



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

I have mentioned the Seven Deadly Sins, and in that list “Pride” is the first to be listed. You remember the story of the Fall of Adam and Eve in the first book of the Bible: Genesis. Pride was there in their minds and their will when they were tempted. Their pride led them to the disobedience to God, not trusting God completely. The consequences of the sin of pride are death, suffering, illness, sinful desires/tendencies ... (losing the supernatural graces).

The sin of pride will lead people to ignore God, to reject Him and His love, to think they are gods themselves and, of course, many souls fall into Hell, the Kingdom of Darkness, by themselves. Though God destined for all to be with Him in heaven, He does not “force” any human being to be with Him in heaven forever. He always “respects” the gift that He gives only to human beings: FREE-WILL. We do have free-will to say yes or no to the authority of God and His will.

Those who say that they are atheists know, in the depth of their hearts, there is God; they are just denying or deceive themselves. Is that “pride”? Yes, this is the sin that causes many souls to “live” in Hell for eternity. You do not want to hear it, but you must know it.

How dangerous the sin of pride is! Do the Devils try to tempt us with this sin? Or did they give up? No, they never give up. With this sin their Kingdom of Darkness flourishes, so why would they give it up. Instead, they “develop” a big and clever way to do it, but the basic way is the same: “everything is OK!” “Does God really tell you that?” “There is no black and white.” “There is no Hell.” “God will not punish you for that for He is so merciful.”

Remember that God desires for us to live forever in His Kingdom of Light.

Presentation of the Gifts

Please go to the back of the church as soon as Deacon crosses the altar for the Prayer of the Faithful.
 Thank you.
 If you cannot come, call Charlene 954-263-8157.

Volunteers needed

The next planning meeting for Father’s Jubilee is Tuesday, March 10th in the large classroom downstairs at 5:30 p.m.
 Please help.
 Questions, call Charlene 954-263-8157.

With pride people will not accept that they have sinned against God; with pride people will not repent for what they have done wrong; with pride people will not obey God’s laws and decrees; with pride people voluntarily put themselves in the hand of Satan or carry out Satan’s “happy plan;” with pride people want to overthrow God, control God or to be God. Without the virtue of HUMILITY (everyone knows it), we will fall into this sin; we open the door for the Prince of Darkness.

In today’s Gospel the Samaritan woman at the well with humility recognizes that Jesus is the “living water,” the Savior of the world, the “Christ” who is to come, and she believes. Her belief leads others to believe in Jesus.

Friends, are you practicing the virtue of *humility*? Last Thursday, March 5th, many people from here at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church practiced the virtue of humility when they came to confess their sins and asked God for forgiveness as an individual.

I saw many *humble souls* and *contrite hearts* on that day!

May we celebrate Easter with joy and peace from God. Amen.

Peace, Fr. Tien



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – March 29th
 Mass times 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Holy Thursday – April 2nd
 Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 pm

Good Friday – April 3rd
 Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm
 Hispanic Staciones De La Cruz at 5:30 pm

Easter Vigil – April 4th
 Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 5th
 The Resurrection of the Lord
 Mass at 9:00 am and 11:30 am



OCIA-Adult Education on Monday night March 9th at 7 PM is **The Scrutinies - Man Born Blind - Fourth Sunday in Lent**. Scrutinies-profound Gospel passages. Come share the reading of this Gospel with our RCIA candidates. Video from the **Movie Jesus of Nazareth**. Snacks provided. Deacon David & Education Team



When making a food donation to the Food Pantry, PLEASE verify that there are no items beyond the expiration date. Thank you for your continued support!

The Ladies Guild will meet this meet this Monday, March 9th at 10:00 a.m. All women are invited to attend.



Daylight savings time begins March 8th. Our Saturday Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m. next Saturday, March 14th.

Our Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry this Friday, March 13th from 4:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Steve Keener, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces: Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez and Elizabeth Scoon



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, March 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

4:00 P.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Special Intention by Jim Holloran

Sunday, March 8

Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. Catechumen and Candidates
11:30 A.M. † Rogelio Damian Gonzalez
† Alberto Arellano, † Manuel Cardernas
† Holy Souls, Misericordia Group

Monday, March 9

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

9:00 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 10

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 11

5:30 P.M. † Theophile Tauzin by Glenn Deimel
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 12

9:00 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 13

9:00 A.M. † Ismael Trujillo
† Luis Muniz

Saturday, March 14

5:00 P.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. † Gonzalo Bariga, all Priests, living & deceased
11:30 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory,
† Benito Lopez Aparicio, † Brian Jennings
Alfonso Trujillo, Guillermina Nunez

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