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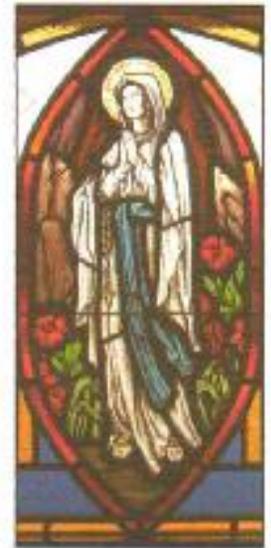
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2015

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY – 6:30 PM
THURSDAY – 8:30 AM
FRIDAY – 8:30 AM
SATURDAY – 8:30 AM
VIGIL – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY – 10:30 AM
IN SPANISH – 1:00 PM
HOLY DAY – 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - 10 - 6:15 PM
SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon

BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM
HOLY DAY–NOON

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: *Chant by Cantor*

OFFERTORY: *"Ah, Holy Jesus" #409*

COMMUNION: *Chant by Cantor*

MASS PARTS: *Siena Mass Chant, St. Michael Hymnal #149*

Pastor's Column

To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael:

With all the craziness and insanity going on in parts of the Middle East these days, it might be helpful to look back to a time when things were not so different, and see if we can take any lessons from what went on before us. Not many of us have heard of John Moschos (born circa 550), who in 578 made a trip and wrote a book about what he saw. He was an eastern empire (Byzantine) traveler-monk, who with his companion Sophronius, his pupil, travelled in an arc across the entire Byzantine world. Their goal was to collect the wisdom of the

desert fathers, the sages and mystics of the Eastern Christian world, which was already in advanced decay. What he saw and recorded in his old age was one of the great books of literature of Byzantium and he titled it *The Spiritual Meadow*.

The order and stability of the Roman Empire was all but gone. Rome has not been the capital of the empire since the early 300's, and the Emperors had been residing in Constantinople, what we now call Istanbul. There was a time when more Christians resided in the "east" than what we call "west." This would

include modern-day Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Iraq, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Egypt, and many of the lands along the silk-road going all the way to China. People who talk or write about history forget that for over 300 years, from the age of Constantine in the early 300's, to the early 600's, the eastern empire was the center of Christian civilization.

But there were two things that set the stage for the coming world changing whirlwind. There was only one other "power" at the time, Persia (now, Iran) and in the early 600's there was constant fighting between the two powers. Between 610 and 620 Antioch, Jerusalem and Alexandria (Egypt) fell to the Persians. Then, in 627 the Emperor Heraclius struck back and reclaimed those lands, and even returned the True Cross to Jerusalem, who incidentally was the first and last Christian Emperor to ever set foot in the Holy Places. The peoples of those lands were war weary.

The second thing to set the stage was the Christian propensity to argue and fight among themselves. These arguments, part of the monophysite vs. nestorian controversies (debating the divine and human natures of Jesus), are theologically important, but pride, political and nationalistic factors got in the way, which to make a long story short, weakened and divided Christianity. What was the whirlwind? John Moschos died 619 and did not live to see it, but his companion Sophronius did. In 638, himself now old, he was the Patriarch of Jerusalem, and after a year-old siege, gave up the keys of the city to the Caliph Omar, the religious head the marauding army of a new religion: Islam.

John Moschos wrote of a Christian "world" before there was Islam. Much of the Empire was at "peace," but spiritually it was fatally weakened. It was war-weary, and so we are. We in the western world pursue self-interest and selfishness to such an extent that all we can do is squabble and fight amongst ourselves. This is not simply to harp on "politics," in fact, I would argue that what we see in our current politics is symptomatic of the decay spiritually; the loss of our Judeo-Christian roots where selfishness and greed, on all our parts, has set us up where we now find ourselves. The Western world has promoted a sinful sense of "freedom," which only promotes spiritual, economic and cultural decay; there is no sense of any moral compass or "gravitas." We pray our leaders learn from history and marshal our spiritual gifts. But let's take it down a notch or two; to us and our families. We need unity in the face of all that temptation "out there," (as far away as your smart phone). Is selfishness, greed or other vice setting us up to be distracted and we end up fighting and squabbling amongst ourselves? This Lent, may we honestly examine our spiritual life and see what we do and who we are. And, may we make amends, through the mercy and love of Jesus. ad Jesum per Mariam,

Fr. Dean

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, March 8:

9:00 - 10:15 AM - Religious Education Class

9:00 - 10:15 AM - Vice & Virtue Class in the Parish Hall

10:30 AM - Mass

Monday, March 9:

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 10:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, March 11:

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM Adoration

6:30 PM - Mass

7:00 PM - Confirmation and Dead Theologians Classes

Thursday, March 12:

8:30 AM - Mass

7:00 PM - RCIA/Inquirers Class

Friday, March 13:

8:30 AM - Mass

9:30-11:30 AM - Mothers Group will meet

5:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14:

8:30 AM - Mass

9:00 - Noon - Adoration & Confessions

9:10 - 11:00 AM - Jr. Legion meeting in the Rectory

11:00 AM - Legion of Mary meeting in the Rectory

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 15:

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM - No Class, Spring Break

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM - Vice & Virtue Class

10:30 AM - Mass

11:30 AM - Women's Club Meeting in St. Luke's Hall

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday, March 8:

8:00 AM - Mass

Breakfast Sunday

Friday, March 13:

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 15:

8:00 AM - Mass

9:00 AM - Vice & Virtue Class

PRIDE: MOVE OVER GOD I'M IN CHARGE

Pride is the root of many other sins because with pride we try to take the place of God, said Fr. Robert Barron in his program on Vice and Virtue.

The video class is being shown from 9 to 10:15 AM on Sundays at Our Lady of Lourdes and after the 8 AM Mass at St. Michael.

With pride instead of being the obedient servant, we determine for ourselves what is right and wrong. We don't repent and we don't ask for forgiveness, because by our own standards what we are doing "just isn't that bad," and besides, it is certainly better than those who we look down upon.

Selfishness: "what is in it for us" becomes the guide for our lives. We become bound up in taking actions to get more power, more money, and more admiration. When we let pride rule us, we become consumed by our egos and needs. We are often bitter people always trying to grab more and in the process push people away.

The virtuous antidote for pride is humility. The truly humble person is not weak, but a strong person who is the willing servant of God, Fr. Barron said. When we are humble, we allow God's love to enter our hearts.

We realize that God has loved us into existence. He wants nothing from us except that we be fully alive and flourishing. God gives us commandments because he knows we need them. When we humbly accept His truth, we can become conduits for his love so that God's own life surges through us for the transformation of the world, Fr. Barron said.

To work on our prideful ways this Lent, Fr. Barron suggested deliberately taking the lower place.

Allow God to be in charge of your life, Fr. Barron said. Recognize how often it is our agenda that consumes our time and talent and not what the Lord would have us do. Seek out the simple things and make Mary your model. At the Annunciation, Mary said yes to God, not knowing how it could be done, but she trusted God. Her yes ushered in our salvation. What will God do with your yes?

RESCHEDULED EVENTS

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Fish Fry on Friday, March 13 at the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall starting at 5 PM. The Fish Fry will be followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes and 7 PM at St. Michael.

The Saint Anne Mothers Group will meet on Friday, March 13 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM in the Our Lady of Lourdes church rectory. Child care will be provided in the parish hall.

HEALING

- *Annette Thomas
- *Nora Rabie
- *Kim Schott
- *Macky Hunter
- *Mike Ellis
- *Joyce Traughber
- *Shannon Bell
- *Don Cole
- *Eva Davanport
- *June Bell
- *Sandra Armour
- *Ann Marie Legate
- *Bea Heatherly
- *Susie Bess
- *Tom Cuff
- *Cheryl Bush
- *Jerry Bush
- *Robert Bradley
- *Dorothy Bradley
- *Gloria Snow
- *Ernie Axley Sr.
- *Thelma Lee
- *Richard Lee
- *Rosa Priest
- *Orvil Bray
- *Glen Isom
- *Mary Stout

DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

**Eternal rest grant them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

PETITIONS

*For the respect of human life from natural conception to natural death.

*For the protection of persecuted Christians around the world.

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

- *Dorothy Crosslin
- *Claudia Traughber
- *Mary Ann Klimek
- *R.C. Boyle
- *Dorothy Johnson
- *Tom Crumpler
- *Patty Zawierucha

ST. MICHAEL

- *John Baker
- *Elizabeth Jenkins
- *Robert & Regina Head

PUBLIC PRAYER SAVES LIVES

Many people are reluctant to pray in front of an abortion clinic and feel much more comfortable praying at home.

But we know from all the 40 Days for Life campaigns around the world that peaceful public prayer saves the lives of unborn children.

In the words of the 40 Days for Life leaders, "Your presence creates an opportunity to save the life of an innocent child who is close to becoming a statistic. Your willingness to be on the sidewalk is the last sign of hope for the baby before

the abortion – and the first sign of mercy for the woman if she has the abortion."

A prolife prayer group in Nashville is praying across the street from The Women Center at 419 Welshwood Drive in Nashville between 9-11 AM on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays during Lent. These are days when abortions are usually preformed.

The group also will hold a Pro-life Stations of the Cross at the site at noon on Good Friday on April 3. Deacon Ken Levinson will lead the prayers.

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 3/14/2015

Lector: Belle Holmes

Extraordinary Ministers: Savina Hollman & Connie Mitchell

Ushers: Claude Burton & Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 3/15/2015

Lector: Gloria Snow

Extraordinary Ministers: David & Mande Johnson

Ushers: Gene Masoner & Volunteer

Altar Servers: Nick Haynes & Chris Hardy

Collection Counters: Carol Kuropatsinski & Claude Burton

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 3/15/2015

Lector: Kaye Sharp

Extraordinary Ministers: Annecia & James Connaghan

Usher/Greeter: Mary Jackson

Collection Counters: Kaye Sharp & Denise Haley

GOSPEL: 3/9-14/15

MONDAY: *Luke 4:24-30*

TUESDAY: *Matthew 18:21-35*

WEDNESDAY: *Matthew 5:17-19*

THURSDAY: *Luke 11:14-23*

FRIDAY: *Mark 12:28-34*

SATURDAY: *Luke 18:9-14*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Parish: \$7,488.39

Haiti: \$497.00

ST. MICHAEL

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Parish: \$9,940.00

Haiti: \$ 198.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM

SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM

TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM

THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM

FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM

SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the intentions of Raquel Van De Velde

For the repose of the soul of Joe, Ruth, Gayle & Brenda Cotter by Tony & Cathy Cotter

For the intentions of Savina Hollman

For the repose of the soul of Charles Norris Sr. by his family

For the intentions of Margaret Clavin

For the intentions of June Bell

For the intentions of Bea Heatherly

For the intentions of Wayne Heatherly