



### **More on Christian Self-Denial from Thomas Merton's *Seasons of Celebration***

“Without the Cross, there is little spiritual vitality in our labors for God and His Church. In a world where there is so much involuntary suffering, it is not strange that there should be many men and women who begin to discover in themselves a totally unfamiliar desire to take upon themselves penances and mortifications for which there is no strict obligation. Wherever the Spirit of God works, he draws us away from the “wisdom of the flesh”. Pleasures and achievements that once delighted their spirit now turn to ashes as soon as they are savored, and it becomes a pleasure for these Christians to do without the good things that most people have come to consider almost indispensable.

At the same time they become deeply aware of the radical insufficiency of arbitrarily chosen “ascetical practices” and of “methods” which are simply aimed at resolving moral conflicts within the self and establishing the ego in peaceful equilibrium. The true self-denial of the Christian is not a conquest of himself by himself, but a dying to self in order to live to God in Christ...Our salvation is not to be found in asceticism alone but in the Cross of Christ. Self-denial, however rigorous, lacks all Christian meaning apart from the Cross and Resurrection of Christ.

This is why Lent is a season of mortification and renouncement: not just because Christians discovered that a little fasting in the Springtime was good for their constitutions, but because their fasts, renunciations and alms deeds had an essential part to play as signs of a full participation in the Easter mystery.

The Church has relaxed the general laws of fasting in Lent, but this does not mean that Lent has ceased to be a season of fasting and self-denial. It remains for the individual Christian, in the sincerity of his own conscience before God, to undertake such acts of self-denial and charity as will truly signify his will to die to himself and live in the Spirit of the Risen Lord.”

God's blessings in this third week of Lent,  
Father Ceriello  
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**Stations of the Cross - The Fridays of Lent**

**7:30 PM**


**March 2, 9, 16, 23.**

**PARISH OFFERING**

The offering to the parish last week was: **\$6893**  
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**PARISH WEEKLY GOAL**

Thank you for your sacrificial giving each week. Please remember that in order for us to meet our ordinary expenses, we need a minimum of \$7500 in each Sunday's offering. Please continue to be as generous as you can. If you miss a week for any reason, please try to make up for it the following week or when you return. This is especially true on holiday weekends and during the summer months. Thank you again for your understanding.



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**PRAYER LIST FOR DECEASED OF THE PARISH**  
Jose Torres sr, Jacqueline Jones, Syble Iantha Deshong, Renee Wolf Calvin, Margaret Walker.

**THE PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK**  
Marlene McIntosh, Mirlande Guerrier, Danielle Prout, Faith Prout, Marie Henry, Deborah Khudan. Joseph Aitken, Sylvia Baker, Stacy McGhie.

*(Please call the rectory to add the names of your family members.)*

**2018 MASS INTENTION BOOK.**  
The 2018 mass intention book is open.  
*(Please stop by the Rectory Office or call to schedule your Mass Intentions)*

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
AA Meets every Monday at 6:30 pm and every Wednesday at 7:15 pm in St Joseph Hall.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Sunday, March 4**  
8:30am Anthony "Tony" Venezia  
10:30am Pro Populo  
**Monday, March 5**  
10:30 am Open  
**Tuesday, March 6**  
8:30 am Open  
**Wednesday, March 7**  
8:30 am Alejandrina Escobar (Birthday)  
**Thursday, March 8**  
8:30 am Ruth Ford  
**Friday, March 9**  
8:30 am Fred Ford  
7:30pm Stations of the Cross  
**Saturday, March 10**  
5pm James O'Callaghan  
(Deceased-Anniversary)  
**Sunday, March 11**  
8:30am Tiye St Louis  
10:30am Pro Populo



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