

# Dear Padre,

**Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to *metanoia*. What did he mean?**

**M**ost of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your deacon is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to *metanoia*, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."

We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and

train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make.

The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on *metanoia*. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to *metanoia*.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.*

LENTE MESSAGE FOR 2018, NOVEMBER 1, 2017



## Calendar

**Monday**  
MARCH 8  
*Lenten Weekday*  
2 Kgs 5:1—15ab  
Lk 4:24—30

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 9  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:25, 34—43  
Mt 18:21—35

**Wednesday**  
MARCH 10  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 4:1, 5—9  
Mt 5:17—19

**Thursday**  
MARCH 11  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 7:23—28  
Lk 11:14—23

**Friday**  
MARCH 12  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 14:2—10  
Mk 12:28—34

**Saturday**  
MARCH 13  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 6:1—6  
Lk 18:9—14

**Sunday**  
MARCH 14  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
2 Chr 36:14—16,  
19—23  
Eph 2:4—10  
Jn 3:14—21



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Lent

March 7, 2021



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### Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of March 6 – March 12*

Sat 6:00 pm †Barbara Sexton  
Sun 11:00 am †Len Sumter  
Sun 6:00 pm †Jim Freeman  
Mon 8:00 am NO MASS  
Tue 8:00 am †Alma Flick  
Wed 8:00 am †Joe G. Rushing, Sr.  
Thr 8:00 am †Jess Stringfellow  
Fri 8:00 am †Kevin Ray

### Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of March 6 – March 12*

Sat 4:00 pm †John & Delores Radich  
Sun 9:15 am Parishioners Living & Deceased  
Tue 6:00 pm †All Souls in Purgatory

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm

at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel

Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm