



Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

March 27, 2022



4th Sunday
O F L E N T

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always;
everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

Pastor's Letter

LENT: REDISCOVERING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

Our thought at this point shouldn't be that we are arriving at the end of Lent as much as that we are preparing to *begin anew*. Lent should have been seen as our preparation for *living more fully from now on the new life* we celebrate and ponder at Easter, the life of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Just as the penances we observed were to help us rid our lives of sin and strengthen us to resist temptations, and as our acts of love of neighbor were to witness to the authenticity of our faith and to the goodness of God towards ourselves, so also our recommitment to prayer should be leading us to a deeper relationship with God in Jesus Christ. This relationship is the essence and foundation of true spiritual growth.

Therefore, just as we looked ahead before Ash Wednesday to what needed attention, reform and renewal in our lives, and that we then undertook to do during Lent, so now we need to look ahead, beyond Lent and Easter, to how we will be nurturing our spiritual growth throughout the rest of the year.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, April 3, 5th Sunday of Lent:

Isaiah 43:16-21 A sincere observance of Lent in its true spirit means allowing God to "do something new" in our lives. It begins with reconciliation with God and with one another, and leads the Christian to be able anew to "announce God's praise."

Philippians 3:8-14 Whatever we do should be done from the optic of "the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord." Whatever leads us to do that needs to be pursued, and whatever is an obstacle to it needs to be avoided.

St. John 8:1-11 We are taught to condemn the sin, but not the sinner; judgment of us all is in God's hands alone. Rather, we would do much better honestly to examine our own consciences and motives, and seek to correct our own faults first.

Lent

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 6:00 pm

Penance Times

2:00 pm-3:00 pm Sundays and Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 am-10:00 am and Sunday, April 10 from 1:30 pm-3:30 pm

Additional Penance Times at Maternity of Mary

Saturday, April 2 from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm in Church, Saturday, April 9 from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm in Church

Wednesday, April 6 from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm in Church

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Thursday 7:00 pm

Good Friday 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday 9:15 am

Global Solidarity Sunday

This weekend (March 26-27) is Global Solidarity Sunday as we celebrate "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord" (Psalm 34). This is an invitation to share God's love in solidarity with your brothers and sisters overseas. We are invited to offer gifts of support, an expression of Lenten almsgiving, by contributing to this collection for four global initiatives designated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops: the Church in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and share the love of God with your brothers and sisters overseas. Make checks payable to Holy Childhood. Envelopes are available at the usher table.



Pontifical Good Friday Collection

The Holy Land collection will be taken in all parishes on Good Friday, April 15. Contributions help the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land as they serve as a bridge between the Holy Land and Catholics all over the world. If you have been to the Holy Land, you have experienced many of the activities of the Franciscans. They support sacred shrines, minister to parishes, provide formation and education to communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of the people. With your help, the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to those living in darkness in the Holy Land. Please contribute what you are able to on Good Friday, April 15. Thank you.



Readings for the week of March 27, 2022

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Spring Garden Clean Up

The Spring garden clean up is on April 2 at 9:00 am. Volunteers should bring rake and gloves. Call Mary Ellen Clasemann if you have any questions.



Bake Sale and Cinnamon Roll Sunday.

Palm Sunday, April 10, come to Buchanan Hall for home made cinnamon rolls, coffee and fellowship.

Be sure to stock up on Easter goodies from our bake sale that weekend also. The proceeds from the sale go to Pro life organizations.

The sale is Saturday, April 9 after 5:00 pm Mass and Sunday, April 10 after 9:15 am Mass. Hope to see you there.



Bakers wanted

Bakers, dust off your cookbooks and make something delicious for our sale.

You can drop off your baked items for the sale Saturday, April 9 after 2:00 pm in Buchanan Hall.

Pro Life Bake sale at Holy Childhood

April 9 and 10 Holy Childhood women's club will be hosting a bake sale to benefit pro life organizations. Anyone who would like to contribute a baked good can bring them to our Buchanan Hall after 2:00 pm Saturday, April 9. If you would like to shop, you can come during and after our 5:00 pm Saturday Mass on April 9 or during and after our Sunday 9:15 am Mass on April 10.



Thank you for supporting our sale.

Helping Ukraine

Because the situation in Ukraine is so fluid, one of the fastest and best ways to contribute is directly to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which has teams on the ground. Funds directed to Ukraine will go there. Please go to [archspm.org/helping-ukraine](https://www.archspm.org/helping-ukraine) to donate and to see the CRS Emergency Factsheet for more information about relief efforts already underway. And please pray for our sisters and brothers in need and for peace.

Observances for the week of March 27, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Friday: April Fools' Day

Saturday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



MARCH HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

March 30 Dick Hawkins

31 Mary Catherine Dehn



Parish Information

Pastor, Fr. Timothy Cloutier

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Joseph Fink

Weekend Assistant, Fr. James Reidy, Ph. D.

Parish Office 651-644-7495

Buchanan Hall 651-647-0689

Our Current Services

Confessions Saturday.....4:00-4:30 pm

Thursday.....7:10-7:25 am

Conference Room

Saturday Anticipatory Mass.....5:00 pm

Sunday Mass.....9:15 am

Weekday Masses Monday -Saturday..7:45 am

Holy Day of Obligation as announced.

Rosary - Thursday 6:00 pm

Prayer Chain.....Peggy - 651-645-4955

Website.....www.holychildhoodparish.org

Email.....contact@holychildhoodparish.org

Victim Assistance Program.....651-291-4497

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 26

7:45 am † Annella Clasemann

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, March 27

9:15 am † Vera Kemeny

Monday, March 28

7:45 am † Lorraine Quinn

Tuesday, March 29

7:45 am † Vincent Marier

Wednesday, March 30

7:45 am † Jim Burt

3:30 pm † Steve Tschida

Thursday, March 31

7:45 am † Rev. Richard Villano

Friday, April 1

7:45 am † Beth Wollerman

Saturday, April 2

7:45 am † Marcel Zoch

5:00 pm † Harold & Armella Romansky

Sunday, April 3

9:15 am Parishioners





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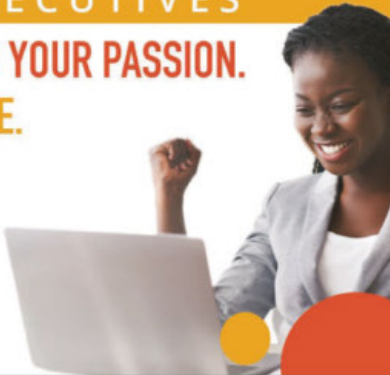
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