

# MARCH 14TH, 2021

## St. Thomas More Parish with St. Bernadette Mission



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### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick, especially:

Erica Perk/Shirley Kloefer/Josef and Hermie Jandristis,

And those who have died, especially  
Bernadette Durand

### MASS SCHEDULE: MARCH 17TH - 21ST

WEDNESDAY : 5PM, THURSDAY 9AM (CHAPEL)

#### ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

FRIDAY: 5PM—STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
FOLLOWED BY MASS

SATURDAY 4:00PM

SUNDAY 9:00AM.

#### ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON

SUNDAY 11:00AM

(MAX ATTENDANCE IN THE CHURCH - 37)

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## FR. ANTONIO BAROL'S MESSAGE - THE 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sisters/brothers, parishioners of St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette,

Let me greet you with the words of St. Paul from his letter to the Ephesians; "God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, for it is by grace you have been saved." May the word of God enlighten us from the darkness of life and may his love and mercy be our guiding light to continue our journey in this difficult time.

We need the guiding hand of God to navigate through this dark period of the pandemic in order not to lose hope and fall into the trap of despair. In the history of the world let us remember the times in the past like this; people survived because they did not lose hope but held on to the promise of our loving and merciful God. Last week we meditated on our journey to holiness, that it is the call for each one of us as Jesus said, "be holy as my Father in heaven is holy." During this holy season of Lent, the call is intensified by our Lenten acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In order to fulfill this we just have to find time to pray and know how to distance ourselves from the things that give us pleasure and blind our heart and mind to do the will of God. We just have to be more generous of our God given gifts so others may experience the love and mercy of God through our generosity. We have two more Sundays in order to do these Lenten actions so that we will be ready to renew our covenant with God during the Easter vigil.

This weekend, God has shown his love and mercy through His redeeming act towards the exiled people of Israel who were made captives and taken out from their land when they continued to rebel against God, by despising the call of the prophets and other messengers of God. From the second Book of the Chronicles, "All the leading priests and the people were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations, and they polluted the house of the Lord that he had consecrated in Jerusalem." Let us remember last week's anger of Jesus when he drove the animals and overturned the tables of the money changers, saying "Stop making my Father's house into a market place." It was not new then but had happened in the past, and since they did not listen to the warnings of the prophets, they were made captives by the Chaldeans and brought into exile in Babylon. As usual they would come to their senses of what they had done and so they started to repent and call on the Lord again. Among them were faithful people who continuously believed in God the so called, the remnant of Israel. We know that God is merciful and just, slow to anger abounding in love and mercy.

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Therefore can be angry, a justified anger for the good of the people and so he allowed the people to undergo suffering in the hands of their captors becoming their captor's slaves. They continued to pray that God would once again restore them back to their land.

To fulfill prophet Jeremiah's prophecy of their restoration, God raised up King Cyrus of Persia to liberate them. As I mentioned, in God's plan we just have to cooperate and to make it happen we have a part to play otherwise God's plan will not materialize. In this time of the pandemic when some are desperately looking for a solution, on our part as children of a loving and merciful God, we have to continue doing our part, by following the health protocols, listening to the medical experts as opposed to those who criticise the actions and the ways of our leaders who are trying their best to handle and control this virus. We learn that most of those who are spreading this virus are those who do not care to listen and just do the things they want to do without considering the safety of others. As people of faith that God has a better plan, we continue our part also of praying that God will not delay to hear and answer our pleas to an end of this pandemic. Although there are things we cannot do, try to consider the many things that we still can do and even do better, such as time for prayer to nourish our dropping spirit, read and meditate the word of scripture to enlighten us during this dark period of our life, and though we cannot be present physically with our loved ones, they can be near to us virtually and even talk to them face to face through our modern communication.

Just think of the times in the past when they did not have the technology that we have now, and yet they came out of the situation because they trusted in a loving and merciful God, like the Israelites when they were in exile and they could hardly sing the songs of praise to God, because they felt they were in a foreign land. We are not in a foreign land like them, but we do experience strange situations that need to be overcome with faith in our hearts. So let us walk with faith in our hearts, knowing that we have a merciful and loving God who loves us, no matter what we have done. As the first Sunday of Lent suggested, we just have to repent and believe in the good news, the second Sunday suggested we have to listen to God's voice, and last Sunday we were challenged to be holy by following the commandments of God. This Sunday, we are called to believe, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

The focus is that we believe in God's love, for his love endures forever and his love is shown in all he did to the chosen people, keeping them in his love and mercy, saving them from slavery in Egypt and from the Chaldeans. God sent Moses to liberate them in Egypt, sent King Cyrus of Persia to liberate them from Babylon, and sent his Son Jesus to save us from all our iniquities and sinfulness and restored us to being a chosen race and a holy nation. Indeed God's love and mercy surpasses all our transgressions, instead of punishing us his children, he sent his son not to condemn but to redeem us. St. Paul can testify to this great mercy of God, that even if he was a persecutor to the followers of Christ, he deserved punishment, but instead he was forgiven and called to a mission to become a preacher to bring people to the Lord especially the Gentiles, whom God also called to become his children through baptism. St. Paul said, "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."

In the remaining days of Lent, let us pray that God will shower us his abundant blessings of faith, hope and love, that we may journey with faith in our hearts that God in his love and mercy will set us free from this trial of the pandemic and just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, we too might be able to lift our minds and hearts to God in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We have two more Fridays to come to be able to journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary by participating in the Stations of the Cross devotion and be able to spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Try to spend some time in listening to the many Lenten talks by spiritual speakers about how to make our Lent a real preparation to participate the Paschal Mystery of Jesus.

Quote of the week: "Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit and raises a person to heaven."  
(St. Ephrem)

N.B. Let us celebrate the feast of St. Joseph on this coming Friday, March 19th, through attending the Friday afternoon adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition at 2:00 PM, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM, Rosary at 4:00 PM with Benediction at 4:45 PM. Stations of the Cross at 5:00 PM and followed by mass. Let us take this opportunity as we come closer to the Holy Week.

May God bless and protect you always.....Fr. tony



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