



Sacred Heart Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent—03 March 2024

“Zeal for your house will devour me”

Parish Priest:

Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui

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Fr John Pham

Parish office hours:

Tuesday-Friday

9.00am to 4.30pm

Parish Secretary:

Quyen Le Phan

Accountant:

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Weekday Mass Times:

English:

7.00am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

6.30pm Wed

9.00am Sat

Vietnamese:

6.30pm Tues & Thurs

7.00am Wed

Weekend Masses

English:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am;

10.00am; 6.00pm

Polish: Sun 11.30am

Vietnamese:

Saturday Vigil:

7.30pm: (Chaplain)

Sunday:

7.00am; 7.30 pm

4.00pm (Chaplain)

Exposition:

Saturdays: 8.00am

Reconciliation:

Wed: 6.00pm

Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am

5.30pm - 5.50pm

Convent/Pastoral Care

Sisters of Our Lady

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Sacred Heart Catholic

Primary School

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Baptism/Wedding

Please contact parish

France and the whole world had been deeply devastated as a raging fire ripped through Notre Dame Cathedral – a 12th-century Gothic church and landmark in Paris on 15 April 2019. By then, experts on medieval restoration work estimated that it could take about 15 to 20 years to rebuild that cathedral roof; spire and part of stone vaulting that fell through the main sanctuary. French officials have however made remarkable commitments and efforts to achieve a 5-year restoration deadline. “My job is to be ready to open the cathedral in 2024 (December). And we will do it”, said General Jean-Louis Georgelin, the army general leading the restoration project. “We are fighting every day for that and we are on a good path.” (cf. www.afar.com)

In today’s Gospel (John 2:13-25), Jesus, showed, in a rare burst of anger, his sense of deep devastation and zeal to restore the Jerusalem Temple of his times – not structurally but spiritually. “Making a whip with some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers’ coins...Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market” Traditionally, the Jewish sacrificial rituals required those animals and pigeons specifically provided, to be ritually clean, and likewise, Roman money was exchanged for the Hebrew equivalent to be worthy. His action in cleansing the Temple would have a symbolic meaning in the fashion of an Old Testament prophet (cf. Jer 7:11; Mal 3:1). That is, he was protesting against not only the commercialisation and desecration of the Temple but more deeply, the very ritualistic worship with its animal sacrifices and the widespread Jewish practices of segregation. (The Jerusalem Temple was mainly preserved for Israel with strict boundaries for different social classes and gentiles).

It’s remarkable, Jesus – in response to those inquired of his action – foretold the coming of a spiritual worship and the establishment of a “new Temple” – a living Sanctuary in himself. “Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.”, said Jesus. As the Gospel records, his disciples only came to understand in light of Easter faith that “he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body”. In that light, they also discovered that in Christ, each of us became a “temple of God” (1 Cor 3: 16-17). True worship accordingly, demands more than the performance of sacrificial rituals. It requires the offering of our whole being, the offering of a life embedded in the Ten Commandments and ultimately, the law of love (cf. First Reading, Exod 20: 1-17; Mt 22:35-40). This type of worship is not to be something jealously-guarded or exclusive for a few, rather it makes us all part of the same Temple or Sanctuary.

Along this journey of Lent, we may give special thanks to God for many members and benefactors who have built and maintained our church building; who are currently involved in the restoration of our church-pews and kneelers; who have prepared and helped in our lively worship week in and week out. These represent our great care for the liturgical environment and thereby, our commitment to prayer and worship. Above all, sharing in Jesus’ zeal for God’s house always calls us to a constant process of purifying the very temple which is our self and to a greater commitment to build up a truly life-giving community of faith, a church that can be a truthful sign of God’s all-embracing love, justice and peace...

Fr. Remy Son Lam Bui

Pope Francis Intention for March

FOR THE MARTYRS OF OUR
DAY, WITNESSES TO CHRIST

MARCH

"Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive"



LENT & R.C.I.A

Our 18 catechumens are now called "*the Elect*". Since the Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent, they have moved on to this special period of ***Purification and Enlightenment***. Throughout Lent, special rituals / prayers are offered at the Sunday Eucharist for the Elect and candidates. They are called "Scrutinies", held on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday – The first one is on today, at ***8.30am Mass, 3 Mar.*** These prayers are for strengthening in grace and virtue and for purification from all past evil and from any bonds which hinder them from experiencing the love of God. Throughout this period, the Elect and candidates are invited to join the whole Church in a deeper practice of searching their own conscience, doing penance and works of charity. This is a more intense spiritual preparation for their celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Please prayerfully journey along the Elect in our parish and the whole Archdiocese (total of over 260 Elects and baptised candidates for 2024 Easter)

Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2024

Our children are undertaking the 2nd week in preparation for their Celebration of First Reconciliation Monday 18th March 2024.

Please keep them, their parents & catechists in your prayers

Sacred Heart Primary – Open Day-

Please come and support our school **Open day Wednesday 6 March from 9.15am – 10.45am**

Lenten Prayer Group (MacKillop Room)

Prayer Groups are held on Wednesdays, after 6.30pm Mass; on Thursdays at 10.00am.

There are also two similar groups held in Vietnamese on Tuesdays after 6.30pm Mass and Wednesday after 7.00am Mass.

Station of the Cross during Lent

Please join us every Friday evening from 6.30pm (except 1st Friday of each month). Likewise, the session in Vietnamese will follow from 7.30pm.

Help your children's faith

There are two versions of children bulletin: one for 5-7 years old & 7-10 years old at the church doors. Please help your children learn and understand the Gospel of each week and your faith in God.



Third Sunday of Lent 2 & 3 March

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family.



But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from our parish, or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Church Pews Restoration Project

Two third of newly restored pews have been returned to the church—Please help each other especially our young ones to take a very good care of these pews, avoiding all scratches and damage to them.

Through your generosity we have raised **\$57,501.20** towards the total cost of over \$150,000. The Appeal is still going for those who are able to help. Contact the Parish Office for on-line transactions or a tax deduction. Thank you & God bless.

Vinnies – A matter of Faith - Seeking Vinnies Members!

The Society of St Vincent de Paul believes that seeking out and supporting the most vulnerable members of society is a key aspect of our faith. In our good works, we encounter Christ in the poor and share his compassionate and liberating love. No work of charity is foreign to us and we serve those in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinions. We go to the margins to find those in need and the forgotten, the victims of exclusion or adversity. Our work is fostered through prayer and the inspiration of the Spirit.

All around the State, Members of the Society are responding to the needs of their local communities in groups known as 'Conferences'. Vinnies is looking for people in this Parish and local community who are interested in joining the Society as Conference Members. We have opportunities for young and mature people (over 16 years) to get involved in providing a hand up to those in need, and opportunities for adults who want to become a member. To find out more about becoming a Member of the Society, please call Peter Brown on 0412 131 355, or email peter.brown@vinnies.org.au



Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Barnaba, Joseph Vu Minh, Giuse, Anna, Francis Nguyen Van Thong, Maria Nguyen Thi Minh, Giuse,

R.I.P. & Anniversaries: Fr Patrick MacAuliffe, Ronald Robison, Ivan Puskas, unborn babies, Phaolo Cao Van Tri, Maria Le Thi Oai, Lucia Cao Thi Anh Tuyet, all souls(7), Anna, Maria(9), Augustino, Simon Huynh Ngoc Cam, GioanBaotioxita Bui Van An, Phanxico Borgia, Cecilia, Phero, Giuse, Maria Madalena, departed relatives (3), souls in purgatory, Gioan Baotixita, Phanxico-Xavie Ho Hue, Phero Peter Ta Ngoc Tien, Vincent, Maria Catharina Tran Thi Be (2), Joseph (4), Paul, Peter (6), John (1), Vincent (2), Lucia, Anthony, Maria Madalena, souls of ancestors, grandparents & family members (2), Michael Nguyen Thanh Giung, Teresa Maria, Pham Thi Huyen, Francis Xavier Ama, Peter Ama, Carl Babay, Andre Da Costa, Aurora Da Costa, Domingos Pereira, Khamphasert Huang, Maubeli, Lahomau, Domingos Da Costa, Carlito Da Costa, Afonsu Da

Chico Kolao, Mateus Da Costa, Jose Da Costa Maria, Romana Da Costa Maria, Maucoli and Dauhur, Salvador Da Costa, Telca Da Costa, Joao Patista, Kaidanhur, Andre Maisado, Moises Amaral,

Other Intentions: For Brother Charly Barry, For the sick (4), for the conversion of hearts (4), Jose Carlos Perez recover from sickness, thanksgiving to God & Mary (4), peace in a family(4), personal intention, Phaolo, healing of sickness, personal intention, thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (7), peace and wellbeing for family (7), for good health and recovery, for good and peaceful new year, for stable works (2), for safe travel,

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

First Reading: 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation: : John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: : John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there.

Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Chúa Nhật Tuần III Mùa Chay Năm B

Bài đọc 1: Xh 20, 1-3. 7-8. 12-17

Trích sách Xuất Hành.

Trong những ngày ấy, Chúa phán bảo những lời sau đây: Ta là Thiên Chúa người, Đấng đã dẫn dắt người ra khỏi vùng Ai-cập, khỏi nhà nô lệ. Người không được thờ thần nào khác trước mặt Ta. Người đừng lấy danh Chúa, Thiên Chúa người, mà lường gạt, vì Chúa không thể không trừng phạt kẻ nào lấy danh Người mà lường gạt. Người hãy tôn kính cha mẹ, để người được sống lâu dài trong xứ mà Thiên Chúa sẽ ban cho người.

Người chớ giết người; chớ phạm tội ngoại tình; chớ trộm cắp; chớ làm chứng dối hại anh em mình; chớ tham lam nhà của kẻ khác; chớ ham muốn vợ bạn hữu, tôi tớ nam nữ, bò lừa và bất cứ vật gì của bạn hữu.

Đáp ca: Tv 18, 8. 9. 10. 11

Đáp: Lạy Chúa, Chúa có lời ban sự sống đời đời (Ga 6, 69).

Bài đọc 2: 1 Cr 1, 22-25

Trích thư thứ nhất của Thánh Phaolô Tông đồ gửi tín hữu Côrintô.

Anh em thân mến, các người Do-thái đòi hỏi những dấu lạ, những người Hy-lạp tìm kiếm sự khôn ngoan, còn chúng tôi, chúng tôi rao giảng Chúa Kitô chịu đóng đinh trên thập giá, một có vấp phạm cho người Do-thái, một sự điên rồ đối với các người ngoại giáo, nhưng đối với những người được gọi, dầu là Do-thái hay Hy-lạp, thì Ngài là Đức Kitô, quyền năng của Thiên Chúa và sự khôn ngoan của Chúa Cha, vì sự điên rồ của Thiên Chúa thì vượt hẳn sự khôn ngoan của loài người, và điều yếu đuối của Thiên Chúa thì vượt hẳn sự mạnh mẽ của loài người.

ALLELUIA: Mt 4, 4b

Người ta sống không nguyên bởi bánh, nhưng bởi mọi lời do miệng Thiên Chúa phán ra.

BÀI PHÚC ÂM: Ga 2, 13-25

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Gioan.

Lễ Vượt Qua của dân Do-thái gần đến, Chúa Giêsu lên Giêru-salem. Người thấy ở trong Đền thờ có những người bán bò, chiên, chim câu và cả những người ngồi đổi tiền bạc, người chấp dây thừng làm roi, đánh đuổi tất cả bọn cùng với chiên bò ra khỏi đền thờ. Người hát tung tiền của những người đổi bạc, xô đổ bàn ghế của họ và bảo những người bán chim câu rằng: "Hãy đem những thứ này đi khỏi đây, và đừng làm nhà Cha Ta thành nơi buôn bán". Môn đệ liền nhớ lại câu Kinh Thánh: "Sự nhiệt thành vì nhà Chúa sẽ thiêu đốt tôi".

Bây giờ người Do-thái bảo Người rằng: "Ông hãy tỏ cho chúng tôi thấy dấu gì là ông có quyền làm như vậy". Chúa Giêsu trả lời: "Các ông cứ phá huỷ đền thờ này đi, nội trong ba ngày Ta sẽ dựng lại". Người Do-thái đáp lại: "Phải bốn mươi sáu năm mới xây được đền thờ này, mà Ông, Ông sẽ dựng lại trong ba ngày ư?" Nhưng Người, Người có ý nói đền thờ là thân thể Người. Vì thế, khi Chúa Giêsu từ cõi chết sống lại, các môn đệ mới nhớ lời đó, nên đã tin Kinh Thánh và tin lời Người đã nói.

Trong thời gian Người ở lại Giêrusalem mừng lễ Vượt qua, nhiều kẻ tin danh Người, vì mục kích những phép lạ Người làm. Nhưng chính Chúa Giêsu không tin tưởng họ, vì Người biết tất cả mọi người, và không cần ai làm chứng về người nào; Người biết rõ mọi điều trong lòng người ta.