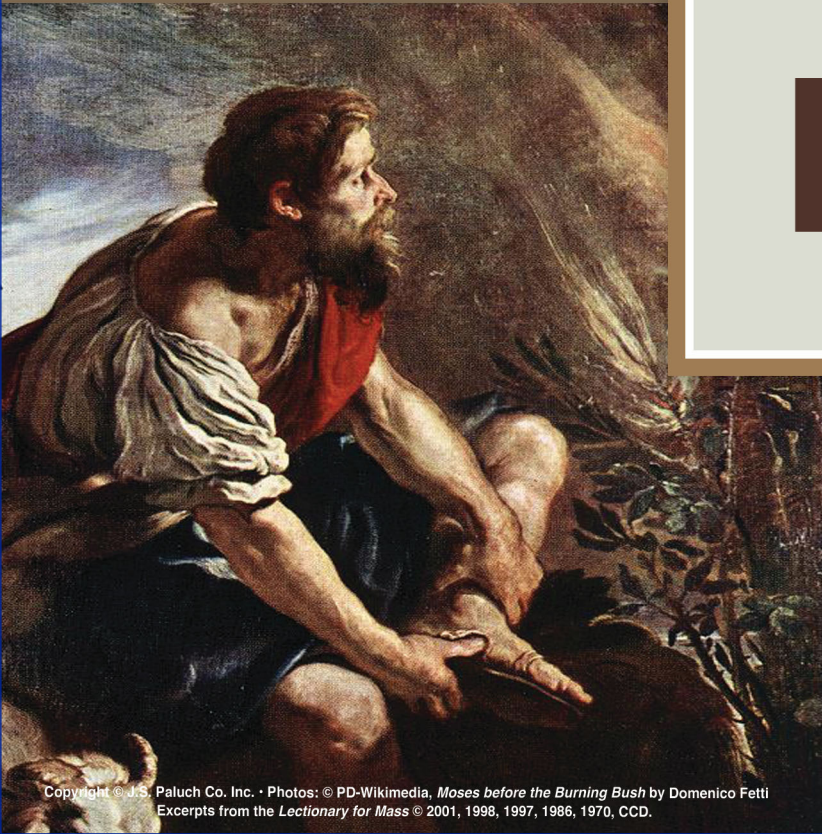


# Our Lady Queen of Peace

## Third Sunday of LENT

March 20, 2022



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“Remove the sandals  
from your feet,  
for the place where  
you stand is holy ground.”

Exodus 3:5

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00, 10:00 AM\* and  
12:00 Noon

Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM

Holy days - See Bulletin

\*Livestreamed on Facebook

### Reconciliation

Saturday - 1:00 PM or by  
appointment

### Emergency Contact

(Funerals, Anointings, etc.)  
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Baptism - Please call to arrange for your child's  
baptism soon after birth.

### RCIA

Adults desiring to be baptized, confirmed or  
become a Catholic, please contact the Parish Office

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call for a priest to schedule this Sacrament  
of Healing and Anointing for someone who is  
seriously ill or in danger of death. Do not wait  
until the sick person is unconscious.

### Matrimony

All Catholics should seek to have their marriage  
blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good  
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## Mass Intentions

March 20, 2022 to March 27, 2022

### Sunday - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

3/20 8:00 am Angelo and Josephine Ciccarella  
 10:00 am Maria and Tomas Martinez  
 Noon People of the Parish

### Monday - Lenten Weekday

3/21 8:30 am Thomas Cannon

### Tuesday - Lenten Weekday

3/22 8:30 am Rose Malandrucolo

### Wednesday - Lenten Weekday

*[Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop]*

3/23 8:30 am Nanene Roselli

### Thursday - Lenten Weekday

3/24 8:30 am Helen Kee

### Friday - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

*Solemnity*

3/25 8:30 am The Annunciation of the Lord

### Saturday - Lenten Weekday

3/26 8:30 am William Martinez  
 5:00 pm People of the Parish

### Sunday - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

3/27 8:00 am Georgette Hopkins  
 10:00 am Michael and Theresa Nardoza  
 Noon Rosa Osorio

## Prayer Shawls



If you are adding someone to our Parish sick list, please consider the healing power of these beautiful shawls. They are prayed over by the Prayer Shawl Ministry and blessed by our Pastor. If you know of someone you think is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact the Parish Center:

201-845-9566 or email [prayershawl@olqp.org](mailto:prayershawl@olqp.org)

## March 20, 2022 - Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The Lord God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

**Psalms** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

**Second Reading** — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

**Gospel** — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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## Please Remember in Your Prayers

### Rest in Peace

Marie Mongioi

### Sick Relatives and Friends

Mary Adamo	Gardenia Houngbo	Mary Pontilla
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Josefina Baldoza	Pamela Jengo	Melissa Finck-
Mary Ellen Barberia	Lauren Kaczynski	Ruisch
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<b>Louis Cattaneo</b>	Diane Lohrer	Smith
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Carmen Maria Colon	Mantineo	Pat Sommers
Brian Connors	Gerry Marcincavage	Joanne Sontag
Elena Cortese	John McMullen	Joseph Steiner
Joseph Cortese	Sonia Medrano	Carolyn Sobering
Javier Cruz	Andrew J. Mendez	Jacqueline Sullivan
Richard DeSpagna	Frankie Monneka	Nick Taylor
Sally DeSpagna	Deanna Mooney	Liam Justin Torres
Emily DeStefano	Jim Moran	Mary Walker
Phil Dimitri	Barbara Nelson	Andrew Wey
Eileen Diverio	Gemma Olliges	Julia Whitney
Mark Diverio	Sharon Osnowitz	Joyce Wilson
Emily Ferreira	Harriet Pellicione	David Zerby
Yancey Garcia	Mia Pensari	<b>*Names in bold</b>
Baby Christopher	Vallie Pompilio	<b>are new to the list</b>
Sean Hill		

## Weekly Memorials

### Blessed Mother Candle

in Memory of Reynaldo & Mario Sadsad  
 and Michael O'Sullivan  
*by Lourdes Lingad*

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## Synod Listening Session - March 12



SAVE THE DATE...

## A SPECIAL EVENING OF LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTION

with **Fr. John Gordon**  
Secretary for Evangelization  
Archdiocese of Newark

7:00 pm, Wednesday, April 6, 2022  
Our Lady Queen of Church, Maywood



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## Reasons to Watch FORMED With Your Family

By The Arrigo Family



Hello, Queen of Peace! Have you and your family started to watch movies and shows yet on FORMED? If not, you are really missing out! My entire family enjoys watching FORMED! It

strengthens our family spiritually! Watching movies with our kids gives us a chance to express to them our important Catholic values, such as virtue, morality, free will, and the significance and outcome of our decisions and choices. It grows and nurtures our Catholic faith and our family bond! We can ask ourselves if the characters in the movies/shows take responsibility for their actions, and what lessons we can learn from watching FORMED that we can apply in our own lives!

In addition to browsing through adult Catholic movies, shows and e-books, FORMED has many cartoons and story books for children! My children love to watch the "Brother Francis" series. "Daily Reflection" is a wonderful series for the whole family to watch together! There is a sacrament section, which is a nice overview for those making a sacrament this year. My second grader can watch videos that pertain to making her First Holy Communion. The parents of the children making First Holy Communion can watch, "Presence - the Mystery of the Eucharist", which makes you as a parent re-think the meaning of receiving the Holy Eucharist, and how important and special this sacrament is for your children! "Saints of History" helps teach our children, and is a refresher for my husband and myself, on who the Saints are and how they are such an important part of our Catholic faith.

FORMED offers such a wide variety of movies, shows, e-books, audio, etc for all age groups. Please start watching FORMED with your family today! Lent is the perfect season to get started! You can download the app on your phone/tablet or can stream it on your Smart TV. You won't regret it! It will bring your family closer together, while strengthening your Catholic beliefs and morals!



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## Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesdays 7 pm in the Church



## The Glories of Mary are for the Sake of Jesus



*“Mary has a mission to fulfill, declares Blessed John Newman. Her graces and glories are not for her own sake, but for that of her Son.”*

The glories of Mary are for the sake of Jesus. We praise and bless her as the first of creatures, so that we may confess him as our sole Creator. Mary is exalted for the sake of Jesus. It was fitting that she, as being a creature, though the first of creatures, should have an office of ministry.

She, as others, came into the world to do a work; she had a mission to fulfill. Her grace and her glory are not for her own sake, but for her Maker's; and to her is committed the custody of the Incarnation. This is her appointed office; “A virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel” (see Is 7:14). As she was once on earth, and was personally the guardian of her divine Child, as she carried him in her womb, folded him in her embrace, and nursed him at her breast, so now, and to the latest hour of the Church, do her glories and the devotion paid her proclaim and define the right faith concerning him as God and Man.

Every church which is dedicated to her, every altar which is raised under her invocation, every image which represents her, every litany in her praise, every Hail Mary for her continual memory, only remind us that there was One who, though she was all-blessed from all eternity, yet for the sake of sinners “did not shrink from the Virgin's womb.” Thus, she is the *Turris Davidica*, as the Church calls her, “the Tower of David”; the high and strong defense of the King of the true Israel.

- Blessed John Henry Newman, “The Glories of Mary for the Sake of Her Son”

### In God's Presence, consider...

Some insist that Mary is too highly honored when churches are dedicated to her, images displayed of her, liturgical praises sung to her, and prayers offered to her. How do these expressions of Marian devotion point ultimately to Jesus?

### Closing Prayer

From a prayer of St. Faustina: *Lord, we unite ourselves with your immaculate mother, for then our hymn will be more pleasing to you, because she is chosen from among men and angels. Through her, as through a pure crystal, your mercy was passed on to us.”*

Excerpts from “A Year with Mary” by Paul Thigpen

## Holy Ground



Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Masses



We are excited to announce we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating **five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2022**. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 24, 2022 - 3:00 PM 5 years and 25 years (All Counties)

May 15, 2022 - 3:00 PM 50 years (All Counties)

Since we were unable to host these celebrations in 2020 and 2021, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years can also join us. Please call the Parish Center to Register!

## Bible Study Reboot!

Mark your calendars. We are starting on **Monday, March 21, @7:30 p.m.** We will be covering the book of James, a leader of the early church. Please confirm at the below email address so we know how many seats we need. Thanks, and looking forward to taking this faith journey together. [OLOPBibleStudy@gmail.com](mailto:OLOPBibleStudy@gmail.com)



## Why should I register in the parish?

All members of the parish should be formally registered as members of the parish. You must be formally registered if you wish to arrange a Baptism, a Confirmation, or a Wedding in the parish Church or wish to register in the Parish School or the Religious Education (CCD) Program. You must also be a registered member of the parish for at least three months before you can obtain a Sponsor Certificate or schedule a Baptism or a Wedding.

**Please call the Parish Center at 201-845-9566 to register or visit our home page at [www.olqp.org](http://www.olqp.org), scroll down to the middle of the page and click where it states “Parish Registration” to download the form. Thank you**

## 2022 LENTEN SCHEDULE

### KEEP WATCH AND PRAY

The Church will be open for quiet prayer, reflection and confessions on Wednesdays during Lent following the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 7 pm

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm

#### Ministries Leading the Stations of the Cross

- March 25th - Knights of Columbus/ Spiritual Life/  
Perpetual Help Novena  
April 1st - Religious Education/ RCIA  
April 8th - Altar Servers/ Lectors/ Daughters of Mary  
April 15th - Youth Ministry

### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday (except Holy Saturday) at 1:00 pm;  
During Keep Watch and Pray on Wednesday evenings  
or by appointment.

## Archdiocese of Newark 2022 Lenten Regulations

**1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. **The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.**

**On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

**On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.**

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.

\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

February 18, 2022  
Vicar General Office

## St. Peter Academy Open House



St. Peter Academy will be having two Open Houses:

**Sunday, March 27 from 12:30 pm 2 pm**

**Thursday, March 31, from 6-8 p.m.**

At these times you can tour the school and meet the Principal. St. Peter Academy is located at 431 Fifth Ave., River Edge, NJ. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the main office at 201-261-3468 or email Mr. Innis at [cinnis@spare.org](mailto:cinnis@spare.org). Please check out our website - [www.spare.org](http://www.spare.org). Hope to see you soon!

## Cursillo Group Meeting - Tuesday, March 22

### OLOP Cursillo 4th day group reunion meetings will now be in the Parish Center at 7pm

Our next meeting is **Tuesday March 22, 2022**  
April's meeting is set **April 26, 2022**

If you would like more information about what a Cursillo weekend is all about, please come to the group reunion and we will give you more information or you can contact Joanne Godlewski at [jojowey@gmail.com](mailto:jojowey@gmail.com). Or 201-870-3100, Rudy or Irene Schwarz at [silverrs@optonline.net](mailto:silverrs@optonline.net) or 201-742-5695. Connie Szymanski at [szyma843@optonline.net](mailto:szyma843@optonline.net) 201-843-1836

The next Men's weekend is scheduled for **June 2- June 5, 2022** at the Youth Center in Kearny. We need God in our lives more than ever.



## Religious Education Coin Drive



Please support our Religious Education's **Lenten Coin Drive** in support of our **Parish 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**. The Coin Drive will take the place of our annual "Rice Bowls." Please support our efforts, every penny counts.

## Confirmation Class Food Drive

Your support of our Confirmation Class Food Drive Service Project would be greatly appreciated. This drive will support the Helping Hands Ministry in Rochelle Park. The Helping Hands Ministry currently serves over 100 families throughout Bergen, Passaic and Hudson Counties. **The drive will end the weekend of April 2-3.** Questions contact: Justine Garcia at (201) 845-9566 ext 117 or [ReEd@olqp.org](mailto:ReEd@olqp.org).



Your donation of the following non-perishable foods will be greatly appreciated: Pasta, Sauce, Gravies (Brown, Turkey, Chicken), Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Cereals (hot or cold), Breakfast bars (entire box), Boxed Potatoes, Boxed Rice, Soups, Canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam), Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cookies, Crackers, Hot Chocolate, and Juice Boxes

## Stewardship Corner

### "Who, then, is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)

Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37) challenges our idea of who is a stranger. As followers of Jesus, we know that it is not acceptable to care only for people who are like ourselves. Our faith calls us to look beyond borders and see all people as neighbors. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?" (Luke 6:32). Who is a neighbor? Jesus never directed us to like everyone, but he raised love of neighbor to the level of a Commandment. And he does not allow us to be selective. **(to be continued next week)**

*Rudy Schwarz*

## Stewardship Results

	3/20/21	Weekly Goal
Offertory	\$6,041	5,000
Repairs	\$3,570	1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,611</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>

**Thank you for your contributions last Sunday in allowing us to meet our offertory and repairs goals. May God reward you for your generosity!**

## Treasures from Our Tradition



Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history,

God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once in a lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

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## Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** Third Sunday of Lent; Spring begins  
**Wednesday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo  
**Friday:** Annunciation of the Lord; Abstinence

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### Third Sunday of Lent

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

### Reflection:

Undertake an examination of conscience this week and pray for God's loving mercy.

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### PRIDE

What better proof of your pride could you have given than to claim you were not proud?

—St. John Climacus

### DAMAGE

Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it is stored than to the person on whom it is poured.

—Anonymous

### FORGIVENESS

"And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

- Mark 11:25

### DIRECTION


The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are going.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

## Parish Calendar

**Key: AU - Auditorium, CH - Church, PC - Parish Center**

- 3/21 7:00 pm - The Holy Rosary (CH)  
7:30 pm - Bible Study (PC)
- 3/22 7:00 pm - Cursillo Meeting (PC)
- 3/23 7:00 pm - Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena  
7:45 pm - Confessions/ Keep Watch and Pray (CH)
- 3/24 7:00 pm - RCIA (PC), Luz Y Vida (AU)
- 3/25 1:00 pm - Padre Pio devotion (PC)  
7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (CH)
- 3/26 1:00 pm - Confessions (CH)



“I SHALL CULTIVATE THE GROUND  
AROUND IT AND FERTILIZE IT;  
IT MAY BEAR FRUIT IN THE FUTURE.  
IF NOT YOU CAN CUT IT DOWN.”

LUKE 13:8-9

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## TRUST IN GOD

Elizabeth Barret Browning wrote, “Earth’s crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God, But only he who sees, takes off his shoes; The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.” We are challenged today to experience the mystery of God with the image of Moses and the burning bush—a God who answers all questions in a simple, bold manner. Like an exasperated parent telling a child “Because I said so,” God tells Moses “I am who I am,” and “tell the Israelites I AM sent me to you.” God may as well have said, “Save all your questions, and trust in me. Quit being so stubborn.” The passage from First Corinthians reminds us what happened when the Israelites did not listen to God’s message. They grumbled and complained because manna from heaven was not enough! Lastly, an annoyed Jesus calls on his listeners to repent and uses a difficult parable to stress transformation.

## A CONTINUOUS LENT

In the Rule of Saint Benedict, the monks are told that their lives should be a “continuous Lent.” At first, this may sound like a negative, difficult thing, or entirely depressing. Rather, it is simply a call to be open and continue growing. In fact, one of the vows that Benedictines profess is *Conversatio Morum*, that is, “conversion of life.” In a nutshell, that is what Jesus is saying this week. We are being called to change our lives. Some people came to Jesus with gossip and a gruesome story about Pilate; Jesus challenged them with a couple of pointed questions, and then related the parable of the fig tree. To put it in context, usually figs blossom within two years, and then can be harvested twice a year. When a tree has been barren three years, it might be best just to remove it, but this is not the approach that Jesus suggested. Rather, the gardener in the parable chose to nurture the tree, fertilizing it with dung. He was not willing to give up on it.

## GROWTH

There are times when we may feel our lives are covered in dung, and we lie dormant through a plethora of difficult and painful moments. But Jesus is calling us to use this time, to draw strength from it, to use the dung in our lives as fertilizer, to begin a slow and steady transformation to a new and better place, until we too can bear fruit. Growth is always a process, and we have to start somewhere. While there is always a call to repentance and conversion, we are blessed with a God who is loving enough and patient enough to wait for us to come to our senses, however long that may take. This Lent we are being called to life. We are called to repent. We are called to be nurtured and fertilized and take the time and effort to grow.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Exodus 3:1–8a, 13–15  
Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8, 11  
1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12  
Luke 13:1–9

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