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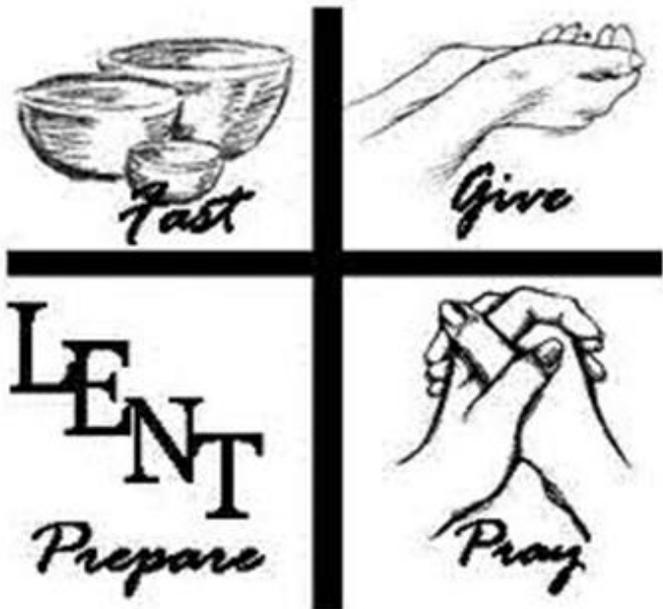
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“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.”

Matthew 7:1-2



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1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 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."

Responsorial 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.



2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 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.

Verse before the Gospel:

**Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

+ 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.'

FOR REFLECTION: *Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.* (Matthew 7:1-2).

My Friends in Christ! Every Sunday of Lent gives us an opportunity to improve our relationship with God and with others – to grow spiritually. Today we are called to meditate on what we say about others. Today Jesus calls us to meditate on our judgments.

In the Gospel some people were telling Jesus the story of some Galileans killed by Pilate. We do not know anything about this event from the history. We do not know what happened there. The people who told this story to Jesus wanted to know how big sinners these Galileans were, because, according to the Jewish tradition, someone's illness or death in young age was a sign of his sinfulness. These people wanted to judge the Galileans because people love to judge the others. What is judgment?

Judgment is one of the major obstacles that prevent us from loving others as God commands us to. It is also an obstacle in our quest to love ourselves as God wants us to. I wish we could say that we never judge anyone, but we can't. We all know that when we judge others we hurt them, we create negativity and, we also feel bad about ourselves.

And today Jesus says to us: “Do not judge.” Now, that is a radical invitation! We live in a hyper-opinionated culture. As a result of all these opinions, we have become hyper-judgmental. All this judgment is unhealthy and unchristian.

How many times a day do we judge other people? How many times a day do we judge ourselves? Let me recommend an immensely practical spiritual exercise: Count. For twenty-four hours, count how many times you judge something or someone.

At every turn Jesus’ teachings provide practical ways to grow spiritually. Just focusing on reducing the amount of judgment in your life is a path to peace, joy, and incredible spiritual growth. You will immediately experience the internal fruit of this path through a new peace that will flood your soul. But you will also quickly discover the external impact reducing judgment has on relationships. Nobody likes being around someone who is constantly judging them. Our relationships cannot survive under the unbearable weight of constant judgment. When we stop pumping the poison of judgment into the greenhouses of our relationships, we all begin to thrive in a new way together.

It is simply not our place to judge. To judge is a divine prerogative. A prerogative is an exclusive right or privilege. To judge is God’s exclusive right. Throughout history humanity has been pretending to be God in a thousand different ways, and this always leads to problems. When we fill our hearts and minds with judgment, this is just one more arrogant and futile attempt to pretend that we are God.

Even Jesus was not spared the arrogance of human judgment. His actions and motives were constantly being questioned: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” (Mark 2:16).

One of our favorite ways to judge other people is by giving them labels. “He’s too conservative.” “She’s a liberal.” “She is friends with those people.” “He lives on that street.” “They belong to that club.” “They are not really your type of people.” “His child is the one who ... “ “He went to that school.” It all seems very innocent, as if we are just conveying facts, but that is how insidious our judging has become.

Did Jesus misspeak? I don’t think so. He spoke with abundant clarity in a way that challenged people to their core two thousand years ago, and in a way that continues to challenge people to their core two thousand years later. This Jesus’ teaching on Judging could change your life. This one teaching could change the world. Somewhere deep most of us know that he is calling us to live differently. Not for his sake, but for ours. Not to make him happy, but so that we can share in the happiness that is our destiny.

The teachings of Jesus Christ are radical. For two thousand years men and women of all ages, from all walks of life-rich and poor, young and old, educated and uneducated-have been allowing these teachings to transform them. Now the question is, will you?

POINT TO PONDER: Whenever you are tempted to judge someone, turn your attention to seeing that person as a child of God.

PRAYER: Jesus, make me aware just before I am about to fall into judging someone, and give me the grace to stop myself

Parish News

- Today's Mass Intention:** For Camilla and Stanley Czupryna, and Antoni Malisz. Req. by Family.
- Coffee Hour : Hour:** Czupryna and McDonald Families.
- Next Sunday Mass intention:** For Mark Calo. Req. by Kathy and Family.
- Coffee Hour:** Kathy and Family.
- Monthly Parish Committee Meeting** will be held Tuesday, March 8th, at 6pm.
- Every Friday of Lent we trace the Stations of the Cross at 6pm.** This is an excellent way to enter into a deeper understanding of the mystery of our salvation. It is also a wonderful possibility for children to better understand what Jesus did for all of us and to deepen their personal faith. Please try to attend weekly or at least make an effort to join us a few times during Lent.
- Ecumenical Lenten Services.** The third Ecumenical Lenten Service will be held on March 3rd (Thursday) at St. James Baptist Church, 340 South Main St., Woonsocket, at 7:00 pm. Please join us for common prayer!
- Ecumenical Lenten Service in our parish** will be held on Thursday, March 10th. All parishioners are invited and asked to bake. It will be a good opportunity to all of us to talk about our faith and our parish to others. Please find time and join us for common prayer.
- The Newest issue of The Messenger-Our Diocesan Newsletter** is available on the table in the back of the Church. Take it home!
- Ladies Sodality dues for 2016 is \$5. Please see Sally. Thank you.**
- The Ladies are collecting items for an 'Easter Goodie Basket'** for the Providence Street Firemen. Please leave your donation in the basket in the vestibule. Thank you!
- Annual Passion Sunday breakfast** will be held on Sunday, March 13th, following ma
- Meal in the Upper Room Service.** The Faithful of the Northeast Seniorate are invited to join the Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA, for a Meal in the Upper Room Service on Passion Sunday - March 13, beginning at 4:30 in the afternoon. This is a special meal during which we commemorate the Last Supper that our Lord shared with his apostles on the night before his crucifixion. Registration no later than Wednesday – March 9. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this Meal/Service please ask Fr. Henryk.
- Pray for comfort, and healing for our sick Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:** Robert Jones, Barbara Rutka, Mitch Sherman, Mary Bibeault, Roy Watson, Fred Baker, Beatrice Bielat, Julia Hutnak, Phyllis Zielonka, Mary Stefanick, Evelyn Tenczar, Edna Nawrocki, Katherine Kirk, George Giguere, Fr. Jan Wilczek.

In Loving Memory of Our Grandparents and Uncle
LAWRENCE&JOSIE KUREK & L. MICHAEL KUREK
Chris, Nicole, Jeff, Charlotte, Tom, Kerri,
Elizabeth, Christopher, Matthew. Eric, Jacob & Michael- Great Grandchildren

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Forever love, Wife, Beatrice Bielat
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KATHERINE & JOHN SOJKA &
EDWARD & OLGA ABRAMEK
William & Alison Abramek & Family

Sunday Prayer



Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.

He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross.

Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.



Next Sunday Readings: Joshua 5:9, 10-12,
2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-21

Our Saviour's Parish Schedule:
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING - Sunday-9:00 AM
HOLY MASS - Every Sunday-10:00 AM
COFFEE HOUR – Sunday-11:00 AM
SICK CALLS – Anytime-day or night
BAPTISMS -By Appointment
NEW PARISHIONERS- Call Rectory