

Lent in our Parish:

Sundays of Lent: Adoration, Prayers and Benediction 3-4.20 pm.

Wednesdays in Lent: Stations of the Cross after 10 am Mass



Gospel reading: Luke 13:1-9

Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections

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God of the Second Chance: Consider The fig tree

This seems a rather strange story about Galileans being killed by Pilate. They were no greater sinners than others, but people thought they were being punished by God. Jesus asks us to repent, but does not punish the sinner. Repent is the word of Lent – and followed by the invitation to believe the good news of the gospel.

A fig tree had three years to get good. It is a precious tree because it uses little water. This one has not produced its fruit. Is God the one to get rid of the tree or the one to give it another chance? God is the God of the **second chance all the time.**



He never gives up on his love! We may need to give **G**od another chance. We know we get angry at times. People find that many good things can happen even in bad times. Let's have that faith and pray for it. **G**od gives us chance after chance in our lives, as He wants our faith in him to grow.

We ask also that we now give the **C**hurch another chance. So this is a day of more chances, that life never folds up. We need to return more and more to the gospel and the goodness of so many people, which will lead us in our **C**hurch communities to **C**hrist. We do not belittle some terrible things that happened, nor lessen our care for those abused, but ask to take a deeper step to the God who is the one giving and asking us for another chance!

Renew us O Lord, in love, in hope and in joy in your care for us.

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