



• *ST. PIUS X*  
(*OLON SPRINGS*)

• *ST. ANTHONY*  
(*GORDON*)

• *ST. MARY*  
(*MINONG*)

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. — Jn 2:13b-15a

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#### New Parishioners

Call the office (378-4431) to register full or part-time.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Due to the Covid-19 virus the Sacrament of Reconciliation (only through a screen- 6 feet away) by appointment and parishioners must call Fr. Kinney directly to arrange for a time that is convenient.

#### Visitation of the Sick

Mass Intentions Week of 03/02/21—  
03/07/21

Magdalen Blaszcak  
Thatcher and Phoebe DenHartog

#### Mass Schedule

In-person masses are cancelled. Live-streamed masses are held Tue-Fri at 9:30 am, Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 10:30 am. These masses can be viewed on Facebook or the tri-parish website. See links at the bottom of this page.

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

The second collection this weekend is for Building Fund

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**March 7, 2021**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**by Mary M. McGlone**

Some people might think that the purification of the temple sounds like an oxymoron, sort of like the task of wetting water. The temple should be the place of purification, not a place needing to be cleansed. Unfortunately, that attitude is at best naive and in worse scenarios it reflects the culture of "excessive deference and assumption of moral superiority" called clericalism.

Pope Francis has given considerable attention to the problem of clericalism, warning young priests and seminarians about the danger of becoming "little monsters" unless they form their hearts as humble servants. Ominously, similar dangers lurk for most of God's people. We are all susceptible to the prejudicial "isms" that divide our society by rank, race, class, education, gender, age, etc. While the "isms" cause significant suffering for their victims, they also dehumanize their practitioners. Ironically, the clericalism of non-clerics can also include the insidious expectation that while "religious" people are expected to meet the high demands of the Gospel, ordinary people can be excused for capitulating to the demands of a dog-eat-dog, consumerist world. Such religious compartmentalization provoked Jesus' disgust with the temple of his day.

Picturing the purification of the temple, we tend to concentrate on the whip, the animals and the frightened, fleeing money changers. But Jesus delivered his real message with that fatally misinterpreted line, "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up again in three days."

People saw the temple as the locus of God's presence among them. By creating mayhem with his whip, Jesus declared that the temple had been degraded into everything except a dwelling place for God. Over the centuries, Jesus' prophetic action has been replayed by beggars like Francis of Assisi, monks like Martin Luther, bishops like Francis of Rome, civil rights protesters and feminists. But driving corruption from the temple was just the surface of Jesus' message that day.

The heart of the scandal Jesus caused that day was not in driving away the money changers but his proclamation that he, a human being, was the new temple. This implied that an encounter with genuine humanity offers an experience of the real presence of God. Of course, the Genesis creation stories prepared the way for that: One teaches that male and female were created in the divine image, the other describes how humanity came to life by the infusion of the very Spirit-breath of God. But it has always been easier to imagine God safely confined in a church and speaking only through authority than to believe that God's life courses through creation and speaks in the voice of unruly prophets and our needy neighbors. We join ranks with those who rejected Jesus' message to the extent that we allow a focus on Christ's presence in our temples and tabernacles to dwarf our awareness of his real and much more disturbing presence outside the church walls. The host in the tabernacle is silent, but the prophetic poor tend to clamor for justice, dignity and even love.

In today's first reading, we hear a compilation of the Ten Commandments. Many people are unaware that Catholics and Protestants divide the commandments differently. Whereas Catholics count three commandments about reverence for God and seven that refer to our treatment of others, many Protestant denominations see the commands "you shall not have other gods" and "you shall not carve idols" as separate. Thus, "you shall not take the name of the LORD in vain" becomes the Third Commandment and "remember to keep holy the Sabbath day," the Fourth Commandment. After combining the first two, Catholics separate coveting the neighbor's goods and spouse as the Ninth and Tenth Commandments; Protestants count them as a single command. In the bad old days of Reformation fighting, this division allowed the Protestants to demonize Catholics for the idolatry of worshipping statues and may have helped Catholics put extra focus on sexual morality. Both interpretations offer ample opportunities for condemning others.

Jesus denounced a temple that concentrated power in service of the privileged, took advantage of some, and condemned and excluded others. He claimed that his mission was to fulfill the law — to demonstrate its deepest meaning as a guide to loving like God loves. In that, he revealed how God's foolishness and weakness is wiser and stronger than human ways.

Today's readings call us to examine how we measure sacred and profane. Do we reverence each person as much as we do our holy places? Do we allow our critiques of church leadership to let us off the hook for living the radicality of the Gospel? Do we care more for the decor of our spaces and the style of our liturgy than for God's dwelling place in and among the poor? How are we doing at making temples of our lives?

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.]

02/21/21	Solon	Gordon	Minong
Envelopes	610.00	1070.00	380.00
Fuel	20.00		
Building Fund	30.00		10.00
Haiti	10.00		20.00
Catholic Herald	18.00	18.00	18.00
Holy Days	15.00		30.00
Easter Flowers		10.00	10.00
Special Collections	55.00	20.00	30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$758.00</b>	<b>\$1118.00</b>	<b>\$498.00</b>
<b>CSA Goals</b>	<b>\$10,531</b>	<b>\$6,789</b>	<b>\$13,639</b>
<b>CSA Results</b>			
<b>% of Goal</b>			
<b>Electronic Dona- tions (Monthly)</b>	<b>920.00</b>	<b>335.00</b>	<b>1204.14</b>

### Mass Schedule—Live Streamed

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/StPius.StMary.StAnthony>  
 Tuesday—Friday: 9:30 am  
 Saturday: 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: 10:30 am  
**Website:** <https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com/parishioners-page>

### Calvary Lutheran Lenten Soup Suppers

Calvary Lutheran Church in Minong will offer a drive-up Soup Service on Wednesdays during Lent beginning this Wednesday, February 24th. Between 4pm-6pm (or until the food runs out), drive up to the walk nearest Calvary's front door. A volunteer will present you with a meal of soup and bread, and a devotional reading to enjoy at your home. If you wish to volunteer or if you require delivery of your meal, please call Martha Larson, 218-340-1446. Thank you to our friends at the Catholic Tri-Parish who are also offering their gifts of food and time. We offer this as a community service. There is no need to pay or donate for these meals.

### Tri-Parishes Opening For Palm Sunday

St. Pius and St. Mary's Churches will be open on Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter and onward. Your attendance is encouraged with NO COVID-19 vaccination requirements to participate. This is a correction from some previous notation on our Tri-Parish website and Facebook. We urge all parishioners who are eligible for the vaccination to seek the vaccine as it will aid in your health. Father Kinney will be sending a land letter to all of you with the parameters for opening the Tri-Parish churches. Wearing a mask, safe distancing, handwashing techniques will be applied for all the services, which will be very similar to the process as last Fall when indoor Masses were held. More information will be forthcoming.

**Pray For** our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Dawn DenHartog	Joseph Treb
LaVerne Treb	John Poole
Virginia Bartelt	

### Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14  
 Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
 Read the daily readings online at:  
<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

### Kids Corner

#### Hey Kids!

Have you ever heard of Johnny Appleseed? Well, Thursday, March 11th is called *Johnny Appleseed Day*. He was a man named John Chapman who loved nature and animals. (He was probably the first environmentalist!) He did a lot of traveling, and everywhere he went, he planted some apple seeds. Soon lots of apple trees grew up and had lots of nice juicy apples on them for people to eat—and Mr. Chapman became known as Johnny Appleseed! Did you ever plant any seeds and watch them grow? It's fun, you should try it! If you want an apple tree you could grow one from a seed in the next apple you eat but it will be many years before you get apples to eat and you won't know what kind of apples they will be. Maybe it would be best to just buy an apple tree and then plant that tree in your yard. But did you know you can plant seeds of God's love by being kind and thoughtful to other people?

Do you suppose you would be named:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (your first name) \_\_\_\_\_ Godseed?