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1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10

Gospel: John 3.14-21 (Nicodemus Visits Jesus)

Regular Mass Schedule Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass is celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil) Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses 9:00 am, 10:30 am and

12:00 noon

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Carrying our Crosses

Spreading the Gospel can be difficult in our increasingly secular society. As stewards who are called to receive our gifts from God and put them at the service of the Church, this challenge can sometimes seem daunting. We may be tempted to think that today's society is just too far gone to accept Jesus. We may even see this within our own circle of friends and family members. However, this resistance from society is nothing new and nothing to fear.

In today's first reading from 2 Chronicles, we hear how God sent many people on His behalf to spread His word "but [the people] kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets." Even in the Old Testament, those who sought to serve God faced hardships and retaliation. Therefore, as stewards, we should not expect everything in our ministry to be perfect or easy.

Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew that whoever wants to follow Him must take up their cross and follow. To take up the cross is to take up suffering and hardships for the sake of serving Christ. As stewards, let us not shy away from these crosses but accept them willingly. The cross will forever be the symbol of our hope and salvation. To take part in the cross of Christ by carrying our own crosses is a supreme dignity. Therefore, the next time we face a difficulty in our stewardship, let us simply pray "Lord, help me to carry this cross out of love for you."

Summary

In the first reading from 2 Chronicles, we hear about how God's messengers were persecuted and despised for listening to God. As stewards, we will often also face difficulties in our ministry which is a share in the cross of Christ. To suffer for Christ is a great dignity so the next time encounter sufferings in our stewardship, let us simply pray "Lord, help me to carry this cross out of love for you."

Mass Intentions for the Week - March 9 - 10, 2024

Saturday March 9th

5:00 pm + Alcantara & Mary-Dominic

Menezes

+ Rosa Maravilla

Sunday March 10th

9:00 am - Personal intentions of

Julianna Giczi

10:30 am + Evelyn Llona

12:00 pm + Teofilo & Nestora Campoamor

Monday March 11th

9:00 am + Patrick Pereira

(4th Death Anniversary)

Tuesday March 12th

8:30 am

Wednesday March 13th

8:30 am

Thursday March 14th

8:30 am

Friday March 15th

8:30 am + Kim Tan

6:30 pm (STATIONS OF THE CROSS)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



March 24th Palm Sunday

Regular Saturday and Sunday Mass times

March 28th Holy Thursday

6:30 pm - Washing of the Feet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

March 29th Good Friday

Services - 12:00 noon & 3:00 pm

2:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

March 30th Easter Vigil - 6:30 pm

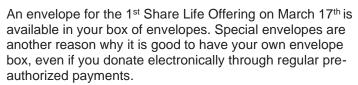
March 31st Easter Sunday

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 Noon

50+ Group - Mark your calendars

The 50+ Group will honour and celebrate two venerable Saints this month - St. Joseph and St. Patrick, on Thursday March 21st. Tickets for the luncheon are \$12 for members, and \$15 for non-members, and will be on sale this weekend and next after all the masses. Please join us for what will be an enjoyable afternoon of fun and fellowship. We look forward to seeing everyone. Please consider wearing something brown to honour St. Joseph, and/or something green to honour St. Patrick.







LENTEN CONFESSION

Please join us for our Lenten Confession Night on Friday March 15th from 5 - 6 pm and 7:15 – 8 pm.



Please join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30 pm

DROPPING OFF PASSENGERS / PARKING / FIRE ROUTES



DROP OFF Dropping off passengers at the front of the church steps is presenting a safety concern, as we are seeing a backup of cars at times out to the street while passengers exit their vehicles. If you need to drop off a passenger, please drive up to the entrance of the ramp at the side of the church, enabling the passenger/s to use the ramp to enter the building. Or you might pull into the fire route momentarily until your passenger exits, then go around to park your vehicle. As soon as your passenger has left the vehicle, Ministers of Hospitality may assist as required, and you will be able to park your car.

We also have a problem regarding our fire routes and parking. Please respect the fire routes and **DO NOT PARK** in front of them. Fire trucks and ambulances will have a tough time accessing the parking lot because people are parking illegally in the fire zones and driveways. Time is crucial if a parishioner needs medical attention and needs to be rushed to the hospital. We will have Bylaw officers issue tickets to those who do not comply.

Let us Pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.

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