

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Third Sunday of Lent | Luke 13:1-9

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Today, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel reading, Jesus spoke with his followers about some very difficult things that had happened to good people – some who were put to death by the ruler Pontius Pilate and others who were killed when a tower fell upon them. He called on his followers to “repent,” to give up their sinful ways and to turn to God.

He also shared with them the parable of the fig tree – it did not bear any fruit, so the owner of the garden wanted to cut it down. The gardener asked him to give it one last chance, promising he would care for the tree in a special way.

Sometimes in life we find that “bad things happen to good people.” This does not mean that our God doesn’t love us – but it does mean that we need to live our lives in a way that leads us always closer to God. We don’t want to be like that fig tree that doesn’t grow any fruit and is cut down! Instead, let’s bear good “fruit” by loving and serving others!

FOR MORE FUN

- ★ Read Luke 13:1-9 in your family bible. Discuss what kind of “fruit” you can bear this week. Are there good deeds you can do for others, a family project you can undertake, or even a friend who needs some extra love and attention?
- ★ Look up the names of the saints whose lives we celebrate this week (available at www.CatholicSaints.info).