Sunday, March 23, 2025 · Third Sunday of Lent

I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none

y childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own

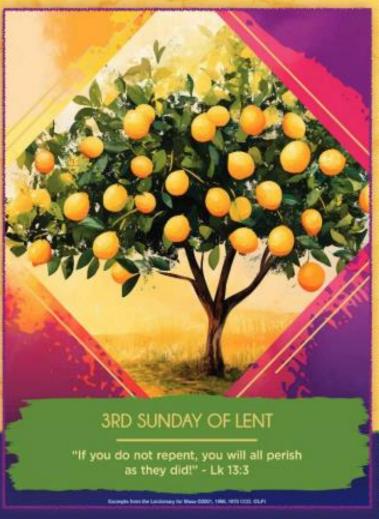
experience of being a Catholic, I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

~ Father John Muir @ LPI

Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them —do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! — Luke 13:4-5



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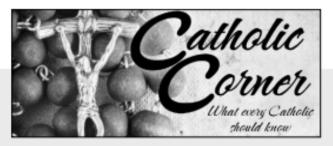
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Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry

Focus on spiritual growth and connection with Christ



For a meaningful Lent, Padre Pio advises to "Pray, hope, and don't worry," emphasizing the importance of trusting in God's mercy and grace, and to focus on spiritual growth and connection with Christ.

Here's a deeper look at Padre Pio's Lenten advice:

"Pray, hope, and don't worry":

This is perhaps his most famous saying, reminding us to trust in God's providence and to focus on prayer and hope rather than dwelling on anxieties.

Focus on Spiritual Growth:

Padre Pio encouraged his followers to use Lent as a time for introspection and to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity.

Embrace the Cross:

He emphasized the importance of carrying one's cross with love and acceptance, finding strength and meaning in suffering, and seeing it as an opportunity for spiritual growth.

Love and Forgive:

Padre Pio stressed the importance of loving God and our neighbor, and of forgiving those who have wronged us.

Live in Tranquility:

He encouraged his followers to seek tranquility of spirit, to find peace in God's will, and to avoid excessive worry.

Don't Waste Time on the Past:

Padre Pio advised against dwelling on past mistakes,

instead focusing on the present and future, and trusting in God's mercy.

Love Our Lady and Pray the Rosary:

Padre Pio emphasized the importance of devotion to Our Lady and praying the Rosary, which he saw as a powerful weapon against evil

Read Holy Books:

Padre Pio encouraged spiritual reading of holy books to feed the soul

Source: christtheredeemer.us

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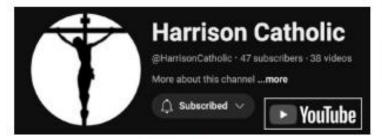
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK of MARCH 23

Mar. 23: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 / Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a) / 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8) / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Mar. 24: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b / Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 / Lk 4:24-30

Mar. 25: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 / Heb

10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38

Mar. 26: Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 / Mt 5:17-19

Mar. 27: Jer 7:23-28 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / Lk 11:14-23

Mar. 28: Hos 14:2-10 / Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 / Mk 12:28-34

Mar. 29: Hos 6:1-6 / Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab / Lk 18:9-14

Mar. 30: Jos 5:9a, 10-12 / Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a) / 2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1) / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

2025 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE 3RD Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

9-10 AM - Confessions

4:30 PM - Rosary & Confessions

5:00 PM - VIGIL MASS: SI - All Parishioners

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM - Rosary & Confessions

8:30 AM - MASS: SI - Tim & Stephanie Huddleston and Family

MONDAY, MARCH 24 - NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

5:00 PM - Rosary & Confessions

5:30 PM - MASS: †Gary Webb

 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 - NO MASS NO STATIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 AM - Rosary & Confessions

8:30 AM - MASS: †Newt & †Ruth Foster

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 AM - Fatima Rosary & Confession

8:30 AM - MASS: †Monsignor Richard Oswald

9:00 AM - Stations of the Cross

5:30 PM - Knights of Columbus LENTEN DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

9-10 AM - Confessions

4:30 PM - Rosary & Confessions

5:00 PM - VIGIL MASS: †Benita Manilla

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - 4th Sunday of Lent

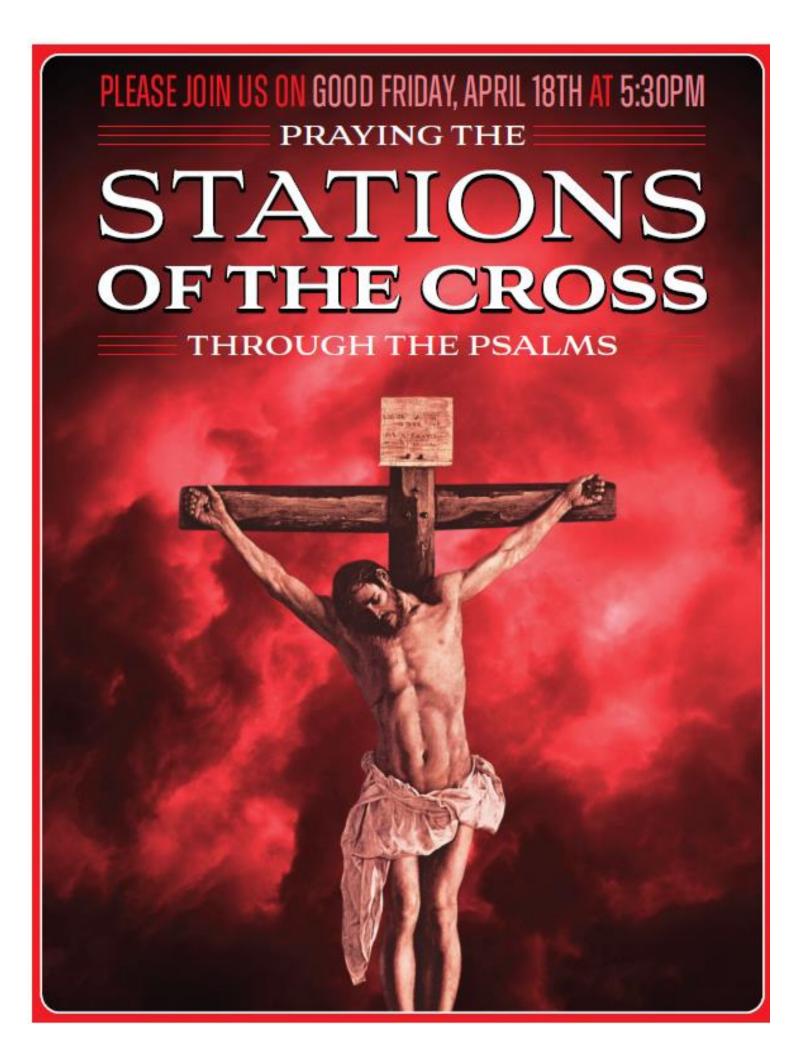
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8:30 AM - MASS: †Father Joseph Pallo

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TO APPLY, call editor Malea Hargett at (501) 664-0125, text (501) 554-9595 or email mhargett@dolr.org.

THE DEADLINE IS APRIL 21

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STATIONS:

- Friday, March 28 at 9:00am
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NO STATIONS

 Wednesday, March 26

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MMG CHOIR

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- Rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:30PM in the sanctuary

ANGELI CHORUS

- Treble choir consisting of females of ALL ages
- Provides music for higher Masses throughout the academic year and for other parish events (Veterans Day Program, Advent & Lenten Concerts, etc.)
- Rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:30PM in the sanctuary

SILVER BELLS

- This group is for anyone over the age of 60 who is interested playing handbells for 3 reasons: Food, Fun, & Fellowship!
- Rehearsals are at 11am on the second Wednesday of the month in the music office, followed by a potluck in the Parish Hall

YOUTH & HANDCHIMES CHOIR

- Provides music for various Masses throughout the academic school year
- Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:30PM in the music office

FAITH TROUBADOURS

- Provides contemporary Praise & Worship music for the Saturday 5PM Mass once a month
- Rehearsals are Thurs. at 5:30PM

HANDBELL CHOIR

- Provides music for the higher Masses throughout the academic year
- Rehearsals are Mondays at 7PM

If you are interested in participating in any of these groups, please contact the Director of Music Ministry, Julie Jasper @ 870-688-9369 or email juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com



The Diocese of Little Rock offers a variety of Lenten resources in English and Spanish to assist you this Lent.

Visit us online for suggestions for all ages on how to pray, fast and give alms.

www.dolr.org/lent

Many give up something for Lent. We invite you to consider taking up a practice you wouldn't do otherwise. Check out "10 Ways to Deepen Your Experience of Lent" for ideas.

www.dolr.org/lent/ideas

MASS FOR HOPE AND HEALING

For everyone who is interested in praying for victims of sexual abuse, their families and friends

Sunday, April 27 • 5:30pm Cathedral of St. Andrew

617 S. Louisiana Street Little Rock, AR Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, Celebrant

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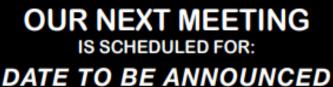
Marian Pathways meets every first Saturday. Our next meeting is Saturday, April 5

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT CARMEN AT 305-815-1795

PRO-LIFE COUNCIL MEETING

Resources will be available, and include the following topics:

- . Abortion . Fetal Growth & Development
 - Adoption Human Trafficking IVF
 - Contraception End of Life Care & Decision-Making • Death Penalty



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March 7th

Spinach Lasagna

March 14th Fish and Chips

March 21st

Soup Flight Night

Choose 3: Potato, Tortellini, Shrimp & Corn Chowder, Broccoli Cheese Soup

March 28th

Pasta Night

(Shrimp Fettuccine)

April 4

Fish and Chips

April 11th

Cajun Night Seafood Gumbo

(Shrimp & Crab Meat)





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WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS TO INSTALL A SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX

WHAT IS A SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX?

A Safe Haven Baby Box is a temperature-regulated, secure box where a parent can anonymously and safely leave a newborn baby they are unable or unwilling to care for. Their mission is to prevent the illegal abandonment of newborns through education, raising awareness of the safe haven law, and offering the only anonymous option; the Baby Box. SHBB also staffs the National Safe Haven crisis hotline (1-866-99BABY1) for parents in crisis offering options and resources including the last resort option; the Baby Box. SHBB's goal is to not only protect the newborn but to walk alongside the birth parents letting them know they are not alone.

WHERE WILL IT BE INSTALLED?

The Knights of Columbus are working with the City of Harrison to have a Safe Haven Baby Box installed at the new fire station on Pine street in Harrison, Arkansas. A project like this can cost up to \$25,000 dollars and we need the help of the entire community to get this life saving project completed.

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 A) Place it in the collection basket at Mary Mother of God

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Please check our website for the latest updates to the calendar.

https://harrisoncatholic.org/resources/calendar/

MARCH 2025

5 PM Saturday Mass 8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Gary Bartz (no 3/8) **Rosary:** Greg Jasper

Lector: Tiffany Coffman Lector: Bobby Lowery

E/M: Elisabeth Scouten **E/M:** Mike Galligan

Renae Whiteside Mary Billups
Stacy Burge

 BACKUP
 Val Stechly

 E/M's
 Dee Burr (no 3/22)

 E/M's
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USHERS: Chad Coffman USHERS: David Krueger

Chuck DraperJason JohnsonTerry DraperNick RykertWes BradfordJerry Hogue

ALTAR SERVERS: MARCH 2025

FEB 22Book/Cross: Erin CulhaneFEB 23Thurifer: Jacob Simon

Candle: Landon Snyder Book/Cross: June Simon
Candle: Adam Coffman Candle: Daniel McFadden

Candle: Ella McFadden

MAR 1 Book/Cross: Logan Eddings MAR 2 Thurifer: Michael Adamos MAR 5 Thurifer: Michael Adamos

Saturday Candle: Kori Eddings Sunday Book/Cros Julia McFadden ASH WED. Book/Cross: Sam Shoemaker

Candle: Laurel Eddings Candle: Liam Lampe Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Aurora Lampe Candle: Adam Coffman

NO INCENSE DURING LENT

MAR 8 Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford MAR 9 Book/Cross: June Simon

Candle: Zeke Humphreys Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Landon Snyder Candle: Ella McFadden

MAR 15 Book/Cross: Logan Eddings MAR 16 Book/Cross: June Simon

Candle: Kori Eddings Candle: Liam Lampe
Candle: Laurel Eddings Candle: Aurora Lampe

MAR 22 Book/Cross: Landon Snyder MAR 23 Book/Cross: Sam Shoemaker

Candle: Erin Snyder Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Kate Sidfrid Candle: Ella McFadden

MAR 29 Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford MAR 30 Book/Cross: Michael Adamos

Candle: Zeke Humphreys Candle: Sam Shoemaker
Candle: Adam Coffman Candle: Julia McFadden

St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our safeguard against the wickedness

and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,

by the power of God,

cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Instructions to donate online through OSV (Our Sunday Visitor)

- 1. Visit harrisoncatholic.org and click on the GIVE tab.
- Select which church you would like to donate to (MMG or St. Andrew's)
- 3. You can choose from the following funds:
- Offertory
- Building / Maintenance
- Cemetery
- Fill in the amount, frequency, start date, and account information.

For quick access to the donation page, please **scan the QR** code with your smartphone camera.

Your contribution is tax-deductible.

The Truth About Abortion Abortion does not save women's lives. & Women's Health

Abortion is the direct and intentional

Abortion is never medically necessary. It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

killing of a child in the womb.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child. In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has already died.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a **living**. **child** with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.**

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.¹

Ectopic pregnancies

result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary. When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion. Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

Bottom line: Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.²

If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit www.hopeafterabortion.org for more information.

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MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!

In The Diocese of Little Rock



WHO must do safe environment training and background checks:

- 1) Employees
- 2) Volunteers with Routine Contact w/Minors
 - a. This includes only volunteers who have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their volunteer duties.
 - Volunteers who do not have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their duties do not have to do safe environment training or background checks
- 3) Eucharistic Ministers who serve the homebound

WHAT training programs:

"CMG Connect" online training for adults

(http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment)

(Or directly at: http://littlerock.CMGconnect.org)

"Circle of Grace" in-classroom training for children/youth

We will <u>no longer use VIRTUS's</u> "protecting God's Children" or "Touching Safety". Instead, we will use products supported by Catholic Mutual Group (CMG).

All data from VIRTUS will be moved over to CMG Connect. No one who has already done safe environment training and a background check will have to re-do anything at this time. Users who are due for a 5-year recertification will be notified how to do that by their parish/school safe environment coordinator, who will also have information on both new programs."