



### Pope: "Conversion—learning to do good with deeds, not words"

(Vatican Radio) Avoiding evil, learning to do good, and allowing yourself to be carried forward by the Lord: this is the path of Lenten conversion pointed out by Pope Francis in his homily at the morning Mass at the Casa Santa Marta. It is a conversion, the Pope said, that is manifested not with words, but with "concrete things."

The Pope's attempt to trace out the lines of Lenten conversion took its starting point from the words of the Prophet Isaiah from the day's First Reading. Avoiding evil and learning to do good – the heart of Isaiah's exhortation – are stages along this path. "Each one of us, every day, does something ugly." The Bible, in fact, says that even "the most holy people sin seven times a day."

#### Avoiding evil and learning to do good is a journey

The problem, the Pope said, lies in not getting into the habit of "living in ugly things" and avoiding those things that "poison the soul," that make it small. And then we have to learn to do good:

*"It's not easy to do good: we must learn it, always. And He teaches us. But: Learn. Like children. Along the path of life, of the Christian life one learns every day. You have to learn every day to do something, to be better than the day before. To learn. Avoiding evil and learning to do good: this is the rule of conversion. Because being converted doesn't come from a fairy who converts us with a magic wand: No! It's a journey. It's a journey of avoiding and of learning."*

#### You learn to do good with concrete actions, not with words

And so one needs courage, to learn to avoid evil; and humility to learn to do good, which is expressed in concrete actions:

*"He, the Lord, names three concrete things, but there are many: seek justice, relieve the oppressed, give orphans justice, defend the cause of the widow... but concrete things. You learn to do good with concrete things, not with words. With deeds... For this reason Jesus, in the Gospel we have heard, rebukes this ruling class of the people of Israel, because 'they talk and don't act,' they don't know concreteness. And if there is no concreteness, there can be no conversion."*

#### Lift yourself up with the help of the Lord with humility, and we will be forgiven

The First Reading then continues with the invitation from the Lord: "Come [It: 'su' – arise], let us reason together." "Arise" – a beautiful word, Pope Francis said, a word that Jesus addressed to the paralytics, to the daughter of Jairus, as well as to the son of the widow of Naim. And God gives us a hand to help us up. And He is humble, He lowers Himself so much to say, "Come, let us reason together." Pope Francis emphasized how God helps us: "Walking together with us to help us, to explain things to us, to take us by the hand." The Lord is able "to do this miracle" – that is, "to change us" – not overnight, but on a journey:

*"An invitation to conversion, avoid evil, learn to do good... 'Come, arise, come to me, let us reason together, and let us go forward.' But [you might say] I have so many sins... 'But don't worry' [God responds]. 'If your sins should be like scarlet, they will become white as snow.' And this is the path of Lenten conversion. Simple. It is the Father who speaks, it is the Father who loves us, who really loves us. And who accompanies us on this path of conversion. Only He asks us to be humble. Jesus says to the rulers: 'He who exalts himself will be humble; and he who humbles himself will be exalted'."*

Francis concluded his homily by recalling the stages along the path of Lenten conversion: avoiding evil, learning to do good, getting up and going with Him. And then, he said, "our sins will all be forgiven."



# St Mary's Parish

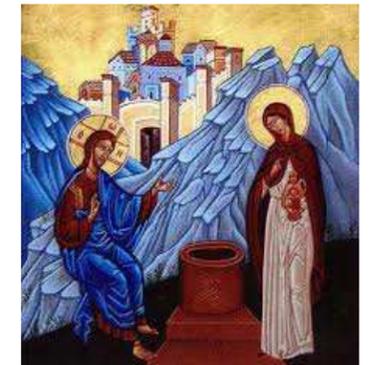
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## 3rd Sunday in Lent March 19, 2017

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
**Romans 5:1-8 ESV**



### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday: 7:00 pm  
Sunday Rosary: 8:15 am  
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
Spanish Mass: 4:00 pm

### Weekday Mass Times:

Rosary: Monday - Saturday 8:30 am  
Monday to Saturday: 9:00 am  
Wednesday: 9:00 am and 7:15 pm  
*Perpetual Help Devotions at both Wednesday Masses*

### Sacrament of RECONCILIATION (confession)

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, & 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
*Priests are available anytime by appointment*



### REDEMPTORIST PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Each Wednesday at 6:30 am and 10:30 am the Redemptorists offer Perpetual Help devotions on Vision TV. Shaw Cable 122 Sasktel Max 23  
**DAILY MASS ON VISION TV** watch daily Mass on Vision TV at 6:00 am and 10:00 am, Mon—Fri 6:00 am on Sat.

## PRAYER LIST

Brian Anderson	Dennise Martin	Laura St. Germaine
Yvonne Armstrong	Paulette Martin	Joe Sousa
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Marjorie Joseph	Paul Ruot	
John Keindel	Filomena Santoro	
Rick Kostiuik	Joseph Saucier	
Marilyn Lewer	Eugene Schedlosky	
Anne Lukan	Angela Selsky	

### Mass Intentions

**Monday, March 20**  
9:00 am †Jose, Maria & Tony Figueiredo  
**Tuesday, March 21**  
9:00 am †Leonard Breckner  
**Wednesday, March 22**  
9:00 am †Tom Brophy  
7:15 pm †Denise Briere  
**Thursday, March 23**  
9:00 am †Ernst Greter  
**Friday, March 24**  
9:00 am †Mr. Davidson  
**Saturday, March 25**  
9:00 am Eugene Schedlosky  
7:00 pm †Sr. Mildred Kaufman  
**Sunday, March 26**  
9:00 am †Maria Almeida  
11:00 am For The Parish

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**Office Hours**—8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 5,158
<b>Week of March 6—March 12, 2017</b>	
<b>Envelopes &amp; PAD:</b>	<b>\$ 2,784</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>\$ 630</b>
<b>Total for the week</b>	<b>\$ 3,414</b>
<b>Under Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,744</b>
<b>Year to Date Budgeted offering</b>	<b>56,738</b>
<b>Year to Date Donations</b>	<b>51,872</b> ®
<b>Under Budget</b>	<b>\$ 4,866</b>

**Long Range Planning:** Have you considered including your parish in your will or naming "St. Mary's Parish Building Support" as an alternative charity in an obituary notice?

**Next Sunday March 26— 4th Sunday in Lent  
Sunday Summary**

**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

Jesse's tree is about to bear fruit of a kind that will last to the end of the age.

**Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**

Fear has no power against the one guided by God along right paths.

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

The faithful leave darkness behind and step into the light of Christ.

**John 9:1-41**

A man who could never see anything comes to see better than his betters.

**Dates to Remember**

Sun, Mar 19	Good News Sunday	11:00AM
Tues, Mar 21	Prayer Shawl Ministry	1:00PM
Tues, Mar 21	Liturgy Committee Meeting	7:00PM
Fri, Mar 24	Stations of the Cross	7:00PM
Fri, Mar 24	Youth Group	8:00PM
Mon, Mar 27	Parish Mission	7:00PM
Tues, Mar 28	Parish Mission	7:00PM
Wed, Mar 29	Parish Mission	7:00PM
Thurs, Mar 30	Finance Committee Meeting	7:00PM
Fri, Mar 31	Stations of the Cross	7:00PM
Fri, Mar 31	Youth Group	8:00PM
Sat, Apr 1	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10:00AM

**LECTORS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION  
Next Week Mar 25/26**

	LECTORS	COMMUNION
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Sr. Lenore Moldenhauer Peggy Simister	Darlene Sane Vernon Sane Irene Sikorski Irene Sharp
<b>9:00AM</b>	Kurt Stang Rose Wasylenka	Sr. Louise Hinz Millie Loran Jim Penna
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Mayette Abrigo Michael Smela	Vina Edwards Arnel Mendoza Eloisa Verdote Abe Verdote

**First Reading:** One word that describes the Israelites after God's mighty deeds had freed them from slavery in Egypt and from death at the Red Sea is "grumblers." Granted, they are in the desert, but they seem to have quickly forgotten all that God had done for them. Also, they do not seem to be able to grasp that the God who had saved them and freed them is a faithful God who will never abandon them, for they are God's people. Here, they are complaining about a lack of water, and later they will complain about a lack of food. In both cases God provides for the people with water from the rock at Meribah and manna in the desert. Still, however, the continuation of these mighty deeds does not quench the grumbling of the Israelites. Eventually their grumbling turns into rebelliousness. While Moses communes with God at Mount Sinai, they fashion a calf out of precious metal. Psalm 106 depicts this act most starkly when it summarizes the grumbling and rebelliousness of Israel in these words: "They exchanged their glorious God for an image of a bull, which eats grass" (Ps 106:20).

**Second Reading:** We might think about this reading as Paul's testimony about the type of love that God has for God's people. It is a steadfast and faithful love that is made manifest in the willingness of Jesus to die, not just for His friends, but for sinners. This is the ultimate and convincing proof that God loves us. This steadfast love is something that all Christians can continue to trust in, for this hope will never disappoint.

**Gospel Reading:** The richness of the gospel reading cannot be contained in this short commentary. One place of focus in the gospel is the way it resonates with the human yearning for something that fulfills and endures. One might think of St. Augustine's claim that "our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee." This Samaritan woman has attempted to fill the emptiness in her life with many relationships that have not been satisfying. She has become alienated, not only from these men, but from the other women of her village—after all, she is at the well by herself in the heat of the noon day sun when she sees Jesus. But, through her encounter with Jesus, she gradually shifts her focus from the demands of material necessities to a longing for a deeper satisfaction in her spiritual and eternal life. Another place of focus is at the end of the passage when Jesus stays with the Samaritans for two days. We are told that "many more believed because of His word." What they say to the woman at that point is quite remarkable: "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world." This statement makes me think of my friend whom I mentioned in the Introduction to the Word. Part of what led him to a renewal of his relationship with Jesus was how he saw Christ manifested in the lives of others. These Samaritans actually came to believe because of the testimony of this woman. Their encounter with Jesus was a confirmation of what they had already encountered through her. This is the same pattern that my friend experienced. He encountered Jesus through others which led him to a renewal in which he re-established his relationship with Jesus Himself.

"Celebrating the Word" is an apostolate of the Congregation of the Resurrection [Resurrectionists], which makes this faith-sharing resource available without cost. To read the full issue, or some of our recent back issues, please visit: <http://resurrectionists.ca/celebrating-the-word>

**PARISH MISSION** will begin on March 25 at the 7:00pm Mass where Megan McKenna, a storytelling theologian will preach at all of the weekend Masses. Then on Monday March 27 through to March 29 Megan will speak from 7:00pm until 8:30pm on the following topics: The Woman at the Well, The Man Born Blind, and The Raising of Lazarus as levels of faith and practice in the Community of Beloved Disciples (John's Church). Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

**CWL CLOTHING DEPOT ANNUAL MEETING** is **March 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at the Clothing Depot.

**FLOWERS DURING LENT** The season of Lent is Penitential in nature, that is, it is a time to reflect on our weaknesses as human beings in order to call upon God's help. One of the ways that we help ourselves do this is by keeping the church decorations very simple. To help with this we would ask that you refrain from placing fresh cut flowers before the Tabernacle, altar or shrine so that when Easter comes the arrival of flowers in the Church will be an even greater moment of celebration.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Are you looking for an opportunity to pray this during this Lenten Season? Join us each Friday evening as we pray together, mediating on the passion of our Lord in the Stations of the Cross. Fridays at 7:00pm in St. Mary's Church. If anyone is interested in leading these prayer sessions, please call the parish office.

**LENT TALKS:** Are you looking to deepen your lenten journey this year? Why not join us for 'Lent Talks.' Each Tuesday during Lent a pastor from a different Christian denomination will share a book that they are reading as they enter into the season of Lent. The series, hosted by Christ Church Anglican, 515 - 28th Street West, Saskatoon continues on March 21st at 7pm, with Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers on Pope Francis' The Joy of the Gospel.



**100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima:** In honour of the 100th Anniversary of the first apparition Our Lady of Fatima, on May 13th 2017, to three small shepherd children; Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta in a little cove in Portugal, our Diocese will be celebrating with a number of events. Plans include a movie night on **April 30 at Holy Family Cathedral at 7 pm**. The movie is entitled "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima. Admission to this event is free and all are welcome. Donations can be made at the door. A night of prayer and candlelight procession with Rosary will occur on **May 12th 2017 at 7pm at Holy Family Cathedral. On May 13th 2017 at 2pm, at St. Mary's Parish** we will celebrate with a mass followed by an outdoor procession and gathering in the church hall. **More information to follow regarding events to be held prior to these May celebrations.** We are looking for any volunteers, cultural groups, schools and participation from **ALL SASKATOON DIOCESE PARISHES** for this wonderful celebration. Please email Jennifer Nunes at [nun-esjennifer@hotmail.com](mailto:nun-esjennifer@hotmail.com) for further information or if you would like to participate/volunteer. Our Lady of Fatima - Pray for Us!

**ST. MARY'S EASTER TEA & BAKE SALE – APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>** 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. Cost is \$3.00 which includes a door prize and refreshments. Come and have an afternoon of good food and fellowship. We look forward to your excellent baking. Please bring your baking to the hall Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> after 7:00 p.m. – or – Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> after 9:00 a.m. (Reminder raffle items may be dropped off at the rectory during office hours on or before March 27<sup>th</sup>.)

**Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign "Women at the Heart of Change"** In Last week's bulletin you likely found a Mini-Magazine with women's testimonials about how Development and Peace supports partner organizations in the global south. An online copy is at <https://www.devpo.org/en/sharelent2017/materials>. Each week leading up to Solidarity Sunday, a synopsis of a testimony will be included here. This week, Development and Peace is taking you to Indonesia to meet Risya, a 22-year-old Indonesian woman who has been blind since adolescence. Thanks to a workshop in journalism offered by our partner the Association of Independent Journalists (AJI), this courageous woman started to use her blog to write about the discrimination faced by women with disabilities and to encourage these women to believe in their potential. AJI has offered media workshops to 170 women and now they can make their voices heard.

**HONEY FOR SALE** Eileen Provost is selling 1 kg containers of unpasteurized honey for \$8.00. The honey is locally produced by Provost Apiaries owned and operated by Burt Provost and his son Derek. If anyone is interested in purchasing honey, please contact Eileen at 306-382-4821.

**AED [AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBULATOR]** Thank you to the parishioners who attended the training session last Sunday. This device will enable us to provide the best response while waiting for the 911 emergency technicians to arrive.

**ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO FIND YOUR POSITION ON DOCTOR-ASSISTED DEATH?** You are not alone. Come to St. John Bosco Sunday Mass on April 2 at 10:00 to hear Fr. Mark Miller share his insights into "What is a Good Death Today? Technology and Ethics". Fr. Mark will speak during mass and continue immediately following. Fr. Mark has a PHD in medical Ethics and has addressed this topic many times. Muffins and coffee provided by the Health Council. Anyone interested in attending or has any questions please contact Sr. Carol at 306-244-2983.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** Thank you to our parishioners for their contributions to the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The total raised by St. Mary's was \$21,927.00.

