



"I have seen how much my people are suffering...I have heard their cry for help, and I have come to free them..." Ex. 3:7-8

Youth News

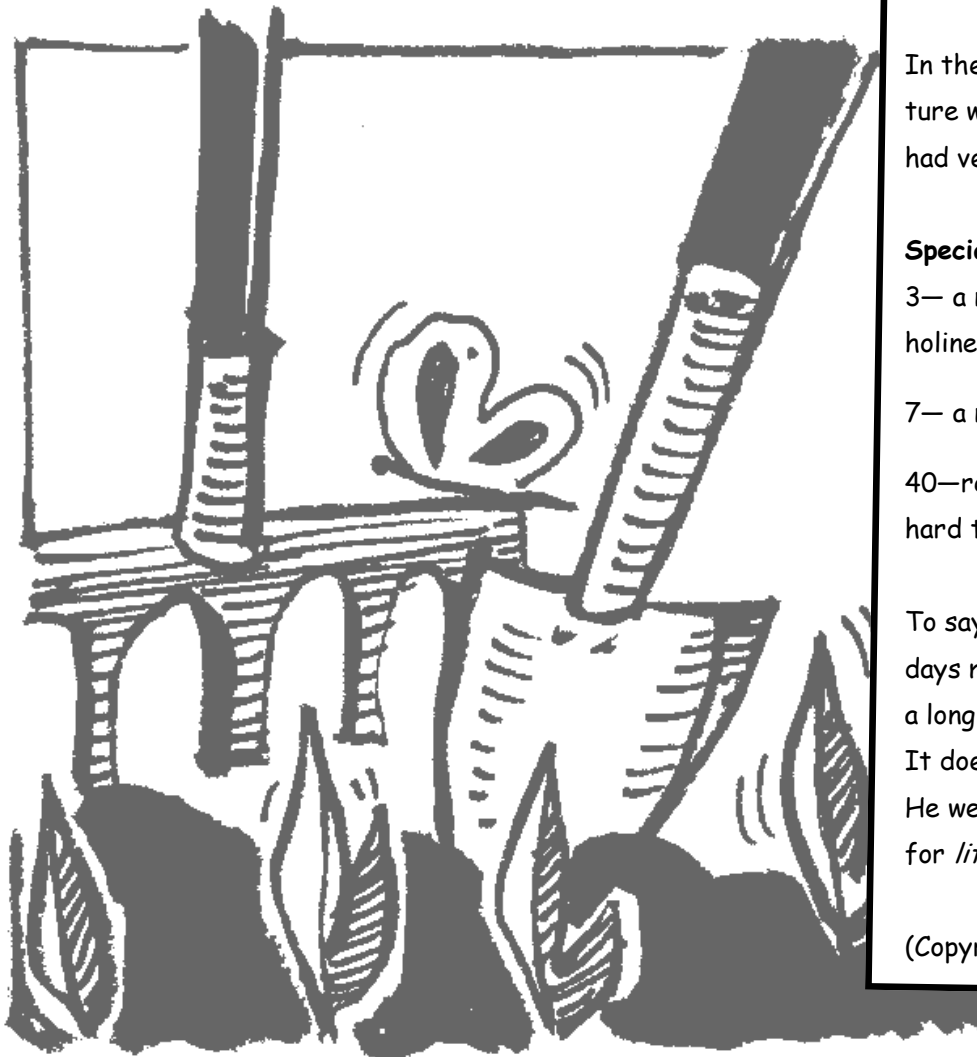
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**CHRIST THE KING
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This Week's Edition:

Our God Gives us a Another Chance



DID YOU KNOW?

The Church's season of Lent is 40 days long because, before Jesus set out on His ministry, he fasted in the desert for 40 days.

In the ancient times, when Scripture was being written, numbers had very special meanings.

Special Numbers in the Bible:

3— a number of sanctity and holiness.

7— a number of perfection

40—represents a time of trial and hard times.

To say that Jesus fasted for 40 days means that Jesus fasted for a long time of trial and hardship. It doesn't necessarily mean that He went without food and water for *literally* 40 days.

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The Gospel

Lk. 13:1-9

One day as Jesus was teaching, he said to the people, "Unless you change your lives and give up your sinful ways, you will not have eternal life."

Then he told them this parable:

There was a man who had a fig tree in his garden. When he went to pick some figs, there weren't any on the tree. So he said to the gardener,

"I have been waiting three years for figs to grown on this tree and I never find any. Cut it down. Why should it take up space in my garden?"

But the gardener said,

"Master, leave it here for one more year. I will dig up the dirt around it and put manure in the ground to help it grow. Let's wait and see if figs grow on it next year. If they do, that's good! But if not, then we'll cut it down."

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What do YOU Think About this Story?

1. I wonder what the parable of the fig tree has to do with "giving up our sinful ways"...

2. I wonder how the gardener represents God in this parable...

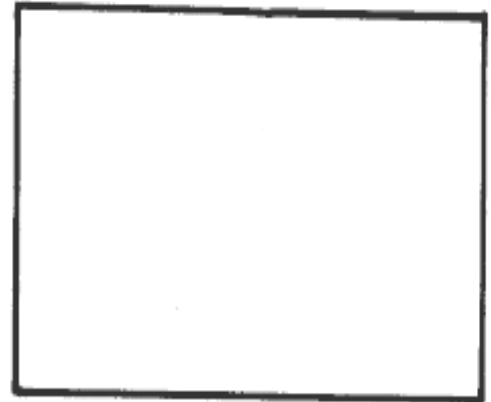
3. I wonder what are some sinful ways that I can give up to change my life...

**Our God is a God of
second chances!**



Diseased tree
with no fruit.

Another
Chance

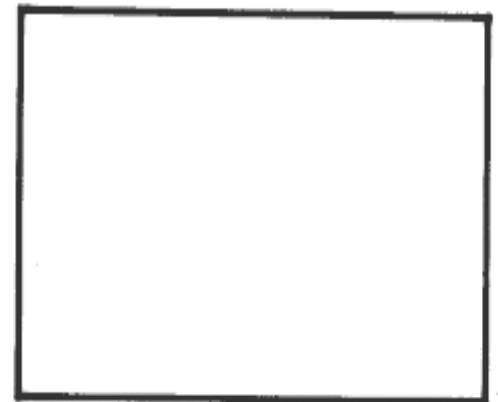


Healthy tree,
lots of fruit.



A selfish and
unkind person.

Another
Chance



A kind and
loving person.

Chat with Jesus!

During Lent, people often pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday. This special prayer walks us through Jesus' passion and death. When we meditate on the Stations of the Cross and imagine what Jesus, Mary, or anyone in the crowd would have felt like, we can grow in deeper love with Jesus.

Try this: Ask your mom or dad to take you to a parish Stations of the Cross. If there's none going on, check out this child-friendly version online and pray it on your own by asking Jesus how He felt and what He was thinking during each stage of His Passion.

Stations of the Cross Online

<http://www.loyolapress.com/assets/lent/stations-of-the-cross-for->



COMING UP IN YOUTH MINISTRY...



LENTAN RETREAT

Join us for our parish Lenten retreat for all ages on **Sunday March 13** at Labatt Hall (King's University College) from **12-5pm**. Children and youth in grades JK-8 are invited to their own track led by university students. Those in high school are invited to attend the adult portion of the day. The day will begin at 12 noon with a common lunch and will end with the 5:00pm mass at Labatt Hall. Please RSVP to Natalie if your child would like to attend and indicate what grade they are in.

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