

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## 7 MARCH 2021

**Readings for Sunday, March 7:** Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25.

The law liberates and leads us to freedom. It is to be trusted for it is a source of wisdom. Jesus speaks of the ultimate freedom to be won for us by his being raised up. He is the sign of the power and wisdom of God.

**Readings for Sunday, March 14:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21.

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**St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday.**  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 7:00 PM in the Church.**

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
9 Mar.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Rita Bernas	Husband, Ron & family
10 Mar.	WED. 9:00 AM	Decd. Members of Chuko Family	Norman Family
11 Mar.	THU. 9:00 AM	John & Marie Bolonski	Paula & Dennis Bolonski
12 Mar.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Helen Koniow	Norman Family
13 Mar.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
14 Mar.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Mary & John Voychik	Barbara & Michael Hipszer

**Mass on weekdays will be in the Church. Remember to practice the social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask or covering for the safety of all.**



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially DAVID GUADAGNO and GEORGE SIVER.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING** of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.

**REMEMBER OUR TROOPS:** Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN!** However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, for the safety of our parishioners and staff, all parish business will be conducted by phone (610-326-5127), regular mail or email ([contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org)).

**THE ROSARY** is prayed on weekdays before the 9:00 AM Mass. We also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. We welcome all to join us for these special Marian Devotions.

**CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.** Call the Parish Office for more details.

**RAFFLE** sponsored by Knights of Columbus Father Bally Council for a trip for 4 to Walt Disney World for a week. Included is airfare, hotel on site, park tickets. Raffle tickets are \$25.00 and only 800 tickets will be sold. Helps K of C charitable works. Drawing on March 21. Contact Ozzie Mest ([Omest@att.net](mailto:Omest@att.net)), Chris Owens (484-347-0756) or Gary Huster for tickets.

March 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our Archdiocese will take up the national Collection for the Church in Latin America. The collection helps to share the faith in regions like the mountainous Andahuaylas, Province of Peru, where most of the people of the Talavera District speak Quechua. To better minister to these people, the parish of Santiago Apostol led a project to prepare Quechua-language audiovisual materials about evangelization and Sacred Scripture. The parish also created digital materials and furnished a room to serve as a library to hold these and other resources.

Support from the Collection for the Church in Latin America helped cover the necessary costs of the project – allowing the first series of materials to be created in June 2018.

By supporting this collection, you help share the faith more fully with underserved indigenous peoples in remote areas of Latin America.

Our Archdiocese will take up this Collection the weekend of March 13 and 14, 2021. Please be generous in this Collection and take this opportunity to share your faith with the youth of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

***+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.***

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Archbishop of Philadelphia

### LENT 2021

**Minimum Obligations for Fasting:** Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for ages 18 to 59 - Fasting is defined as one main meal and two smaller meals with no food in between. Abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent for ages 14 and up.

**Sacrament of Penance/Confession:** Sundays from 8:00-8:45 AM. Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 PM. Saturdays from 3:00-3:45 PM.

**Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Fridays at 1:00 PM.

**Operation Rice Bowl:** Provide food for the hungry by donating spare change or making a cash donation to Operation Rice Bowl. Rice Bowls are in the vestibule of Church.

**Lenten Homeless Outreach:** Support the local interfaith homeless community outreach from February 17 to March 28. Parish collection of “basics” will be collected in the Church vestibule. Donations will be given to Al’s Heart Warming Center, run by Pottstown LIFT. Items needed: disposable food service gloves, N95 or KN95 masks, paper towels, underwear - men’s and women’s sizes M-XL, Leggings/base layer/thermals - men’s and women’s sizes M-XL, tampons, gloves, non-perishable snacks (the healthier the better).



**PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET** based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number.

**Raffle Drawing** Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold on a monthly basis. The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. **This is our major fund raiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated. MARCH LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE TICKETS.**

**LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS**

- February 22 - #240 - unsold
  - February 23 - #882 - unsold
  - February 24 - #693 - unsold
  - February 25 - #224 - Michael Hipszer - \$50.00
  - February 26 - #124 - unsold
  - February 27 - #183 - unsold
  - February 28 - #158 - unsold
- FEBRUARY FIGURES: 225 tickets sold - \$1,125.00.  
 Payout to winners - \$400.00. Cost for printing tickets - \$100.00. Profit for February - \$625.00.

<i>Parish Support</i>	
WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2021.....	\$5,029
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,689
Parish Giving -	\$135
Feast Day Collection -	\$1,205
WEEKLY SURPLUS.....	\$29
Year to Date Budget.....	\$175,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$150,095
Average per week Collection	\$4,288
Year to Date Deficit. ....	(\$24,905)
Average per week Deficit	(\$712)
 <i>MARCH 1, 2020</i>	
Deposit. ....	\$5,386
2019-2020 Deficit to Date. ....	(\$19,213)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$5,692)

**WINNER OF MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE DRAWING** to support Religious Education:  
FEBRUARY DRAWING - Mary Lenhardt - \$282.00.

**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** Requests can be made by email ([contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org)) or phone (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their envelopes). Statements will be mailed or can be picked up at the parish office.

**“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**  
**DRY TECH WATERPROOFING SOLUTIONS**  
 1-888-5DRY-TECH

**MASS ATTENDANCE** for February 27/28:  
4:00 PM Mass - 93  
9:00 AM Mass - 94  
Total Attendance - 187

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS** received in memory of:  
EVELYN SEGNERE from Bob & Vivie Fitch, Blanche Lesik, Annette Segnere & family, Steve, Maria & Tyler Boyer;  
DAVID GUADAGNO from Ron & Kathy Bernhard, Helen Chieffo & family, Bob & Vivie Fitch, Diana Gulotta, Steve, Maria & Tyler Boyer;  
GEORGE SIVER from Jim & Anna Baldasano, Thomas & Marie Hildebrand, Steve & Pam Pasko, Pete & Lori LaRosa, Diana Gulotta, Steve, Maria & Tyler Boyer;  
FRANK DIETER from Pete & Lori LaRosa;  
JEN PINIZZOTTO from Steve, Maria & Tyler Boyer;  
SHERWOOD “WOODY” FREY from Tony Vitacco;  
DENISE LOSHNOWSKY from Steve, Maria & Tyler Boyer

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 7

### First Reading - Exodus 20:1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments." "You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain." "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

### Responsorial Psalm

℟ Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

▶ The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

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▶ The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye. ℟

▶ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just. ℟

▶ They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup, or honey from the comb. ℟

### Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

### Gospel - John 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.