

# Journey OF Faith

March 7, 2010

## In Word & Deed

During recess time at the parish grade school, one young boy was accused of cheating because he did not admit he had been tagged. A few minutes later, he tripped and scraped his knee on the pavement. As the tears welled up in his eyes, one of his companions offered a theological explanation for the painful mishap. "God made you trip because he doesn't like cheaters!" If this were indeed a doctrine of faith, we'd all be limping for life!

When bad things happen, people like to know why. The people assume that those who died in Siloam or Galilee were the worst of sinners and their sin was the cause of their suffering. Jesus refutes this notion, and reminds them that without reforming, evil will remain with them and they too will perish. But there is hope. Everyone is given another chance to

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SUNDAY OF LENT



*God's mercy is as welcome in time of distress as clouds of rain in time of drought.*

~Sirach 35:26

## Scripture Readings

### Sunday March 7

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9, or, for Year A, Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### Monday March 8

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

### Tuesday March 9

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

### Wednesday March 10

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday March 11

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

### Friday March 12

Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

### Saturday March 13

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

### Sunday March 14

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32, or, for Year A, 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## FAMILY LIFE:

# TO WALK AS ONE

It's amazing how much we know about our family and friends. We know their likes and dislikes, their favorite foods, sports teams, music and movies. But it's not too often that we really know their thoughts and beliefs about God, faith and spiritual things. We say that these things are among our most important values, but how often do we really share our thoughts? It's time to have that discussion.

Lent usually focuses on penance and sacrifice as we prepare for Easter. But Lent is a time of retreat for the Church, a time to strengthen faith as well as make amends for sin. When we share our experience of God and what we believe, we can help others to better understand their own faith. It deepens

the bonds of love and trust that unite us as a couple and as a family. Sharing our faith can give others a different perspective of God and how grace works in all our lives. It also helps us better grasp our own beliefs. Having to explain it makes us carefully think about what we really believe and how our experiences and practice have shaped what we think, how we envision God and how we practice what we preach. In Lent we share the cross of Christ. Let's also share our faith in God.

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*You ask us to express our thanks by self-denial. We are to master our sinfulness and conquer our pride. We are to show to those in need your goodness to ourselves.*

~Roman rite



**T**he scrutinies presume that an elected catechumen has reached a further maturity of personal conversion: They begin to make that conversion the public property of the community as the catechumen approaches the sacraments of initiation at Easter. The church claims that conversion as its own and gives itself to the catechumen in return.

~Aidan Kavanagh

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reform, just like the fruitless fig tree. But without real change, there will be no life.

Lent is the time to take advantage of another chance God gives us to reform our lives. God offers everyone the chance to accept His grace, to be

forgiven and to grow in holiness. No sin is too great and no person is beyond hope. Just ask, and all that you need will be given to you.

~James Gaffney



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