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Catholic Culture Update #26

Quote to carry through the week

“Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.” Ps. 91:15b

March 6 is the First Sunday of Lent. “Practice of Charity - In today’s Gospel, Jesus provides a model of steadfastly turning away from temptation. We can feel driven to pursue careers, achievements, and material things that steer our aim from God. Luke’s Gospel shows the devil tempting and harassing Jesus in a number of ways. Jesus’ response is simple and focused on God. It is easy to fall for temptations when feeling depressed, hungry, tired, or sick. Even though Jesus was famished, thirsty, weak, and lonely, he focused on his Father. We can do the same.

- ✚ As you contemplate Jesus’ time in the parched desert and his intense discomfort, think about ways you can conserve water and avoid wasting food at home.
- ✚ With family or friends, make a plan this Lent to use less water and food in solidarity with those who struggle to find clean drinking water and nourishment on a daily basis.
- ✚ Consider when you have been tempted to do something for power or glory. Pray about that tendency in your life.” AT HOME with the WORD 2022, Liturgy Training Publications, page 49

Scripture Insights > “This week we enter into the season of Lent with calls from the author of Deuteronomy, the psalmist, and Paul in his letter to the Romans to rise to the challenge of our faith and heritage. These readings remind us who we are and whence we came. We are the people of God and we are called always to live as such, even when the evidence from our current social, political, and economic situations would suggest otherwise. God, we are reminded, knows his people, remembers his people, and has a plan for our salvation. Most important, all of this may well be beyond our ken. And that should rather comfort us, not dissuade or create anxiety in us. Paul teaches that the Word is very near us: in our mouths and in our hearts. We, however, must be still and listen so that we can act accordingly. This is the primary purpose of the season of Lent: to call us to be still and listen. We might be quick to discern what to give us for several weeks, but can we promise to be still and listen? This may be our biggest challenge in the twenty-first century and, therefore, our fundamental challenge during Lent. Luke’s Gospel narrates his understanding of Jesus’ temptation prior to his public ministry. Jesus refuses the easy route; rather, he lets go and trusts in God. Notice that

he falls back on his traditional grounding in response. This doesn't mean he is unthinking. He reflects, he discerns, and he asks what would God have him do.

- ✚ Moses asks his people to reflect on their history and how God has formed them. How has God formed you?
- ✚ Paul teaches, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." How might this rally you to be open to God in your life?
- ✚ In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is led by the Spirit but tempted by the devil. How might temptation solidify a person's character and/or vocation?" AT HOME with the WORD 2022, Liturgy Training Publications, page 49

March 7 is the memorial of **Sts. Perpetua and Felicity**. "Saints Perpetua and Felicity are Christian martyrs who died on March 7th, 203. Perpetua was a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa and Felicity her slave. The account of their imprisonment is thought to have been written by Perpetua herself, one of the first writings by a woman in Church history. The sufferings of the two women were compounded by the fact that Perpetua was a new mother, separated from her unweaned baby, and Felicity was in the last month of pregnancy, anxious about her unborn child. Two deacons bribed the guard and were able to get into the jail, bringing Perpetua's baby with them, and she was able to keep him with her and nurse him. In spite of attempts by her father to persuade her to deny her Christian faith, Perpetua kept her resolve. For refusing to sacrifice to the gods, Perpetua, Felicity, and four companions were condemned to be thrown to the beasts in the games. Because of a law forbidding the execution of pregnant women, Felicity feared that she would be separated from the others, but she gave birth two days before their day of execution. Eventually, a basilica was built in Carthage over the site of their grave; an ancient inscription with their names can still be seen. Saints Felicity and Perpetua are patron saints of mothers, pregnant women, and the city of Carthage." Companion to the Calendar – A guide to the Saints, Seasons, and Holidays of the Year, Second Edition, page 54 *Perpetua and Felicity, inspire in us the kind of courage you had. When you see a pregnant woman today, think of Perpetua and Felicity.*

March 8 is the memorial of **St. John of God**, Religious (1495-1550). St. John of God was a Portuguese friar who became a leading religious figure. After a period in the army in Spain, he began to distribute religious books, using the new Gutenberg printing press. At one point, John had an intense religious experience that resulted in temporary insanity. He was thrown into a madhouse, and while there, he realized how badly treated the sick and poor were. Once he recovered, he spent the rest of his life caring for them. In Granada he gathered a circle of disciples around him who felt the same call and founded the Brother Hospitallers of St. John of God. Companion to the Calendar – A guide to the Saints, Seasons, and Holidays of the Year, Second Edition, page 54 *Remind us to connect with those who are sick, to bring them peace and joy.*

March 9 is the memorial of **St. Frances of Rome** (1384-1440). St. Frances was born in Rome to wealthy parents. Although she wanted to enter a monastery, her parents married her off to Lorenzo Ponziano, commander of the papal troops in Rome. It was a happy marriage that lasted 40 years. Her husband was often away at war, and Frances spent her time praying,

visiting the poor and caring for the sick. Eventually, her example inspired other wealthy women to do the same. Frances founded a lay congregation of Benedictine Oblates now known as the Oblates of St. Frances of Rome.” Companion to the Calendar – A Guide to the Saints, Seasons, and Holidays of the Year, second ed., page 55 *St. Frances help us to be generous as you were.*
Put a nickel in your Share Lent containers.

CEW 2022 Monday’s theme of Rebuild Together

When we are connected - to our own purpose, to the community around us, and to our spiritual wisdom - we are able to live and act with authentic effectiveness. Malidoma Patrice Somé

The virtues of the month of March are Discipleship and Solidarity – L’solidarité A prayer to encourage discipleship

Two little eyes to look to God.

Two little ears to hear his word.

Two little feet to walk his ways.

Two little lips to sing his praise.

Two little hands to do his will.

And one little heart to love him still.

Traditional prayer from Wales

Our Mission Statement – Dedicated to excellence in education and the desire to live the values of Jesus – We are dedicated to doing our very best for our students. We desire to be a good example of a disciple who lives the values of Jesus. If you have not yet watched the series on Youtube called **The Chosen. It is worth watching.**

Strategic Directions – Engagement with our Employees and Partners

We will provide regular updates and frequent opportunities to participate in meaningful dialogue and learning. There are some opportunities coming for families to participate in dialogue about student demographic data.

Twenty-first Century Learning

<http://wccm.org/> > World Community for Christian Meditation > This is a site for Christian Meditation for teachers and students alike.

www.CARFLEO.org > best kept secret for religious education teachers of every grade

www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-02/pope-francis-lenten-message-sow-seeds-of-goodness.html - Pope Francis’ Lenten message

<https://catholicreadings.org/first-sunday-of-lent-year-c/>

A Blob for Eclectic Readers – by Pat Carter csj

Inkling by Kenneth Oppel, 2018. This book is written for Junior grade students. A blob of ink takes on its own life and expresses emotion. The book is written in such a way

that it is easy to imagine how the blob of ink is moving. The ink originates from the pen of a cartoonist and it has empathy for the death of the cartoonist's wife's death. It is a great story for those with imagination. I give this book 😊😊😊😊/5 happy faces.

Taking Jesus to the Movies ...A blog by Sister Pat

The Power of the Dog, 2022. Do not watch this movie with young children. It is a dark story. A group of cattle rustlers move into a town and use their power to unsettle the lives of residents. One of the brothers who owns the herd falls in love and marries the hotel keeper. She moves to the home of the wealthy brothers and her life becomes very troubled. Her son who wants to be become a surgeon forms a relationship with the mean spirited brother. This is a movie that stays with you even though you might prefer that it didn't. I give this movie ♥♥♥♥/5

Catholic WORD of the Week – For Those Who Read to the end...Just like the credits at the movies

“Jonah, Sign of – In Matthew 12:38-42 (cf. Mk. 8:11-12; Lk 11:29-32), the scribes and Pharisees ask Jesus to produce a sign to authenticate His identity and teaching as the Messiah. Jesus responds with reference to the Prophet Jonah, who is taken as a sign of Jesus' death and resurrection (cf. also Mt. 16:1-4). That is, the true Messiah must die and have Jonah's experience to rise to new life. The text makes clear that this was a type of Jesus' resurrection. The importance of hearing God's word and responding to it seems to be implied. If such *was true* in Jonah's day, then how much more it is *true* about Jesus, One Who is greater than Jonah? Because Jesus is the revealer of the Father (11:27), He is greater than all previous prophets and wise men; it is, therefore, critical to heed His words.” Our Sunday Visitor's CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA, page 539