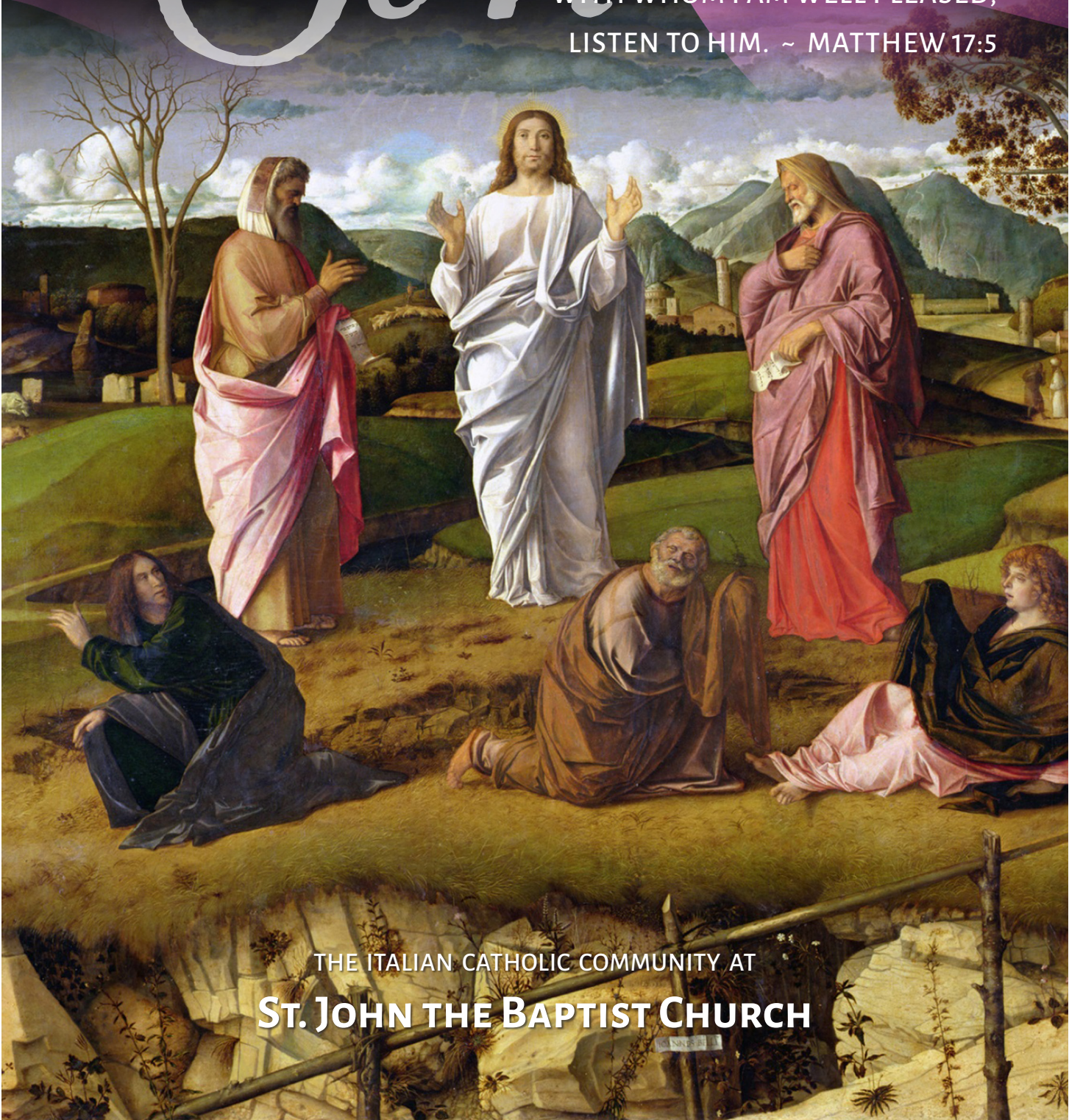


MARCH 5, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS IS MY BELOVED

San Son

WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASSED;
LISTEN TO HIM. ~ MATTHEW 17:5



THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Transfiguration, Bellini (1480)

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year **Pope Francis' Message** for **Lent** invites us to ascent the mountain on which **Jesus** offers **three** of his disciples a very bright moment, which will have to sustain their journey.

"Here, there are **two** challenges to common sense.

First: that beauty comes from change, or rather from the effort to think again. In biblical language from conversion.

Second: that beauty is a collective experience, intimate yes, but not private. In ecclesial language, it is a synodal experience. So, when we work on ourselves in **Lent** – an asceticism – we yearn for the light to increase, the joy to increase.

We hope for light in change and collective joy.

It is customary for the **Pope's Lenten** message to contain a charitable element that is, it directs the prayer and fasting of believers in the direction of an improvement of the world.

Saint Paul VI said: in the direction of integral human development. The **Gospel** image of the **Transfiguration** helps us this year to interpret this orientation in a more radical way.

We are distressed by dramatic events. The pandemic situation is still uncertain. The war in **Ukraine** does not seem to end and is only one among dozens of others, the one that reveals that the entire world is exposed to destruction. In addition, terribly destructive earthquakes remind us of all the natural catastrophes of a creation that seems to cry out, because it groans and suffers. A primitive idea of divinity would suggest sacrifices and penances to appease the forces that harm us. This is not the **Lent of Christians**, who confess **Christ** as the light of the world and are oriented to Him.

At the end of the last century, **Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini** chose the passage of the **Transfiguration** to respond to **Dostoevsky's** question. "What beauty will save the world?" And he observed: "In the disciples who climb the mountain, carrying in their hearts all the anxieties and burdens that agitate their personal and collective history, it is possible to read the questions that are in us about the meaning of time, the demand for meaning that comes from the anguish produced by violence and all tragedies."

In this year's message, **Francis** brings this observation even closer by employing what **Saint Ignatius** called the "composition of place," that is, the exercise of the imagination that makes us identify with the situation being described. The **Pope** writes: "During any strenuous mountain trek, we must keep our eyes firmly fixed on the path; yet the panorama that opens up at the end amazes us and rewards us by its grandeur."

Thus, we feel the surprise of the **Transfiguration**: "The divine beauty of this vision was incomparably superior to any effort that the disciples might have made in climbing Tabor."

Assuredly, this leads us to think of the labors of all who suffer and live their lives as an excessively harsh ascent. And we might ask ourselves if it is not our indifference that makes their journey harder. The **Church** wants to help remove obstacles and the burdens that hinder human development, life in abundance."

This a part of the: Intervention of His Eminence Cardinal Michael Czerny, S.J.

God loves us, be positive, keep smiling!

Fr. Andrew

The Mass is available on **St. John's Facebook** page or **YouTube** channel, **Saint John the Baptist, Cbus**. Go to our website: www.sjbitaliana.com under **Livestream Mass**.

Confessions Heard before Mass – Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday

9:00 a.m. Mondays & Tuesdays

Sacrament of Penance – 9:00 a.m. (before Sunday Mass or by appointment)

Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism preparation (by appointment)

Sacrament of Matrimony (you must be registered at **Saint John** at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by Deacon or Priest)

Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (please make an appointment with Parish Administrator)

Saint John Italian Festival (please visit our website for more information)

Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall (scheduled with approval of Parish Administrator)

Bulletin Deadline: Announcements must be submitted in writing by **Tuesday at noon**.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday	March 05, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Antonio D'Alberto, Nick D'Alberto
Euch. Min 1 & 2.:	Margaret Panico-Harn, Sharon D'Alberto
Sunday	March 12, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Gretchen Heining, Kurt Heining
Euch. Min 1 & 2:	Al Iosue, Andrea Myers

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: **Marian Ranalli**

by Chris Soteriades

Blessed Sacrament: **Anthony N. Gianantonio & family**

by Loving Father

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 3/5	9:30 a.m.	+ Joann Paesano by Mary Ann Thissen
Sunday 3/5	11:00 a.m. at SH	+ Gaetana Capoccia By Capoccia Family
Monday 3/6	9:00 a.m.	+ Phyllis N. Militello by Polly Urian & Family
Tuesday 3/7	6:00 p.m.	+ Leo Santilli by Judy Pishitelli
Sunday 3/12	9:30 a.m.	+ Leo Santilli by Dr. Linda Records
Monday 3/13	9:00 a.m.	+ Geno Natalucci-Persichetti by Teresa & Tom Muetzel
Tuesday 3/14	6:00 p.m.	Richard Metzger by Judy & Phillip Pishitelli

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL
AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village. Also, keep in your prayers, Laura Williams, Guy Williams, John Contino and Tony Caradonna.

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact Kevin Koesters 937-902-7446 or via email k.koesters32@gmail.com. Leaders for March are:

March 5	Maureen Iosue
March 12	Gary Bosco
March 19	Kevin Koesters
March 26	Gary Bosco

EVENTS THIS WEEK

3/5 Sunday	<u>SJB Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski</u> 9:30 a.m. – SJB Church <u>SJB Italian Language Class – Marrapese Hall</u> 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. <u>KCC Religious Education – Italian Cultural Room</u> 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. <u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – SJB Church</u> 12:00 Noon-3:00 p.m. – Meeting in Sala Hall <u>San Giovanni Dancers – Marrapese Hall</u> 3:30-5:30 p.m.
3/6 Monday	<u>SJB – Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski</u> 9:00 a.m. <u>Rotary Club Luncheon – Marrapese Hall</u> 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. <u>Italian Festival Board Meeting – Marrapese Hall</u> 6:30 p.m.
3/7 Tuesday	<u>SJB –Mass Fr. Andrew Kozminski</u> 6:00 p.m. – Mass – Simple Supper following Mass by Piave Club – Marrapese Hall
3/9 Thursday	<u>Sacred Heart Young Professionals Meeting – Fr. Kozminski 7:00-8:30 p.m.</u> Italian Cultural Room
3/10 Friday	<u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</u> 6:00 p.m. SJB Church
	<u>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.</u>
	<u>Le Donne Group Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall</u>

SIMPLE SUPPER
St. John the Baptist – following the 6:00 p.m. Mass every Tuesday through Lent in Marrapese Hall.

ADORATION and STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sacred Heart – Adoration after 6:00 p.m. Mass every Thursday through Lent for 30 minutes after Mass until 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross after 6:00 p.m. Mass every Friday through Lent.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S
February 26, 2023

Number of Envelopes used Sunday 27

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,205.00
Loose:	\$ 367.00
February EFT:	\$ 1,868.33
Total	\$ 3,440.33
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ -(206.42)
	\$ 3,233.91
Votives	\$ 81.00
Total	\$ 81.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/22-6/30/23)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk.:	\$2,885.00	\$3,440.33	\$555.33	19%
FYTD:	\$100,975.00	\$96,248.60	-\$4,726.40	-5%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 6, 2023

Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, March 13, 2023

Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS are returning to St. John's this year!

The Altar Guild is organizing the Simple Suppers during Lent. A donation of \$10.00/person includes Soup, Salad, Rolls & Butter. All proceeds will go directly to the Pallotine Missionary Foundation Salvatti helping Ukraine. The following four Tuesdays through Lent, Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. and Simple Supper will immediately follow in Marrapese Hall. There will be no Simple Supper during Holy Week.

The sponsoring groups and dates for the Simple Suppers:

- Tuesday, March 7 – The Piave Club
- Tuesday, March 14 – St. John's Altar Guild
- Tuesday, March 21 – Sacred Heart
- Tuesday, March 28 – The Abruzzi Club



FESTA DI SAN GUISEPPE/ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION BREAKFAST:

This year's Festa di San Guseppe Breakfast will be Sunday, March 19, 2023, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The Altar Guild is sponsoring this the event and will be selling tickets after Mass each Sunday. Tickets are \$12.00/person (children 6 and under are free). All tickets **MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE!** The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, fresh fruit, juice, coffee and of course St. Joseph's Table. Please bring a tray of cookies to share and be blessed as part of this year's St. Joseph's Table.

Divine Mercy Sunday at Sacred Heart

April 16, 2023

2:00 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2:00 p.m.	Confessions
3:00 p.m.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:15 p.m.	Benediction



Smile Break 😊

Q: Why did the burglar hang his mugshot on the wall?

A: To prove that he was framed.

Proverbs 15:15: "For the despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart, life is a continual feast."

MILLE GRAZIE to The Columbus Italian Festival Executive Board for sponsoring the **Ash Wednesday Simple Supper**, as well as **Le Donne** for this past **Tuesday's Simple Supper!** The **Minestrone** and **Lentil Soups** were deliciouso!! A special **THANK YOU** to **Auddino's Bakery** for donating the hard rolls and **RDP Food Service** for donating the **Romano** cheese!

Easter Triduum Mass Schedule

April 6, 2023, Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. John the Baptist	No Service
Sacred Heart Church	6:00 p.m.
Korean Catholic Community	7:00 p.m.

April 7, 2023, Good Friday

Passion of the Lord

St. John the Baptist	No Service
Sacred Heart Church	3:00 p.m.
Korean Catholic Community	7:00 p.m.

April 8, Holy Saturday

St. John the Baptist	No Service
Sacred Heart Church	Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
Korean Catholic Community	Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

April 9, Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord Mass

St. John the Baptist	9:30 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church	11:00 a.m.
Korean Catholic Community	12:00 p.m.

AROUND US

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2023: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Liturgical Calendar: The entire month of **March** falls during the liturgical season of **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical color violet or purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. All saint days that are usually **Memorials** are shifted to **Optional Memorials** during the season of **Lent**.

CRS Rice Bowl: is a **Lenten** faith formation program for use in parishes, schools, religious education programs and by families and individuals in the home. This year's **CRS Rice Bowl** donations are critical for these grants to continue as the fund's account is nearly depleted. Please support **CRS Rice Bowl** during **Lent**. **Bowls are located on the tables at the entrance to the Church.**

Church Regulations Regarding Fasting and Abstinence during Lent: Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all **Catholics** fourteen years and older on **Ash Wednesday** and on all **Fridays of Lent**. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. The law of fasting on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** applies to all **Catholics from age 18 through age 59**. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Those who are ill or pregnant may be dispensed from their obligation.

Dispensation for Saint Patrick's Day: The obligation to abstain from meat on the **Fridays of Lent** is an important element of the **Church's** observance of the penitential nature of this holy season. This year, **March 17, the Friday of the Third Week of Lent**, corresponds with **Saint Patrick's Day**, traditionally an occasion for joy-filled celebrations in this diocese, especially among those of **Irish** heritage. **Bishop Fernandes**, taking into consideration both past practice and present circumstances, has granted to the faithful of the **Diocese of Columbus**, as well as to any visitors or travelers who may be physically present within the territory of this diocese, a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on **March 17, 2023**, provided that the member of the faithful taking advantage of this dispensation, undertakes one of the following works: 1) makes a pilgrimage or visit to any church in the **Diocese of Columbus** named in honor of **St. Patrick (Columbus, London, Junction City)**; 2) assists at **Mass** at any church, chapel, or oratory on **March 17th**; 3) prays the "**Breastplate of St. Patrick**," attributed to **St. Patrick**; 4) engages in some pious devotion such as the **Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, or Eucharistic Adoration**; or 5) performs an act of comparable penance (such as abstinence from meat) on some other occasion during the **Third Week of Lent**.

Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry: Please go to columbuscatholic.org for a complete schedule of the **Fish Fries** being offered throughout the **Columbus** area during **Lent**.

Lenten Practices: **Prayer, fasting and almsgiving** are the three pillars of **Lenten** practices. **Prayer** is our necessary communication with **God**, reminding us of our very intimate relationship with **God**, our creator. **Fasting** can help us curb our body's appetites and put our soul in control. **Fasting** does not have to be limited to avoiding food. We can also fast from different forms of entertainment and our over-reliance on the smartphone. **Lent** can be an opportunity to give up these forms of escape and replace them with some good spiritual reading. **Almsgiving** is the third pillar. When we give alms, we are reminded that the monetary resources that we have are the result of **God's** blessings which are meant to be shared, especially with the poor. ~ **Father Kitzmiller**



Highlights of the Month: As we continue our Lenten journey, three prominent ideas are proposed for our contemplation by the liturgy of Lent: **The Passion and Resurrection of Christ, baptism, and penance.**

The **Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 20)** is a special landmark this month in which we will celebrate the great honor bestowed upon the foster father of **Jesus**. Also, the **Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25)** when we ponder **Our Lady's** fiat. And **St. Patrick's feast** is another cause for a joyful celebration.

Today's Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9: The **Gospel** is from **St. Matthew 17:1-9**. Between **Moses and Elijah**, **Jesus** shows forth in **His divine glory**, thus foreshadowing **His** resurrection. **He is the Alpha and the Omega**, the beginning, and the end of all things. Today's **Gospel** places before us the transfigured **Lord** and the model toward **Whom** we must tend, and our own transfiguration as the goal we must attain. We attain this goal by a profound realization of our sinfulness and need of a **Redeemer**; by preserving purity of body and soul; by combatting our passions and carnal instincts and observing the commandments and most importantly by participating in the **Mass**. — Excerpted from *Cathedral Daily Missal*



Prayer: O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by Your Word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold Your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Sunday, Mar 05, 2023**Honor the unnamed**

The Bible is full of unnamed actors. Many are women: identified simply as mothers, wives, and daughters. While seven blessings promote the name of Abraham, it's the rare woman like Mary who's called blessed "for generations" in her canticle. Today we recall the unnamed wife of Chief Patricio de Hinachuba, an Apalachee laywoman among 57 martyrs in the Florida territory missions between 1549-1715, all currently up for sanctification. These martyrs included priests and catechists, native peoples, soldiers, and children. For all faithful, nameless women, we give thanks.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9 (25). *"I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."*

Monday, Mar 06, 2023**Read up!**

Could your Catholic school library need some new picks? How about your book club for the adults? This Women's History Month, learn more about a remarkable Catholic black woman writer, Ellen Tarry (1906-2008). She attended Catholic school as a girl and converted to Catholicism and later became a journalist and author who was part of the Harlem Renaissance. Her writing included producing the first African-American picture book, writing a newspaper column on racial injustice and racial pride, and penning her memoir *The Third Door: The Autobiography of an American Negro Woman*. She also wrote biographies for youth and adult readers of Catholic saints Katherine Drexel and Martin de Porres and the Venerable Pierre Toussaint. You might be reading Tarry beyond March!

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230). *"Give and gifts will be given to you."*

Tuesday, Mar 07, 2023**Beyond distinctions**

Devotion to Jesus seriously conflicted with Roman rule in the second century, with citizens expected to worship the emperor instead. Thus, the fate of two young mothers, Perpetua and Felicity: forced into a public amphitheater to be killed by wild beasts, just because they wouldn't renounce Jesus. But Christian faith challenged social convention in other ways, too. Normally, Felicity—as Perpetua's slave—wouldn't be seen as her equal. But belief in Jesus, as Saint Paul writes, makes brothers and sisters of all. Take Perpetua's final words to heart: "Stand fast in the faith, and love one another, all of you."

MEMORIAL OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12 (231). *"Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant."*

Wednesday, Mar 08, 2023**A brother called to heal**

On this day, the church commemorates Saint John of God, a Portuguese religious brother who—like Saint Ignatius of Loyola—was a military man who experienced a sudden conversion. In fact, the two men (along with Saint Teresa) shared a spiritual mentor in Saint John of Ávila. A sermon from the priest moved John of God to repent of his former excesses, so much so that it was mistaken for a mental health crisis; he was quickly institutionalized. Later

engaging in work with the poor, he founded the Brothers Hospitallers in 1572, who continue to care for the sick around the world—including as official caretakers of the pope. In an age of increased mental health awareness, may we always remember John's holy life and recognize our call to serve those in need.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 (232).

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Thursday, Mar 09, 2023**Priceless service**

It's entirely appropriate that the Memorial of Frances of Rome coincides with a gospel that tells us in no uncertain terms to care for the poor. Frances of Rome was a wealthy Italian married woman in the early 1400s, a time of great instability and poverty in Italy. She poured her family treasure into efforts to feed and heal the poor. She was recognized for her piety and compassion and founded a religious order dedicated to serving suffering people, now known as the Oblates of St. Frances of Rome. Upon her husband's death, she became superior of the order. What can you do for the poor or sick in your corner of the world?

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233). *"Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores."*

Friday, Mar 10, 2023**Celebrate sisters**

During Catholic Sisters Week, we celebrate the good works of Catholic sisters collectively and individually; tell stories of Catholic sisters we love, respect, admire; and share information about becoming a Catholic sister, including directing people to VISION VocationNetwork.org. But, most of all, we focus on the truth that a religious vocation reveals: God is all we need. As Catholic nun and Doctor of the Church Saint Teresa of Ávila observed: "Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234). *"The Kingdom of God will be . . . given to a people that will produce its fruit."*

Saturday, Mar 11, 2023**Confession heals the soul**

Catholics are encouraged to partake of the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) as much as possible, but especially during Lent, because confession is good for the soul. None of us is perfect, and all of us carry burdens that could be lightened through honest reflection and repentance. Other religions include a confessional practice as well, attesting to the universal need: Jews confess "We have sinned" in the Yom Kippur service. Confession is part of the Hindu *Prāyaścitta*. In Islam, the act of seeking forgiveness from God for sins is called *Istighfar*. Buddhist monks confess their sins to other monks. Check the bulletin, and find time for Confession. You'll feel better for it.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (235). *"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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