Dear Padre,

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

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 see a new direction and the courage 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.

LENTEN 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







3rd Sunday Of Lent



March 7, 2021

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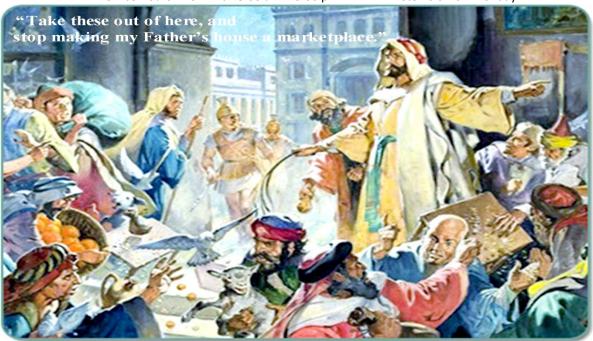
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Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of March 6 – March 12

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

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 1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel **Adoration** at **Christ the King** – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm