

Third Week of Lent

“He went to look for fruit, and did not find any”

“Lent comes to providentially awaken us, to shake us from our torpor, from the risk of moving onwards out of inertia. Lent comes to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us, simply because God is faithful, He continues to be full of goodness and mercy, and is always ready to forgive and begin again.”

Pope Francis

- First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a. 13-15 – “I AM” has sent me to you.
- Second Reading: 1st Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12 – “These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us.”
- Gospel: Luke 13:1-9 – “‘Sir... ‘leave it alone for one more year... If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”



The fig tree represents a sterile life, unable to bear fruit and do good. These are people who live for themselves, selfishly focused on themselves, without being interested in others.

In this parable, Jesus explains to us the infinite patience of God, waiting for our conversion.



Dear friends of the ACI Family and dear Sisters:

During this week, let Jesus "dig" into our lives and "prune" us, so that we are able to bear fruit.

- *Let us think about the attitudes or words the Lord should "prune" in us because they hinder us and prevent us from bearing fruit.*
- *Let us ask the Holy Spirit for docility and openness to let our hearts be transformed.*
- *Let us propose concrete actions in order to convey the Love of God in our homes, communities, jobs, etc.*

*May Saint Raphaela Mary intercede for us and help us in these purposes, so that we can say with her: **"Our lives must be a continual weaving of faith and generosity"**.*

With friendship,

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