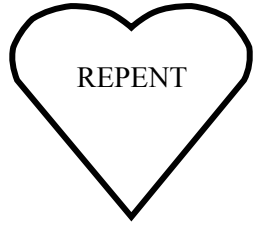
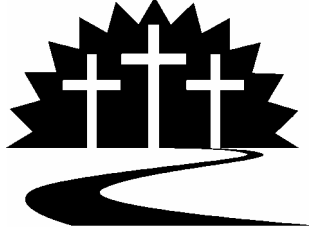


**March 14, 2004**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**



Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 103  
1 Corinthians 10:1-12  
Luke 13:1-9



*Unless you repent you will all  
likewise perish.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices.

Jesus said to them in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I will tell you, if you do not repent you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem! By no means! But I will tell you, if you do not repent you will all perish as they did!”

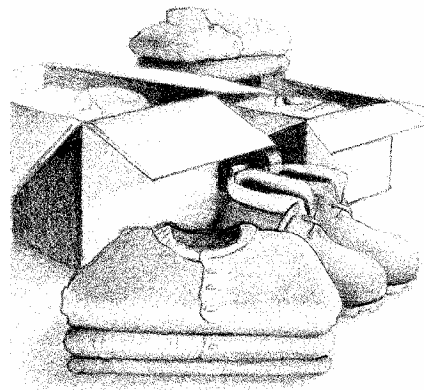
And he told them this parable: “There once was a person that had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?’

“He said him in reply, ‘Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.’”

**Reflection**

1. Donate some non-perishable food items to a local food shelf or soup kitchen this week.
2. Collect clothes for residents of a shelter.
3. Deliver “brown bag” lunches to the homeless.
4. Donate books, toys, and games to family shelters.
5. Or, take a cue from this site:  
[www.operationshoebox.org](http://www.operationshoebox.org)

*Clothes for  
those in need*



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**Activity**

**March 17 Feast of St. Patrick**

Do you have dreams, wishes or hopes for the future? As a teenager, Patrick was captured and taken to Ireland and its people and dreamed about helping them to learn about Jesus and his church.



**March 19 Feast of St. Joseph**

Husband of Mary. Foster Father of Jesus. Carpenter. Provider. Not much is known about his life, except that when he was needed, Joseph was there. Be there for others (grace them with your presence)



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respected and respectful  
protected and gentle,  
cherished and humble,  
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accepting of Godly discipline,  
prayed for, prayed with, and pray-ers  
themselves.*

*Grant the we may ever seek,  
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*Amen*

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