weeks)	\$25,355.00	\$25,600.00
Received to Date	\$20,769.00	\$15,898.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,586.00	\$9,702.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$500.00	\$2,846.00

37 ladies contributed last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$50.00	\$560.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2024 GOAL
\$395.00	\$17,862.00

POOR BOX totaled \$132.00.

9 CHILDREN contributed \$59.00.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Mary Jean and Family in loving memory of Ned on his Birthday;
2. The Family of Kate Hunn in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

WELCOME FR. CHIDI The members of St. Edward Parish extend a heartfelt welcome Fr. Chidi. We are so glad to have him here as our Pastor.

FAREWELL FR. RAJ The members of St. Edward Parish bid farewell to Fr. Raj. He was an inspiration to our Parish and we will truly miss him.

MASS ON FRIDAYS during Lent will be at 7:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

**Mar. 8:** Lectors

**Mar. 15:** Youth Group & Young Girls Org.

**Mar. 22:** Society of Mary Immaculate

**Mar. 29:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

<u>MORNING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Thursday	10:00 A.M.
	Friday	9:30 A.M.
<u>EVENING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Thursday	3:30 P.M.
	Friday	6:30 P.M.

2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES are in the Atrium of the Church. If you don't find your envelopes, please contact the Church office immediately.

EASTER LILIES It is asked that each family donate \$10 for the Easter lilies. Please give your donation to Bridget Rita or the Church Office.

### MEANING OF LENT

**PRAY:** *Is love for God.*

**FAST:** *Is love for yourself.*

**GIVE:** *Is love for others.*

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Anthony; and to three parish members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for *Catholic Relief Services*. Please be generous in this collection.

### READERS

**Sat. Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Montela & Macy

**Sun. Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

**Sat. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Christina & Julie Ann

**Sun. Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

### READERS – WEEKDAYS

<b>Monday</b>	-	Lauren Ashley
<b>Tuesday</b>	-	Paris
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	Gracelynn
<b>Thursday</b>	-	Willie's Rita
<b>Friday</b>	-	Gwen

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

<b>Monday</b>	-	Theresa Hun
<b>Tuesday</b>	-	Jack's Mary Rita
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	Ann Rita
<b>Thursday</b>	-	Cathy Carroll
<b>Friday</b>	-	Rosie Cat

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<b><u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u></b>	<b><u>March 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>
<b>Right</b>	Theresa Hun
<b>Left</b>	Cathy Carroll

### **Sunday 10:00 A.M**

<b><u>March 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>March 10<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie