

BIDDING PRAYERS

3rd Sunday of Lent

- Priest:** Let us pray to God, whose love has been poured into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
- Reader:** We pray for the Pope and leaders of the Church: help them to be wise and compassionate, always remembering the example we have in Jesus as a servant-hearted leader.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer
- Reader:** We pray for the people of the Holy Land; we ask that those trying to negotiate peace and ceasefires are successful so that aid and help can get to those in need.
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- Reader:** For those who exercise the law; may the natural laws of life contained within the ten commandments help to shape human wisdom to the law of God and respond to the needs of the lowly.
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- Reader:** For a greater respect of the House of God; may we all grow in our understanding of the sacred nature of our places of worship and show them due respect and dignity.
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- Reader:** For our Parish; that our Lenten observance of prayer fasting and almsgiving may prepare us to renew our baptismal vows, to profess Jesus as the Christ, the Saviour of the world.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us remember especially today those for whom our Masses are offered this weekend.
And also, all the faithful departed, especially those who have died recently, including, Denise Crabtree, Frank Jeffrey and David Coxhead; may they be raised up on the last day.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** God Our Father, you call us to true prayer and worship both in your house in the temples of our lives; grant, we pray, these prayers which we make in a true spirit of worship. We make all our prayers through Christ Our Lord, Amen.