



Saint
LUKE
University Parish
2nd Sunday in
Lent

March 12, 2017

Allendale, Michigan

Lent is a time set apart to prepare to enter more deeply into the mystery of Jesus' Paschal Mystery (death and resurrection). We do this by taking stock of our lives, looking for the places where our discipleship is wanting, seeking forgiveness from God and neighbor. We celebrate with joy those who will be initiated this Easter, and we prepare to renew our own baptismal promises at Easter with a deep sense of commitment. The traditional Lenten practices to this purpose are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Of course, we are always seeking to grow in our discipleship, live our baptism joyfully, pray, fast, and give alms year-round. But we are given this holy season as a time of special focus and preparation.

A great way to deepen our experience of God in prayer this Lent is to ground our prayer in the Bible. God's Word is living and powerful. It can truly change our lives and change the world.

In what sense do we say that the Word of God is living? Books are wonderful. Through them, and the gift of imagination they foster, we can travel to space and distant lands. We build empathy through reading about the experiences of real and fictional people from around the world and throughout human history. We gain wise insights and grapple with the deepest and most profound questions of human meaning. However, the Bible is fundamentally different from all other books, no matter how brilliant. All other books ultimately express the thoughts of their human authors. Sacred Scripture expresses a Living Person, the Word of God, the Risen Christ Jesus. This Person is the Word through whom all things were created, redeemed, and ultimately find their origin and meaning.

In what sense do we mean that the Word of God has power? Usually, when we think of something or someone as powerful, it means that they have the ability to coerce or manipulate a response from us. Failure to comply with them will bring unpleasant consequences. They necessarily limit our freedom. However, this is not God's definition of power. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave us a good definition of biblical power, "Power, properly understood, is the ability to achieve purpose . . . power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice." God's word has this kind of power. It is not coercive or limiting to true freedom (the freedom to love), but it has the ability to effect change in our hearts and in our world. It can truly change our lives and the course of human history. Scripture is God's revealed love bringing about his plan of reconciliation and justice.

So how can the Word of God become living and powerful in our lives? The best context for Scriptural prayer is the Liturgy. Each of the sacraments begins with a Liturgy of the Word (Continued on [page 3](#)).

Readings for March 12 - 19

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10;
Mt 17:1-9

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday Patrick, Bishop

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Cyril of Jerusalem

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



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Happening this Week in Our Parish

Sunday (3/12) 2nd Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m.	Mass	All Elect, Catechumens & Candidates	New Church
9:15	Faith Formation (K-2)		New Church
10:30	Mass	For Our Parish	New Church
2:00 p.m.	Baptism Preparation		
5:30	Mass	All those Fighting Cancer	New Church
5:30	Rite of Acceptance		New Church

Monday (3/13)

9:30 a.m.	Pastor Conversations		Biggby Coffee
5:00 p.m.	Mass	+ Pat Kruienza	New Church
5:30	Reconciliation		New Church
7:00	Exposition and Adoration	Cook-DeWitt Greenroom	
7:00	Reconciliation		Cook-DeWitt Rm 120

Tuesday (3/14)

5:00 p.m.	Mass	+ John Morrow	New Church
5:30	Reconciliation		New Church
7:30	K of C Council Meeting		New Church

Wednesday (3/15)

5:00 p.m.	Soup Supper		New Church
5:00	Mass	Parish Donors	New Church
5:30	Reconciliation		New Church
6:00	Youth Group (6-12)		Kirkhof Rm 1142
6:15	Young Disciples (3-5)		New Church
7:00	Stations of the Cross		New Church
7:30	Parish Choir Rehearsal		New Church

Thursday (3/16)

4:00 p.m.	Light is On for You-Confession		Cook-DeWitt 120
5:00	Light is On for You-Confession		New Church
5:00	Mass		New Church
5:30	Reconciliation		New Church
8:00	Catholic Student Ministry		Kirkhof Rm 2201

Friday (3/17)

5:00 p.m.	Mass	Women's Conference	New Church
5:30	Reconciliation		New Church

Sunday (3/19) 3rd Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m.	Mass		New Church
9:15	Faith Formation (K-2)		New Church
10:30	Mass		New Church
5:30 p.m.	Mass		New Church

Ministries for March 19

Lectors

8:00 a.m.	Karon Flagg (1st), Nanette Casha (2nd)
10:30	Karon Flagg (1st), Patricia Roslund (2nd)

Altar Servers

8:00 a.m.	Ethan Thomas, Alaina Barksdale
10:30	Aaron Morgan, Simon Morgan

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

8:00 a.m.	Fr. Brad Schoeberle, Karyn Sagorski, Kim Thomas
10:30	Amy Wolf, Rod Morgan, Sally Forslund, Jeanne Staub, Larry Van Wyk

Ushers

8:00 a.m.	Sue Sandberg (lead), Jerry Casha, Dwayne Thomas, Max Ainslie
10:30	Joe Morello (lead), Jason Staub, Jeff Staub, Rich Confitti

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Financial Update

	February	Envelope	Online	Combined	Budgeted	Over/Behind
Total for Month		\$ 10,825	\$ 6,915	\$ 17,740	\$ 22,440	\$ (5,700)
Weekly Average for Feb.		\$ 2,706	\$ 1,729	\$ 4,435	\$ 5,860	\$ (1,425)
March Month to date		\$ 5,293	\$ 2,220	\$ 7,513	\$ 5,860	\$ 1,683

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(Continued from Cover) The sacramental action which follows comes as a response in faith to the living and powerful Word proclaimed. The Word of the Lord gives each sacrament its effectiveness. To the extent that we actively listen to the proclamation of God's Word, especially at Mass, the better we are able to fully participate; opening ourselves to more fully cooperate with God's life and power, available to us through liturgical ritual prayer.

A great way to begin praying personally with Scripture is through the Psalms. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls them "the masterwork of prayer in the Old Testament." (no. 2585) Their antiquity speaks to their vitality and power. For almost 3,000 years, they have been used to sustain and express the praise, longing, and lamentation of the People of God. Jesus prayed this inspired poetry, even from the cross. (Ps 22:2; Mk 15:34) In the Psalms, every human emotion is felt, acknowledged, and placed before God. Furthermore, the Psalms are meant to be sung. The Catechism quotes St. Augustine as saying that the person "who sings prays twice." (no. 1156) The human action of singing, especially with others, animates our bodies and spirits, bringing about unity like nothing else. Do you ever notice how hard it is to remember simple things from last week, but we can summon up song lyrics that we learned decades ago? Consider reading a psalm a day for Lent, or finding a CD with sung psalms you can listen to while reading. In time, you can sing along as you pray.

"Indeed, the word of God is living and effective." (Heb 4:12) God wants to effect change in our lives and in our world. His Word will not return to him void, but will achieve its purpose. (Is 55:10-11) This Lent, may we each find our way to experience this vitality and power more personally and deeply in anticipation of the celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery at Holy Week.

-John Graveline, Faith Formation

Diocesan Women's Conference

The Diocesan Women's Conference will be held Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cathedral Square. Registration and breakfast is at 9 a.m. Sheri Wohlfert will be the keynote speaker. Cost is \$25 on or before March 13. After the 13, increases to \$30. A light breakfast, lunch and laughter will be served throughout the day. The Morning topic is, "You are Fearfully and Wonderfully Made". Afternoon topic is, "The Father's Love is Unending". For more information, you may contact Marianne Verner, 616-246-0588. Registration may be done online at dioceseofgrandrapids.org.

LPC/Positive Options Open House

Lakeshore Pregnancy Center is holding an open house to introduce their new program, *Her Choice to Heal*, on March 18 starting at 9 a.m. every half hour a presentation will be given. The open house will take place at the Positive Options in Holland (339 S. River Ave.) For more info visit www.lpccenters.com.

Are you thinking about putting away those winter clothes and purchasing new spring fashions? Are you heading for warmer weather over Spring Break? Then the scrip store can help...We carry Target, JC Penney, Kohl's, Amazon, and Gap/Old Navy prepaid cards in stock. Not what you need...we can order your specific department stores and have them ready for pick-up the following Sunday. Stop by and talk to the Scrip team.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

In a few weeks the Michigan Blood Bus will be visiting our new parish center. Join the Knights of Columbus and Michigan Blood on Sunday, March 26, 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. to help us save lives. Each donor can help save several lives. Our goal is to have at least 15 donors. Appointments are preferred. For more info contact Jason Horton at 616-895-2247.



Paulist Associates Diaper Drive

The Paulist Associates group will be conducting a Diaper Drive during Lent to assist the Diaper Ministry at Spring Valley in Allendale. The Diaper Ministry provides diapers and wipes to families and mothers who are unable to afford them within our Allendale community. They have a strong need for diaper sizes 4, 5, and 6, but any size would be helpful. We will have a collection area in the narthex of the Church throughout Lent. Please help us to help our neighbors.

Pray for our Paulist & Diocesan Seminarians

Loving God, Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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