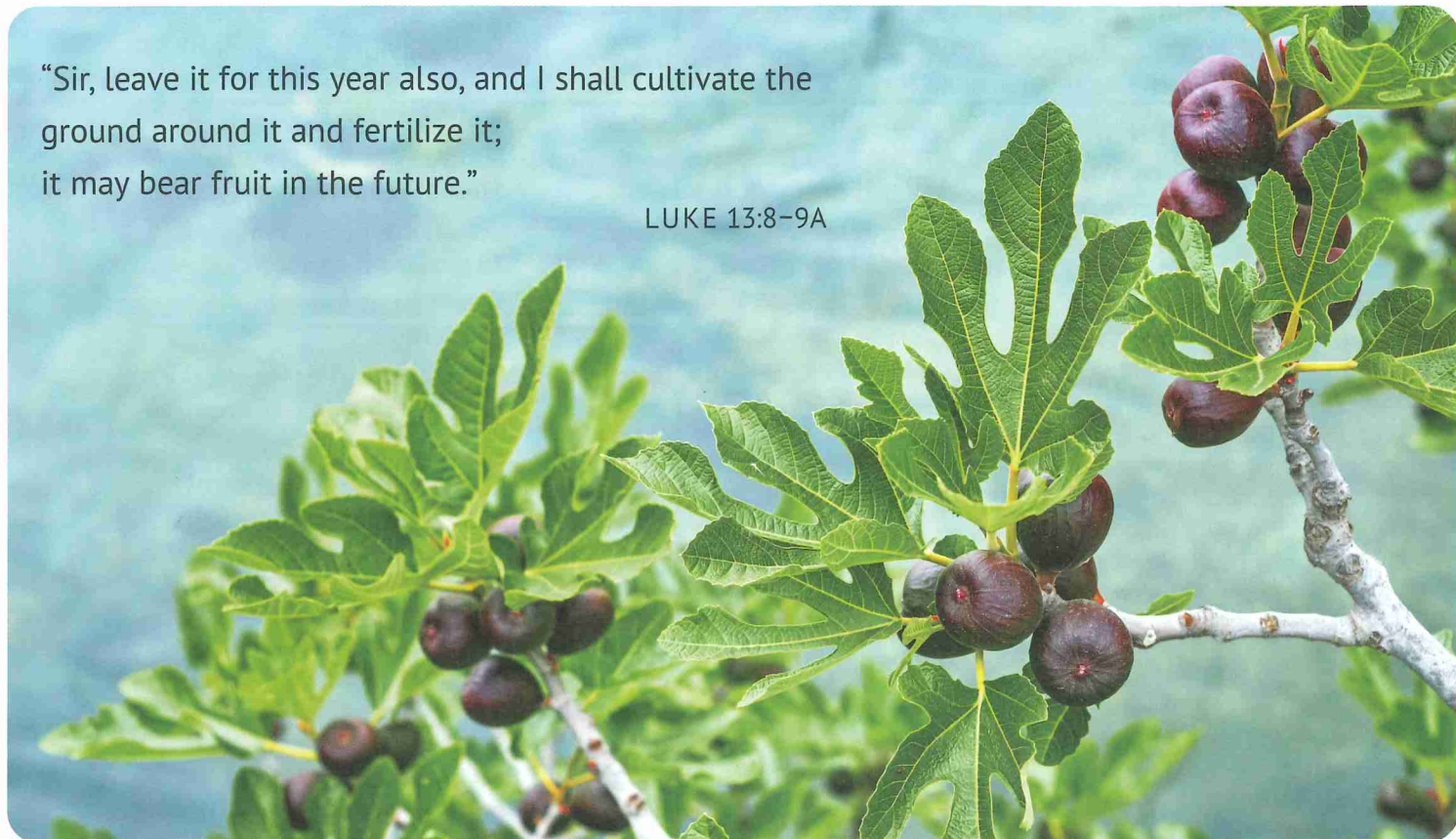




“Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.”

LUKE 13:8–9A



A Gardener God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Charles Baudelaire was a French poet and essayist in the mid-1800s. He once observed that life is like a hospital in which each patient is possessed by the desire to change beds. In other words, he thought everyone seemed to think life would be so much better if only they had a different set of circumstances, a different job, a different marriage, a different place in life. Like trees, however, not everyone grows and matures at the same pace. There are forty-year-olds who still act and think like teenagers, and there are ten-year-olds who have an attitude toward life like that of an elder. Over time, we all grow into the lives we're given.

In this week's Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, some think God is like the owner who planted the tree, as

if God is impatient with us to begin bearing fruit and quick to uproot us if we fail. A case could be made, however, for God to be the gardener who patiently fertilizes and nurtures. In the beginning, it was God who had a garden called Eden, filled with all kinds of trees and plants among which God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. After the resurrection, it was Mary Magdalene who went looking for the body of Jesus and mistook him for the gardener. It is God who hovers over us, watering and nudging and nurturing, waiting until in God's good time, we begin to bear fruit. ●

Reflect

***What needs nurturing in my life,
and what needs weeding out?***

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Dec. 2022

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Sacraments

Reconciliation Saturday & Sunday 30 min before Mass (Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Joseph)
Marriage Six-month notice required
18 months if annulments needed
Anointing Please let us know of any hospital admissions
Baptism For Baptismal dates call the office; one Baptismal Class required

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat.	Mar 22	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Gerald Kramer		
Sat.	Mar 22	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
†	Mildred, Geraldine, and Marcelene Weishaar		
Sun.	Mar 23	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	Mar 23	10:00 am	St. Mary's
†	Liv. and Dec. members of Feuerborn family		
Mon.	Mar 24	No Mass	
Tue.	Mar 25	8:00 am	St. Mary's
	For the Sick		
Wed.	Mar 26	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Les Domann		
Thu.	Mar 27	8:00 am	St. Mary's
†	Mary Ann Dougherty		
Fri.	Mar 28	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	In Reparation of satanic event in Topeka		
Sat.	Mar 29	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
†	Carol McCreary		
Sat.	Mar 29	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	Mar 30	8:00 am	St. Joseph
†	Patrick and Carol McCreary		
Sun.	Mar 30	10:00 am	St. Mary's
†	Ralph Schmedemann		

A Call to Prayer: A satanic worship event is scheduled to take place outside the Kansas State Capitol building on Friday, March 28. Here are ways to respond:

• **Pray:** Recite the Individual Consecration Prayer (see below). Pray for the repentance and conversion of those participating in the satanic worship event. There is a Rosary Rally of protest and reparation, Friday, March 28 at 10:15am at the Kansas State Capitol Building

• **Worship:** March 25th, at 5:30 PM, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Mass for Expectant Parents.

Archbishop Naumann will reconsecrate Kansas to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Eucharistic Holy Hours beginning at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 28th, followed by Holy Mass at noon will be offered at Assumption and Sacred Heart-St. Joseph Catholic Churches in Topeka.

• **Take Action:** Contact Governor Kelly and your state legislators to express concern and ask that this event be disallowed.

• **Serve Others:** Spread Christ's love through acts of charity on March 28

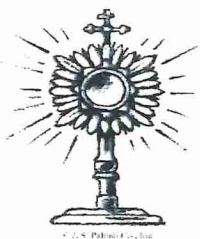
Individual Prayer of Consecration

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and Help of Christians, I consecrate our state and its capitol, and myself, as your beloved child, to Jesus through you, and seek your protection from the assaults of the enemy of God. Protect me, by your intercession, from the power of darkness and evil which are the only fruits that can come forth from acts of sacrilege and blasphemy. I pledge to offer you my penances and sacrifices of this present time, to be placed by you at the foot of the Cross, where you stood in unrequited sorrow yet complete trust, and where Jesus placed all of humanity into your maternal care. I am yours, O Immaculate Heart of Mary! Therefore, receive me, and all who are dear to me, and all who are in need of the mercy of God, in this my act of consecration, as I invoke your most powerful assistance:
Hail Mary, full of grace...

Eucharistic Adoration and

Confessions

St. Joseph
Wednesdays, 6-7pm
Corpus Christi
3rd Saturday of month, 4-4:45pm
St. Mary's
3rd Sunday of month, 11am- 12pm



Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday

Stations of the Cross: Fridays, 5:00pm

March 28- St. Joseph, April 4- St. Mary's, April 11- St. Joseph

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kyle Perkis	Jeremy Heinen
Bob Heinen	Virginia Grollmes
Emma Dockweiler	Rosella Hollis
Janet Schmidt	Chris Heinen
Tim Hosler	Heidi Rutar
Phil Heuertz	Dolores Miller
Roxie Herring	Dorothy Herring

Also pray for those serving in the Military, those with health issues and those who have no one to pray for them.

March Appointments

Ushers: Kevin Glassel, James Miller, Ted Miller

Lay Ministers: Baretta Schmeisner, Debbie Noll, Marley Hamon

March 30

Lector: Chad Mooradian

Musicians: Patty Bendure, RaeAnn Allen

Servers: Mason Belveal, Tommy Welsh

Gifts: Mike Wagner Family

Finances: Larry Martin, Chad Mooradian

Sacristan: Karin Hosler

Contributions

March 16, 2025

Projects and Maintenance.....	1500.00
Plate.....	189.00
Support.....	1020.00
Total	\$2709.00

St Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Mission Statement

- Study our **FAITH**
- Practice our **FAITH**
- Support our parish and community in **FAITH**
- Evangelize our **FAITH**

Bulletin additions or corrections: Contact Crystal Clark 785-806-0262 (text or call)
email calebcrysal@hotmail.com

Knights of Columbus Family of the Month

February- Thomas Welsh Family

March- Jarett Wildeman

PARISH ROSTER UPDATE: Thanks to all who updated their information on Sunday, March 2nd. For all who did not fill in a form at Church or received a form in the mail, you can get a form from the bulletin board and submit it. Drop your forms in the collection basket.

Birthright thank you letter:

Dear St. Mary's parishioners and the Knights of Columbus:

Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$1,533 from your pro-life collection and breakfast! We are so grateful for your support! This is amazing and will be used carefully with love.

As many know, Birthright is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing love and support for over 53 years to women facing unplanned pregnancies. So, thank you again for being one of those who has chosen to walk this walk with us. You are such a blessing to the born and the unborn! We appreciate you so very much!

Sincerely, Connie Everett, Secretary-Treasurer

HANDICAPPED ACCESS to our Church and Parish hall will be discussed after Mass on Sunday, March 23rd. A representative visited our Church and suggested access points for an elevator. It will enter from the parking lot and go up to the Church floor or down to the hall. Please come to see available options and discuss if our Parish wants to proceed with this project. Your input and ideas are appreciated!

OFFICIAL CENSUS CARDS are on the bulletin boards if you are new to the parish.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS at 6 PM followed by devotions at 7 PM:

Sunday, March 23rd @ Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 30th @ Catholic Church

Sunday, April 6th @ Methodist Church

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST at 6:30AM

Wednesday, March 26th @ Methodist Church

Wednesday, April 2nd @ Catholic Church

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

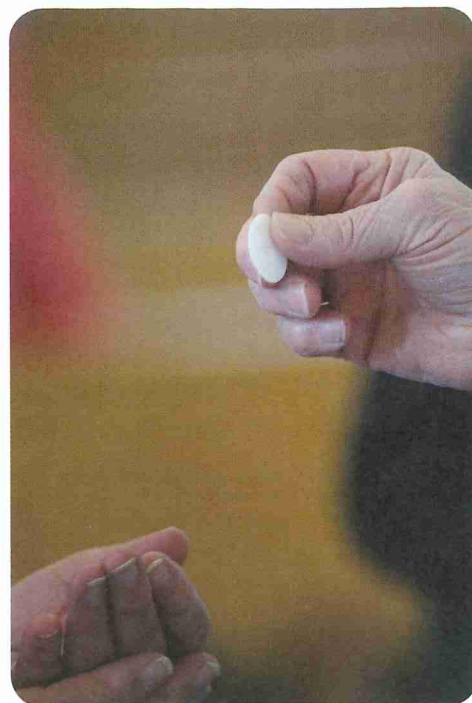
04/20-Easter Sunday and First Communion

Dear Padre,

May I receive Communion if I'm divorced and haven't gotten an annulment?

Yes, you may. Divorce, in itself, is not an impediment to the reception of Communion. Divorce, although regrettable because of the many ramifications that may be part of the experience, is not in itself a sin. There are situations when divorce may be the most loving choice and make it possible for all parties involved to live the lives God is calling them to live.

Remarriage, when a person is not free to marry because of the presence of a previous bond, is an impediment to the reception of holy Communion. Although this situation is more and more common, it does not mean that the law of the Church, representative of the teaching of Jesus, can be set aside. As part of the process of healing from your divorce and moving on with your life, you may want to seek an annulment, particularly if you think you might want to marry again. The annulment process can often be healing and a source of great blessing. It also provides a rare opportunity to reflect on what was lost as a result of the original divorce and what can be learned as a way of moving forward and building a second marriage that is strong and life-giving.



STEVE LOVEGROVE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>The</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
2 Kgs 5:1-15b	<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Jer 7:23-28	Hos 14:2-10	Hos 6:1-6	Jos 5:9a, 10-12
Lk 4:24-30	Is 7:10-14; 8:10	Mt 5:17-19	Lk 11:14-23	Mk 12:28-34	Lk 18:9-14	2 Cor 5:17-21
	Heb 10:4-10					Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
	Lk 1:26-38					



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

I like to think that a nice name for God could be “the God of another possibility”.... [God] does not look at the achievements you have not yet reached, but the fruits you can still bear. He does not keep track of your shortcomings but encourages your potential. He does not dwell on your past, but confidently bets on your future.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 20, 2022