

### **THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE**

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the parable of the fig tree. God wants us to grow and bear fruit. What areas in your life need fertilizing so that you can grow in justice and charity? What needs pruning so that you can live fully in the Lord?

### **THIRD WEEK OF THE SEASON OF LENT / C**

*My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.*  
*Ps 24: 15-16*

Sat. Mar. 23	6:00 PM	+JANIE KROLCZYK by Hunter Krolczyk
Sun. Mar. 24	9:00 AM	+DOROTHY WHIDDON by Alvin & Virginia Malinowski
Wed. Mar. 27	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Thur. Mar. 28	8:00 AM	+JAMES VITEK by Dorothy Budnick
Fri. Mar. 29	8:00 AM	+MARGARET FATERKOWSKI by John/Patsy Chovanec
Fri. Mar. 29	4:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION

### **FOURTH WEEK OF THE SEASON OF LENT / C**

*Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.*  
*Is 66: 10-11*

Sat. Mar. 30	6:00 PM	+FLOYD KUBECZKA by Shirley/Tim Bosse
Sun. Mar. 31	9:00 AM	+ANTONE & JANE MACHACEK by Family
Wed. Apr. 3	6:00 PM	HANNAH JAMES by Brennan/Diane Peterson
Thur. Apr. 4	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Fri. Apr. 5	8:00 AM	+FLOYD KUBECZKA by Alvin/Virginia Malinowski
Fri. Apr. 5	4:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION

## **ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS**

**MARCH 23 & 24, 2019**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / C**



#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday :	6:00 PM
Sunday:	9:00 AM
Wednesday:	6:00 PM
Thursday & Friday:	8:00 AM

**Pastor: Fr. Jozef Musiol, SDS, JCD**

#### **Parish Secretary:**

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#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Sat. 5-5:45 PM/ Sun. 8- 8: 45 AM and  
30 minutes before weekday Masses

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Call at least 6 months before the planned wedding.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact Parish Office at least 2 weeks in advance.

#### **Parish Boards and Councils / Chairpersons:**

Parish Council: Mark Bilski  
Financial Committee: Bill Anger  
Cemetery Board: Kenneth Kettler  
Building & Maintenance: Lloyd Stelter  
Altar Society: Gertrude Nowak  
Knights of Columbus: Michael Black  
Hall Committee: Janie Mikolajchak



**WE THANK** everyone who last week shared a portion of their blessings to God through your church. Regular Collection: \$1,994.25; Initial Offering: \$5.00; Easter Flowers: \$461.00; Cemetery Donations: \$125.00; CCE Donations: \$10.00. Thank You all so much. God Bless You.

**Each Friday of Lent:** Stations of the Cross and adoration every Friday @ 4 PM.

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families.

*Verna Demny, Willie Lewandowski, Helen Bednarek, Brenda Malinowski, Carolyn Kopycinski, Albin Moskowicz, Patricia Baranowski, Daniel Macejewski, Elizabeth Falk, Shelby Bielski, Jimmy Hines, Sylvia Hines.*

*May Little Therese of the Child Jesus be your example of faith and confidence that God’s loving touch will heal you and give you new life.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*May God continue to bless you and all your dear ones. Best Wishes and Congratulations to:*

Denese/Gary Laskowski, Mar. 1—16th

Holly/Neal Hahn, Mar. 7—21st

Sally/Mark Jozwiak, Mar. 11—14th

Mary/Donald Malinowski, Mar. 14—21st

JoAnn/David Horton, Mar. 20—43rd

**MONEY COUNTERS:**

**Monday, March 25:** Dorothy Bielski, JoAnn Horton, Mark Jozwiak, Alvin Malinowski.

**Monday, April 1:** Barbara Malinowski, Doug Elder, Lillian Sechelski, Joanie Correll.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tues., April 9:** Altar Society bi-monthly Rosary & meeting @6:30 PM in Rectory Meeting Room.

**Tues., April 9** (NOTE DATE):50-Plus meeting in Parish Hall, 10 AM to 2 PM. Share lunch: Sandwiches, Chips/Dips, Desserts.

**Thur., April 11:** 7 PM — Penance Service, Chappell Hill.

**Sat.-Sun., Apr. 13 & 14:** Palm Sunday and begin Holy Week.

**Mon., April 15:** KJT Meeting in Parish Hall @ 6:30 PM.

**Thurs., April 18:** Holy Thursday, Mass of Lord’s Supper. 7:00 PM.

**Fri., April 19:** Service of the Lord’s Passion, 3:00 PM.

**Sat., April 20:** 8:30 PM: Vigil of Easter Mass.

**Second Collection Next Weekend:**

The (*Jesus in Disguise*) Catholic Relief Services Collection supports several national Catholic organizations and is an advocate for policies and programs that promote global justice and peace. Please be Generous.

**Visiting Missionary:** On April 6 & 7, Sister Nirmala Panditi of Kadapa Diocese of South India, will be at our Masses to speak regarding their ministries among the poorest of poor in India. Your generous donation will help towards the education of the orphans, young nuns and women, especially in the remote villages. Please be generous.

**FRUIT FOR THOUGHT ON TODAY’S GOSPEL**

Symbolically, the fig tree was a favorite of the Jews. Genesis, the first book of the Bible, tells that it was the leaf of the fig tree that covered the nakedness of Adam and Eve after they committed original sin. The Book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, compares the falling of stars from the sky at the end of the world with the falling of the figs from this tree.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Fig Tree (Luke 13: 6-9). In the story, we see the vineyard owner (God) expressing his disappointment at the fruitless tree. He has rightly looked for fruit for three years from the tree, and he justly decides to destroy it when he finds none. But the compassionate gardener (Jesus) pleads for a little more time to water and fertilize the fruitless tree. The vineyard owner (God) finally responds in patience and grants another year of life to the tree.

The lesson here is that borrowed time is not permanent. God’s patience has a limit. In the same way, God in his mercy grants us another day, another hour, another breath. Christ stands at the door of each man’s heart knocking and seeking to gain entrance and requiring repentance from sin. But if there is no fruit, no repentance, His patience will come to an end, and the fruitless, unrepentant individual will be cut down. We all live on borrowed time; judgment is near. That is why the prophet Isaiah wrote, “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon” (Isiah 55: 6-7).