
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, March 03, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)





The Gospel for this Third Sunday of Lent gives us a shocking picture of Jesus. Our gentle savior has turned violent. He erupts as he sees merchants vend oxen, sheep and doves in the temple, sees money-changers doing base commerce in God's house.

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Not only is this unlike the Jesus we know, but doesn't his reaction itself violate the holy temple? These tradespeople were selling animals because living creatures were needed for burnt offerings. People had to buy them somewhere. And they had to get their money changed, since so many of them came from lands with different currencies. Sounds quite reasonable doesn't it?

Not to Jesus. He yells, "You are desecrating my Father's temple!" He grabs some dividing cords, yanking them into a knot, and whips the vendors. Whips them! Quite a terrible sight. He heaves the carefully sorted coins into an unholy mess on the floor and finishes up by hurling the tables into this chaos he has created.

How in the world does such fury coincide with the quiet, humble Jesus we will see in Holy Week? There he will barely say a word, even though his enemies will be violating the Father's holiest temple of all, Jesus' very self.

What is going on here?

Some external reasons for his vehemence are evident.

Vendors were allowed only in the courtyard of the temple, not inside where they now had established themselves. And perhaps the dishonest practices of outdoor market-places had stolen their way into the temple. The thumb on the scale, the inflated prices, all of that.

There is another, internal reason which is much more important. Jesus knew with blessed certainty what human beings were created to be. We are made to be filled with God's presence, to be beloved by God personally and to love God in return. We are most ourselves when we are not entrapped by riches honor and pride. We are designed to "let go and let God." Jesus must have been overwhelmed when he saw merchants winking at these Godly values, preferring cold cash and cheating for it at the dead center of sacred space.

Everything was upside down.

Why did he react so very differently during Holy Week? Why was he silent then? Because by then Jesus had come to understand the depths of his mission: not just to do social action—that's what the temple scene was—not just to cure the people miraculously, not to preach from the hillsides. He saw that he must become one with our death as well as our life, must unite with us in the terrible hurts we get from each other. Only then could he show how very close God is.

Wrath for sure can be an understandable and just reaction to selfishness and greed. The merchants were seeking short-term profit at the expense of freedom, holiness, truth, and completion of the human spirit. Worse, they were foisting all this upon the people Jesus had come to save.

No wonder he hurled himself against these blind money grubbers. His emotion was real and quite impressive. But by contrast, on the cross he would empty himself out. He would surrender everything, including his fury, a surrender that would cancel out the grubbing of the money changers.

John Foley, SJ

NOTE: If you are looking to attend Mass when there isn't one planned for the Family of Parishes or there is a limited schedule, the chapel at St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery on Mt. Elliott happily welcomes everyone for their 7:30am daily mass.

TAX SEASON: Need help filing your taxes? Households making less than \$64,000 a year can get free tax preparation help from the Accounting Aid Society. Make an appointment by visiting the Accounting Aid Society's website. There are several Detroit locations.

Mass Live Streaming News! You now have options for watching our Sunday Mass – even if you “don't do FaceBook” or look at the parish website. Now you can watch on YouTube by going to <https://www.youtube.com/@St.CharlesBorromeoDetroit>; you can watch the live stream on Facebook without having an account by doing a google search for **st charles borromeo parish detroit Facebook**, the page will appear, scroll down and look on the right side for "watch live" and click. You can also continue to watch on our Facebook page *St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Detroit MI*

Sunday Community Dinners... As one of our most important ministries to our members and neighbors, we have been blessed. We are in need of more. If you and your group would like to sponsor a meal, please contact Georgia Kingsley via the rectory to sponsor an upcoming Sunday meal: **Today, March 3, 2024: Janis Ayoub Chili Cook Off; March 10, 2024: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans; March 17, 2024: Torya and Eduardo; March 24, 2024: Miriam DeLamielleure & Jackie Parisi; March 31, 2024: Easter Sunday – No Meal; April 7, 2024: Maryanne Flores Bible Study Group; April 14, 2024: Sponsor Needed; April 21, 2024: Colleen & BK; April 28, 2024: Sponsor Needed**

Nativity Pantry News: In January you helped feed 547 people! Your continued support of the pantry is greatly appreciated. This week we are in need of Pork & Beans, Soup, and Snacks.

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. ([Gospel](#))

Terminal Ward I

*So many there
waiting
their bodies beyond
control as
vegetable
life or
healing
itself—
one when told
cried
then smiled
and
made plans to
be
with her daughter*

J. Janda

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Patricia Alexander
Marianne Burns
June Buersmeyer
Mary Canaday
Aaron Cole
Chinyere Crutcher
Joy Harris
Joan Jackson
Michael Martin
Bruce McDonald Sr.
John Nahas
Richard Nahas
Gloria Parham
Ronald Parham
Earlene Park-Williams
Elizabeth Pilette
Cynthia Richardson
Gregory Richardson
Linda Simpkins
Alicia Smith
Anna Tyler
Theresa Williamson
Pam Young

Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be removed from the list. Praise God for His Healing mercies!

MASS INTENTIONS

March 03, 2024
Smith Carson, Jr.
Marcus Sinclair
Dr. Donald Burkhart

March 10, 2024
Victor and Suzanne Fillecia
Michael Ayoub

March 17, 2024
Mary Cunningham
Greg McCaffrey
Michael Ayoub

March 24, 2024
Lisa Little
Gerald Miller

March 31, 2024
Monsignor Daniel J. Trapp

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 20: 1-17
(The Commandments)

Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11
(Words of Life)

First Corinthians 1: 22-25
(Christ, the Power of God)

John 3: 16
(God's Love)

John 2: 13-25
(Prediction of the Resurrection)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2024

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 04: Second Kings 5: 1-15; Psalm 42: 2, 3; 43: 3, 4; Psalm 130: 5, 7; Luke 4: 24-30

Tues., Mar. 05: Daniel 3: 25, 34-43; Psalm 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Joel 2: 12-13; Matthew 18: 21-35

Wed., Mar. 06: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20; John 6: 63c, 68c; Matthew 5: 17-19

Thurs., Mar. 07: Jeremiah 7: 23-28; Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Joel 2: 12-13; Luke 11: 14-23

Fri., Mar. 08: Hosea 14: 2-10; Psalm 81: 6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Matthew 4: 17; Mark 12: 28-34

Sat., Mar. 09: Hosea 6: 1-6; Psalm 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Psalm 95: 8; Luke 18: 9-14

Sun., Mar. 10: Second Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Ephesians 2: 4-10; John 3: 16; John 3: 14-21

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Stewardship Virtues

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - EXODUS 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue in **Stewardship**.

COLLECTION INFO

February 25, 2023

Collections \$1,039.75

Online \$1,112.00

TOTAL \$2,151.75



The Detroit Lower Eastside
Family of Parishes

presents
A Lenten Revival

*"Hope for the Future;
Walking With God"*

Revivalist



Minister
Alex Harvey

Sunday, March 10, 2024

@3PM

ST ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH, DETROIT
3138 E. CANFIELD ST, DETROIT, MI

CHOIRS ✦ MUSICIANS ✦ LITURGICAL DANCERS
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Come, Rejoice And Refresh Your Soul!

Detroit Lower Eastside Family of Parishes

STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

Grow in effectiveness and confidence in sharing your faith and helping others to encounter Jesus.

Whether to family members, strangers, co-workers, neighbors, or others, we can each help someone else to see the light of Christ.

St. Augustine St. Monica Social Hall
Saturday, March 9 - 12-4 pm, with lunch
4151 Seminole St. Detroit, MI 48214

RSVP to (313) 921-4107 or
kocourek.genevieve@saintamparish.org

How can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? - Romans 10:14

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St. Charles Borromeo - March 2024 calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 <i>11:30am Mass</i></p> <p><i>Community Meal</i></p>	4	5	6	7	<p>1 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i></p> <p><i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at Nativity 6pm</i></p> <p>8 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i></p> <p><i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at St. Charles 6pm</i></p>	2 9
<p>10 <i>11:30am Mass</i></p> <p><i>Community Meal</i></p>	11	12	13	14	<p>15 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i></p> <p><i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at Nativity 6pm</i></p>	16
<p>17 <i>11:30am Mass</i></p> <p><i>Community Meal</i></p>	18	19	20	21	<p>22 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i></p> <p><i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at St. Charles 6pm</i></p>	23
<p>24 <i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p><i>11:30am Mass</i></p> <p><i>Community Meal</i></p>	25	26	27	28 <i>Holy Thursday Mass at St. Charles 6:30pm</i>	<p>29 <i>Good Friday 11am Mass in Rectory</i></p> <p><i>Good Friday Mass at St. Chares 6pm</i></p>	30 <i>Easter Vigil Mass at Nativity 8:30pm</i>
<p>31 <i>Easter Sunday</i></p> <p><i>11:30am Mass</i></p> <p><u><i>NO Community Meal</i></u></p>						

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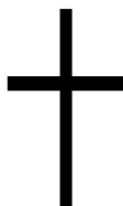
Monday & Tuesday, 10a to 3p
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10a to 4p

Pastoral Team

Fr. David Buersmeyer, Canonical Administrator
Fr. David Preuss, OFM, CAP, Priest in Solidum
Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education
Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry

Council Members

Steven Dearing, Niam Edwards, Marian Harvey,
Sr. Mary Ellen Howard, Dan Hurley, Donna King,
Leslie Kirby, Richard Preuss, Nicholas Rennpage



**ST.
CHARLES**

**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES
MASS TIMES**

**St Charles Borromeo Detroit
Mass Times**

Friday: Mass 11am
Sunday 11:30am

**Nativity of Our Lord
Mass Times**

Thursday: Holy Hour 8am; Mass 9am
Sunday 9:30am

**St Augustine / St Monica
Mass Times**

Wednesday, 9am
Sunday 10am

St. Charles Mission Statement

St. Charles Borromeo, a diverse urban parish of Detroit, is rooted in Christ's Gospel and Catholic tradition. We strive to build a community of faith through education, worship, and evangelization. We are called to carry on Christ's ministry to our brothers and sisters, especially the sick and their families, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. With Mary as our example of unconditional love, we strive to welcome everyone to share joyfully in the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers us, who strengthens and renews us, and who gives us the will to continue our mission, until Jesus comes.

Family of Parishes Prayer Groups

Tuesday Men's Prayer Group
6pm, St. Augustine / St. Monica

Tuesday Zoom Prime Time Bible Study
St. Elizabeth / Sacred Heart, 7pm.

For Zoom link go to www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime

Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse

A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides "clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse," Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior. "I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority," the archbishop said. "No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God's law." Pope Francis announced the new norms. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred. The Michigan Attorney General's Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844- 324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm. aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit's Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or vac@aod.org.