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Fr. Danny Murphy – 8th Sunday of the Year 2019

Three more days until Lent! So, we're going to talk a little bit about Lent with the hope, please God, that this will help us discern a way how you and I can spend this Lent. I'll start by telling you that I am considering telling jokes this Lent! Last week, one of you said to me, "Father, I hope that you live to be as old as your jokes!" She added, "How can you remember so many jokes with the details of all of them, but you can't recall, with equal skill, how many times you have told them?" So, I am considering giving up telling jokes this Lent? But what else can I do this Lent, what can you do this Lent? A suggestion: This Lent you and I can be a strong voice, a loud voice to what's occurring in our society. Here are some examples among so many: The crude filthy language used by so many men and women, boys and girls. How frequently the "F-bomb" is dropped and other four-letter

words used in songs, in movies, on television, in books, used by comedians, politicians, coaches, athletes, motorists and by so many others. In my lifetime, our society has changed from using words like "darn" and "heck," to the language our society uses today. Rather than continuing to passively tolerate this, this Lent, you and I can be a voice, a strong voice, a loud voice objecting to this. Dear Jesus, please show each of us the best way each of us can do this this Lent. For over forty-five years, you and I have been objecting to abortion, but now in some states and it is spreading, abortion can occur on full-born babies. This is infanticide, pure and simple! So, this Lent, our voices have to be stronger than ever, louder than ever demanding that this barbaric practice ends now – right now! Dear Jesus, please show each of us the best way each of us can do this this Lent. What about doctor-assisted suicide that is spreading in our country. Can we be a voice, a strong voice, a loud voice objecting to this? Dear Jesus, please show each of us the best way each of us can do this this Lent. Thank God, recently, we have been a bit more enlightened about the horror of human trafficking. But this is a well-organized, multi-billion dollar industry that is not going to go away after a few arrests. This Lent, let's you and I be, and hopefully many, many others be a voice, a strong voice, a loud voice objecting to this unspeakable evil. Dear Jesus, please show each of us the best way each of us can do this this Lent. There are so many things that are wrong in our society, you and I, this Lent have to be a voice, a strong voice, a loud voice concerning these wrongs. We can be encouraged by knowing that our voices can bring change. One example of this, about eighteen years ago, people began to stand up and speak

out about clergy sexual abuse. Up to that time that topic was covered up and avoided. Now, even the pope is addressing it. Now, if a priest is guilty of sexual abuse against a minor, that priest is immediately and permanently removed from active ministry. So many children have been spared from being victims, not only by priests, but by so many other predators because people spoke up and they spoke out. Major change has occurred. So, this Lent, lets you and I be a voice, a strong voice, a loud voice objecting to what's occurring in our society. This Lent, let's you and I take action. This Lent, Let's you and I make a difference!