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“To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”

- Parish Mission Statement

Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

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Masses Intentions of the Week

MONDAY, March 5, 2018

No Mass

TUESDAY, March 6, 2018

6:00-6:45 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 p.m. Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna

Intention: *Lian Amiela Catungal / Tomasita Fandino*

WEDNESDAY, March 7, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: + *Gerry Mulcair / Knights of Columbus*

THURSDAY, March 8, 2018

1:00 p.m. Liturgy at Lindenwood Terrace - Ferial

Intention: *In Thanksgiving / Marilou Epres*

FRIDAY, March 9, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: + *Bernard Lopez / Aurea Severa*

7:00 p.m. - The Way of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 10, 2018

4:30 p.m. Liturgy - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Intention: + *Matthew Lacko / Ramona Lacko*

SUNDAY, March 11, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners



**Remembering Those Entombed or Memorialized
in Living Waters Columbarium:**

March 4 - Rosalinda M. Manalo

March 7 - Marjorie LeBrun

March 11 - Bertha Okrainec



"We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that

traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: *"Take these out of here."*

When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect.

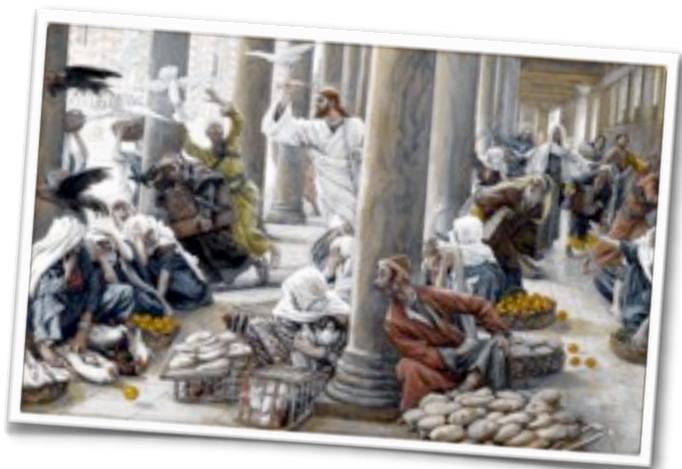
The response of Jesus is a strong one. *"He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area."* God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up sin – our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

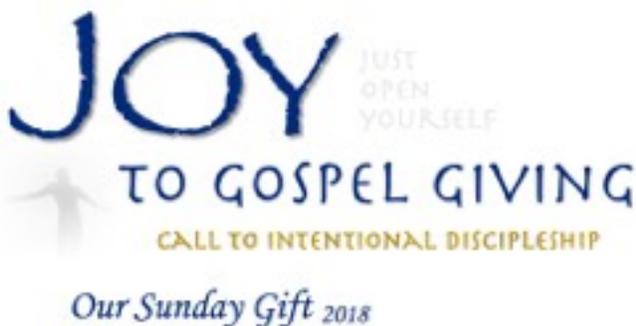
KIDS' CORNER

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that the real temple of God lies within us. His cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem calls us all to cleanse ourselves. We have the days of Lent to make a special effort to become less selfish and more loving - to renew and deepen our covenant with God.

What can you 'cleansed' from your life so you can focus more on God?



- Pflaum Gospel Weeklies



Please remember to return your 2018 Stewardship of Treasure Commitment Card via the Sunday offertory basket, the parish office or mail.

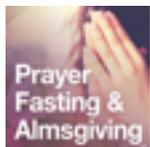
Sunday's Offertory - February 25, 2018

Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 14,000.00
Noah's Buddies / Youth	\$ 10.00
Loose:	\$ 1,017.40
Votives:	\$ 251.35
<u>Novena Mass</u>	<u>\$ 295.36</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 15,574.11

Our minimum weekly offertory income requirement is \$ 20,000.00



Lenten Opportunities



During this Lenten season, as we turn to prayer, fasting and almsgiving, it is our opportunity to revisit our commitment to the gift of time - our time spent with God. This year, parishioners are encouraged to participate in the following **Liturgical Lenten** practices:

The Way of the Cross

Jesus' Way to the Cross models so much of what we as Christians face every day in our lives as we strive to live as God's children. Each time we reflect on the "way of Jesus" to the Cross, we are drawn into the deeper meaning of our own fidelity to Jesus and our life as Christians. Praying the Way of the Cross is an invitation to encounter not only the Jesus of history, but also the Jesus of mystery. The Way of the Cross will be prayed **every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.** during the Lenten season.



Stations of the Cross for Seniors



March 22 at 10:00 a.m.
Addressing the unique challenges of aging, this meditation on the *Way of the Cross* is designed to help relate the later stages of life to

Christ's journey to Calvary. This lenten reflection will be held in the church proper with no need to walk from station to station. Thursday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Lenten Penitential Services at St. Gianna's and in the South Deanery of the Winnipeg Archdiocese:

Thursday, **March 15 at 7:00 p.m.**

- **St. Gianna Parish**, 15 Columbia Drive

Wednesday, **March 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

- St. Vital Parish, 1629 Pembina Highway

Saturday, **March 17 at 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

- St. Ignatius Parish, 255 Stafford Street

Tuesday, **March 20 at 7:00 p.m. (DATE CORRECTION)**

- Holy Rosary Parish, 510 River Avenue

Wednesday, **March 21 at 9:30-11:00 a.m.**

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 4588 Roblin Blvd.

Wednesday, **March 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

- St. John Brebeuf Parish, 1707 John Brebeuf Place

Friday, **March 23 at 7:30 p.m.**

- Our Lady of Victory, 249 Arnold Avenue

Prayer Ministry Orientation Session



Our next Information / Orientation Session is on Monday, **March 5th** at 7:00 p.m. The Perpetual Prayer Ministry needs participants to become part of a new twenty-four hour a day prayer chain that keeps a prayer vigil in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!

POSTPONED!

Better Vision for a Brighter Future: THANK YOU!



Thank you for donating your used glasses to give our less fortunate sisters and brothers around the world the gift of vision. **273** pairs of eyeglasses were collected over the two weekends of our initiative. The eyeglasses were individually bagged, boxed up and delivered to the partner agency on Friday, March 2.

Easter Flower Memorial Program

We will once again, offer an Easter Flower Memorial Opportunity. A donation of \$25.00 can be made in memory of a deceased individual or couple. The names of those being remembered will be displayed on our Easter Memorial Banners. The beautiful lilies adorning our worship space will be a wonderful reminder of our beloved deceased, present among us, throughout our Easter celebrations. An online form will be available on our parish website and Easter Memorial envelopes are available in the narthex after the liturgy.



Planning ahead...

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.



The liturgical rituals that take place during the Triduum are:

- **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
- Thursday, March 29th - 7:30 p.m.
- **Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**
- Friday, March 30th - 3:00 p.m.
- **Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord**
- Saturday, March 31st - 8:00 p.m.

Make the great days of the Triduum a part of your Easter celebration.



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