

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020:
Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent**



Catholic Church

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Good Morning!

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Today we celebrate St. Patrick in a holy reverence as we come before God to seek God's help and healing! Our readings come from Daniel 3:25, 34-43, Psalm 25 and Matthew 18:21-35. If you wish to read the readings from the Mass of St. Patrick, they are 1 Peter 4:7-11, Psalm 96 and Luke 5:1-11. Forgiveness, one thing we all love to receive and to give. Jesus says we must forgive, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Jesus tells a parable worth reading. From Daniel we read, "For we are reduced, O Lord, beyond any other nation, brought low everywhere in the world this day because of our sins." We come before the Lord today with contrite hearts and humbled spirits. We don't know what today will bring, nor tomorrow. Daniel writes, "And now we follow you with our whole heart, we fear you and we pray to you. Do not let us be put to shame, but deal with us in your kindness and great mercy. Deliver us by your wonders and bring glory to your name, O Lord." We do not seek this individually but as a community. Sure there might be selfish reasons why we want healing and forgiveness but today we must be about community, forgiveness and not blaming. We find hope in the Lord and in giving we receive. As Jesus invites us today, let us forgive one another seventy-seven times. As close as we might be in the near future, better to forgive and have hope than to be in separate parts of the house, living with additional tension. May we forgive as we need to, look out for another and turn back to God where we find our hope.

Peace,

RevKev

<http://www.usccb.org/>"Remember your mercies, O Lord."

"May the road rise to meet, may the wind be always at your back,
may the rain fall softly upon you fields and the sun shine warmly upon your face; and until
we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand."
Irish blessing