

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
Lent 3 - Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC**

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The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Exodus 20: 1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

The law was given through Moses.

God delivered all these commandments:

"I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall have no other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation, on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. For the Lord will not leave unpunished him who takes his name in vain.

"Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you.

In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy."

"Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you."

"You shall not kill."

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal."

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not cover your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

R: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.

R: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true, all of them just.

R: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Reading II

I Corinthians 1: 22-25

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to men, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Jews demand "signs" and Greeks look for "wisdom," but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews, and an absurdity to Gentiles; but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's folly is wiser than men and his weakness more powerful than men.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel

John 2: 13-25

A reading of the holy gospel according to John

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up.

As the Jewish Passover was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple precincts he came upon people engaged in selling oxen, sheep and doves, and others seated changing coins. He made a [kind of] whip of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, sheep and oxen alike, and knocked over the moneychangers' tables, spilling their coins. He told those who were selling doves: "Get them out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!" His disciples recalled the words of Scripture: "Zeal for your house consumes me."

At this the Jews responded, "What sign can you show us authorizing you to do these things?" "Destroy this temple," was Jesus' answer, "and in three days I will raise it up." They retorted, "This temple took forty-six years to build, and you are going to 'raise it up in three days!'" Actually he was talking about the temple of his body. Only after Jesus had been raised from

the dead did his disciples recall that he had said this, and come to believe the Scripture and the word he had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name, for they could see the signs he was performing. For his part, Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all. He needed no one to give him testimony about human nature. He was well aware of what was in man's heart.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit You are God's Temple

On the 3rd Sunday of Lent, the Word of God speaks again from the mountain:

- From the mountain God gives the Ten Commandments – the Law of Love, as the direction for human life to reach the fullness of life and the Kingdom of God. The Commandments of God are for all humanity to observe until the end of earthly time. The first three commandments provide direction about people's relations with God. The last seven constitute essential elements of relations with other people, with the core connecting to God: a crime against one's fellow human beings is a crime against God.

- From Mount Zion where the Temple was built, Jesus speaks in today's Gospel about the reverence of God's temple. Seeing the abuse and disrespect of the holy place, the Temple of God being turned into the market place, a Wall Street exchange, Jesus angrily swung into action. God's house was being desecrated. Jesus felt deeply the insult to his Father's house. From this point Jesus Christ moves into deeper language – that every human being is a temple of God, for "God has created man in his own image". In today's Gospel Jesus Christ cries out to every human being: "You are God's temple, so take care of it!"

The Church can not silence this cry. The Church's moral teaching is Jesus' cry to this world about the dignity of human life, the cry against human crimes, the cry against lucrative businesses like abortion, drugs, pornography, and human exploitation.

Human beings start existence, and to be God's temple, from the moment of conception!

Even today, many prefer to believe in the kind of Jesus *they choose*, instead of listening to Jesus *God sent! Amen!*

Announcements for March 11, 2012

Welcome to **Daylight Savings Time!** We thank Father Marian for being with us today while Father Walter conducts his annual parish meeting in New York Mills. We invite everyone to join us **this morning** for coffee hour following Holy Mass.

The SPOJNIA Breakfast will be held **next Sunday, March 18** following Holy Mass. Adult Bible Study will follow.

It is time to schedule masses for the month of April. See Pat. Thank you!

Thanks to all who came forward to help at last night's **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner**. As always, it takes a strong group to put together a meal for the community and you all made it possible!

If you would like to learn or improve your French, contact Chris Klik-Zalewski at cklik1@gmail.com or call 455-9562.



The Church Growth Workshop will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, beginning March 27, from 6:00 – 7:00. This meeting will follow Adult Bible Discussion from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. Please mark your calendars.

Popular Christian music artist John Michael Talbot will be in concert at the Franciscan Church of the Assumption (812 N. Salina St. Syracuse) on Friday May 4th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. John Michael has published 24 books and produced 53 CDs in his 37 years of Christian music ministry. This special event is a fundraiser to support the Outreach Ministries of Assumption church including its food pantry, medical and legal clinics. Details are posted in the foyer and are also on the table in the foyer. For ticket information, contact Rosemary Costa at 315-288-5395.

Maines Warehouse has notified us that **as of March 18**, the 5% credits program will no longer be available. If you took a Maines Card for Holy Cross, do not use after that date.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 15**. Please mark your calendars.

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, March 13	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Bible Discussion Group
Wednesday, March 14	4:00 – 5:00 pm 5:15 – 6:15 pm	Choir practice  Polish language class
Friday, March 16		
Saturday, March 17	HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY 9:00 – 1:00 pm 9:30 – 10:30 am	Seniorate Meeting in New York Mills ZUMBA class
Sunday, March 18	Lent 4 Intention: +Stanley Kotula from Liz Kotula and the Bednarek family 10:30 Childrens' Bible Study 11:00 Holy Mass 12:00 SPOJNIA Breakfast 1:00 Adult Bible Study	