



Sunday Mass Readings for 23 rd March 2025, Third Sunday of Lent, Year C	
1st Reading	Exodus 3:1-8A, 13-15
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Verse Before the Gospel	Matthew 4:17
Gospel	Luke 13:1-9

1st Reading – Exodus 3:1-8A, 13-15

1 Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

2 There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed.

3 So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned."

4 When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am."

5 God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.

6 I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering.

8A Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

13 Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?"

14 God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you."

15 God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11.

R. (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

3 He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills,
4 He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

6 The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed.
7 He has made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the children of Israel.

R. *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

8 Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

R. *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea,
2 and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.
3 All ate the same spiritual food,
4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ.
5 Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert.
6 These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did.
10 Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer.
11 These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come.
12 Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

Verse Before The Gospel - Matthew 4:17

17 Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Gospel - Luke 13:1-9

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

2 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?"

3 By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!

4 Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them - do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem?"

5 By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

6 And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none,

7 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?'

8 He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it;

9 it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"



- ❖ Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- ❖ Saint Rafqa
- ❖ Saint Walter of Pontoise
- ❖ Blessed Pietro of Gubbio
- ❖ Saint Ottone Frangipane
- ❖ Saint Joseph Oriol
- ❖ Blessed Metodej Dominik Trcka
- ❖ Blessed Álvaro del Portillo Díez de Sollano
- ❖ Saint Victorian of Hadrumetum
- ❖ Saint Gwinear

Martyrs of Caesarea

- ❖ Aquila

- ❖ Domitius
- ❖ Eparchius
- ❖ Pelagia
- ❖ Theodosia
- ❖ Blessed Peter Higgins
- ❖ Blessed Annunciata Asteria Cocchetti
- ❖ Saint Ethelwald of Farne
- ❖ Blessed Edmund Sykes
- ❖ Saint Benedict of Campagna

Saint Nicon of Sicily

St Nicon of Sicily was martyred in 250 AD in Sicily, Italy. He was a distinguished Roman soldier and was converted to Christianity while travelling in Palestine. He later became a spiritual student of Theodosius of Cyzicus and also a leader of 200 Christian disciples who fled to Sicily to escape the persecution of Decius in Palestine. They could not escape it, however, and all were martyred.

Saint Liberatus of Carthage

St Liberatus of Carthage died in 484 AD at Carthage (modern-day Tunis, Tunisia). He was martyred with his wife and children in the persecutions of the Arians unfortunately, only the father's name has come down to us.

Saint Frumentius of Hadrumetum

St Frumentius of Hadrumetum was a wealthy merchant martyred in 484 AD in the persecutions of the Arian Vandal King Hunneric at Hadrumetum (modern Sousse, Tunisia).

Saint Maidoc of Fiddown

St Maidoc of Fiddown, also known as Mo-Mhaedog of Fiddown or Momhaedog, was born in Irish. He was a fifth-century abbot at the monastery at Fiddown in Kilkenny, Ireland.

Saint Felix the Martyr

St Felix the Martyr was a fifth-century martyr, killed in the Vandal persecutions in Africa in the 5th century AD, with 20 other Christians whose names have not come down to us.

Saint Felix of Monte Cassino

St Felix of Monte Cassino was a Benedictine monk at Monte Cassino and died of natural causes in 1000 AD. At his tomb, there were miracles reported.

Saint Crescentius of Carthage

St Crescentius of Carthage was a priest martyred in the persecutions of the Arians. He died in 484 AD at Carthage (modern Tunis, Tunisia).

Daughters of Feradhach

The daughters of Feradhach were also known as Filiae Feradachi. They were mentioned in early calendars and martyrologies, but no information about them has survived.

Saint Theodolus of Antioch

St Theodolus of Antioch, also known as Theodore or Theodoricus, was a priest in Antioch, Syria.

Saint Fidelis the Martyr

St Fidelis the Martyr died as a martyr in North Africa.

Saint Julian the Confessor

St Julian the Confessor was a martyr.

23rd March 2025 Catholic Sunday Readings Homily Theme: The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree - Luke 13:1-9

Sick People:



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Mass Times

Saint Josephs	5:30pm
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Saint Joseph's	9:30am
Saint Anne's & Holy Family	11:00 am
Saint Patrick's Ryhope	9:30 am

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