

ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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March 23, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, March 22

5:00 pm The McLean Family - Memorial

Sunday, March 23

7:00 am Available

9:30 am Patrice Ryle - Memorial

11:00 am Florence Fahey - Month's Mind

Monday, March 24

9:00 am Available

Tuesday, March 25

9:00 am Molly Medinus Benibo-
Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday, March 26

9:00 am Available

Thursday, March 27

9:00 am Available

Friday, March 28

9:00 am Available

Saturday, March 29

5:00 pm David and Bridget Jaspersen - Memorial

Sunday, March 30

7:00 am Available

9:30 am Daniel Riley - 1st Anniversary

11:00 am Eleanor Leonard - Birthday Remembrance



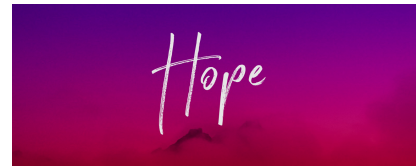
Third Sunday of Lent

In today's gospel, Jesus is urging the people to repent of their political ambitions and their rebelliousness, warning the Jewish nation that if they kept on seeking the ways of an earthly kingdom and rejecting the ways of the kingdom of God, destruction would come. What about us – are we seeking God's Kingdom? Jesus then tells the parable of the fig tree. God, our gardener, is full of mercy and patience and infinitely kind to anyone who falls and rises again. Actively nurturing and strengthening our discipleship takes effort? If we fall, do we get up and try again or do we just give up? Scriptures give us two witnesses in St. Peter and St. Paul - who had struggles and failures at being disciples, but never gave up. They sought out God's mercy and kept on building God's kingdom. So go ahead, take advantage of the many "second chances" we're being given to grow in our discipleship!



"The Catholic Appeal is our way of acting in solidarity to spread hope." - Archbishop Richard G. Henning

This weekend, the 2025 Catholic Appeal launches across the Archdiocese of Boston! Please enter into solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need and spread hope by making a gift today. Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Archbishop Richard Henning's invitation to contribute. Through early support, our parish has already reached 12% of our goal and, together, we are on our way to greater success. Thank you for your support!



Mass of Hope and Healing

Saturday, March 29th 11:00 am Church

You are cordially invited to the celebration of a Mass of Hope and Healing including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This celebration is for all people, the sick, the elderly and those in need of physical, spiritual and psychological healing. A special invitation is extended to those who have lost a loved one, those affected by family problems, unemployment and financial difficulties. We welcome those struggling with chronic illness including drug and alcohol dependency. Following Mass, a light luncheon, compliments of Saint Christine's, will be served in the parish hall. Transportation will be provided to anyone who needs it by calling Saint Christine's at 781-834-6003 ext. 21. All are most welcome.

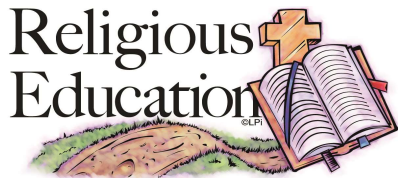


Soup and Prayer

During Lent, we will pray together as a parish family on Thursday evenings at 6:45 pm in the parish hall. Join us for a simple prayer service followed by a meal of homemade soup and bread as we gather together in fellowship, community and prayer.

Parish Advisory Council (PAC) will meet on Wednesday, March 26th at 7:30 pm in the parish hall.

Third Sunday of Lent



All classes will meet as scheduled this week.

Grade 4 Reconciliation

Our fourth grade students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 26th at 6 pm in the church. All students are expected to attend.

Grade 1 Family Mass

All first graders and their families are invited to gather together for a Family Mass on Sunday, March 30th at 9:30 am. Please join us.

Confirmation students will meet for class on:

Grades 9: Sunday, March 23rd at 5:00 pm.

Grade 10: Sunday, March 30th at 5:00 pm.

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm. All parents and parishioners are welcome to attend.



Saint Christine's Scholarships 2025

Applications for our parish graduating seniors who have participated in ministries and are involved in parish life are available at the church and rectory. Applications can also be downloaded on Saint Christine's website. All applications are due by Tuesday, April 1st. If you would like to remember a loved one by honoring them with a scholarship in their name, please speak with Father Mario.

Children's Choir: All children from Grade 2 and up are invited to join our Children's Choir which sings at the 9:30 am Mass on Sundays. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the church. If you have any questions, please e-mail: Kerry.kmac@gmail.com.

First Holy Communion Clothing: If you have a First Communion dress or suit that you would like to donate for our communicants, please bring it to the CCD office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Your new schedules will soon be available. If there are any dates that you are **not available** to serve as a minister, please call Ann Roth at 781-834-6003 ext 15.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Mass: 9:00 am Monday through Friday

Saturday: No morning Mass

Thursdays: Exposition and Adoration will take place from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm.
Benediction: 6:30 to 6:45 pm

Thursdays: Soup and Prayer
Every Thursday at 6:45 pm - parish hall

Fridays: Stations of the Cross
Every Friday after 9:30 am Mass

Saturdays: Confessions: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Lenten Collections - During Lent, we will collect food and related items to help the Marshfield Food Pantry. You are asked to bring the following items on:
March 29/30 soups and macaroni & cheese
April 5/6 soap, dishwashing and laundry detergents

Friday, April 4th 6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross and Pasta

LENTEN NIGHTS

Monday, March 24th at 7:00 pm "Hope"
Presented by Allison Gingress

Monday, March 31st at 7:00 pm
Night of Reflection and Music

Monday, April 7th at 7:00 pm
"The Holy Shroud"



SOUP'S ON.....for a Scholarship

During Lent, Catholic Women Today and Tomorrow (CWTT) will sell varieties of "Soup in a Jar" to raise money for a scholarship for a Saint Christine's 2025 High School graduate. Soup will be sold after all the weekend Masses at a cost of \$10 per jar. If you have any questions, please call Trish at 781-500-9088.

Meetings of the Week:

Prayer Shawl Ministry Sun. March 23rd 12:30 pm

Tots Group meets every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Card Making April 4th after 9:00 am Mass



You can support St. Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for Online Giving. This method is a convenient, secure, and a dependable means of giving for you.

Please click on the Online Giving icon on our website at www.saintchristines.org or scan the QR code. If you need help, please call the rectory at 781-834-6003 x11. We will be happy to assist you.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 16/16

Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,800
Received:	\$ 4,460
On-Line Giving:	\$ 2,650
Total:	\$ 7,110
Deficit:	\$ 2,690
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,706

Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

A Morning of Reflection For Those Impacted By Divorce or Separation

The Family Life team invites all those impacted by divorce and separation to a Morning of Reflection at the Pastoral Center, Braintree on Saturday, April 5th from 8:45 am to noon. Psychologist Christine Williams, PhD will speak on the power of prayer and ways to alleviate stress. The program features a light breakfast, witness talk, small group sharing, Mass, and Confession. For more information, call Emily Elliott at 617-746-5756 or visit: bit.ly/ImpactedByDivorce.

Rice Bowls is a Lenten project that helps those in need throughout the world. Rice Bowls are available at the doors of the church. Please take one home with you and help the poor in the world. Thank you.



Our fourth grade students celebrate with pizza, soccer and basketball after successfully passing their written exam on the Ten Commandments in preparation for the Sacrament of Penance.

CORI FORMS

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires all volunteers at Saint Christine's to fill out an annual Cori Form. (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Teachers, Greeters, Choir members, etc.)

You may fill out a Cori Form in the sacristy or at the rectory. A staff member can verify your information. Please bring your picture ID with you. We appreciate your cooperation and thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

Please note: Due to security, Cori forms are not available on our parish website.

Cursillo is a joyful jam-packed three day experience of learning, faith sharing, praying and having fun. The goal is to deepen your faith and strengthen your ability to bring God's love and grace into the world. The next Men's Weekend is Thursday, April 3rd through Sunday, April 6th at the Notre Dame Spirituality Center in Ipswich, MA. For more information, e-mail Colleen and Tom Casey at casey673@gmail.com. You may also visit www.bostoncursillo.org or @bostoncursillo on Instagram to register.



Live Streaming Masses

You can watch Mass celebrated at Saint Christine's anytime on your computer. Go to saintchristines.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the You Tube link. Masses will be streamed on:

Saturday, March 29th 5:00 pm
Sunday, April 6th 11:00 am

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**WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine**



**THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 23, 2025**

Reading

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned."

When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

Psalm

Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills, He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed. He has made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the children of Israel.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reading

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mt 4:17

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Lk 9:28b-36

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable:

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none,

he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.

Why should it exhaust the soil?'

He said to him in reply,

'Sir, leave it for this year also,

and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it;

it may bear fruit in the future.

If not you can cut it down.'"

Some Thoughts... Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable. Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin. Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit. Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us. This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

Front Porch with God

Me: Father, are you okay today?

God: ?? Why are you whispering ?

Me: Well, in all the readings today, you seemed sort of...I don't know, not in a very good mood

God: There were some important messages that people had to hear - and have to hear now

Me: About repenting and stuff like that, right?

God: Yes...but sometimes I don't think you understand about repentance

Me: It's being sorry for your sins, right?

God: It's about changing the way you live - that's why we have Lent. It's a time to change the way you live your life...that's repenting

Me: So why ...? I'm confused. I thought we had to give up candy and stuff like that

God: The idea is to sacrifice something and fill up on something else. Sure give up candy, but don't just do that. Give up candy and fill up on not being angry...or not judging others. Like that.

Me: Sacrifice one thing and fill that space with something actually better?

God: YESSSSS! You got it!!

Me: So Lent is about changing?

God: It is - exactly that. I don't think you have to give up things you truly like, but you sacrifice them during Lent as a way of learning that you can do better things with your life. Find bigger places in your life to be nonjudgmental, to be kinder, to be more prayerful, to be more joyful!

Me: I always thought Lent was supposed to be sorta sad

God: Well, because there is a tough ending on Good Friday, you tend to think that way but...

Me: ...there's always Easter Sunday

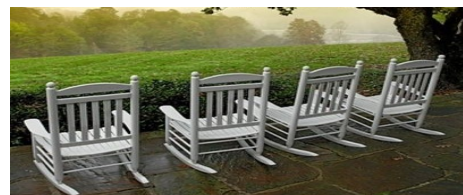
God: YESSS AGAIN! There had to be Friday so that there could be Sunday! Without my Son's Resurrection, what do you have?

Me: I dunno... Nothing?

God: YESSSS AGAIN! NOTHING!!

Me: So this repent stuff is pretty important

God: Repenting - changing - is important. I'll say it again - YESSSS!



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ST. CHRISTINE'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday 9:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:00 TO 4:45 pm

Adoration at Saint Christine's

Thursdays 9:30 am to 6:45 pm

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