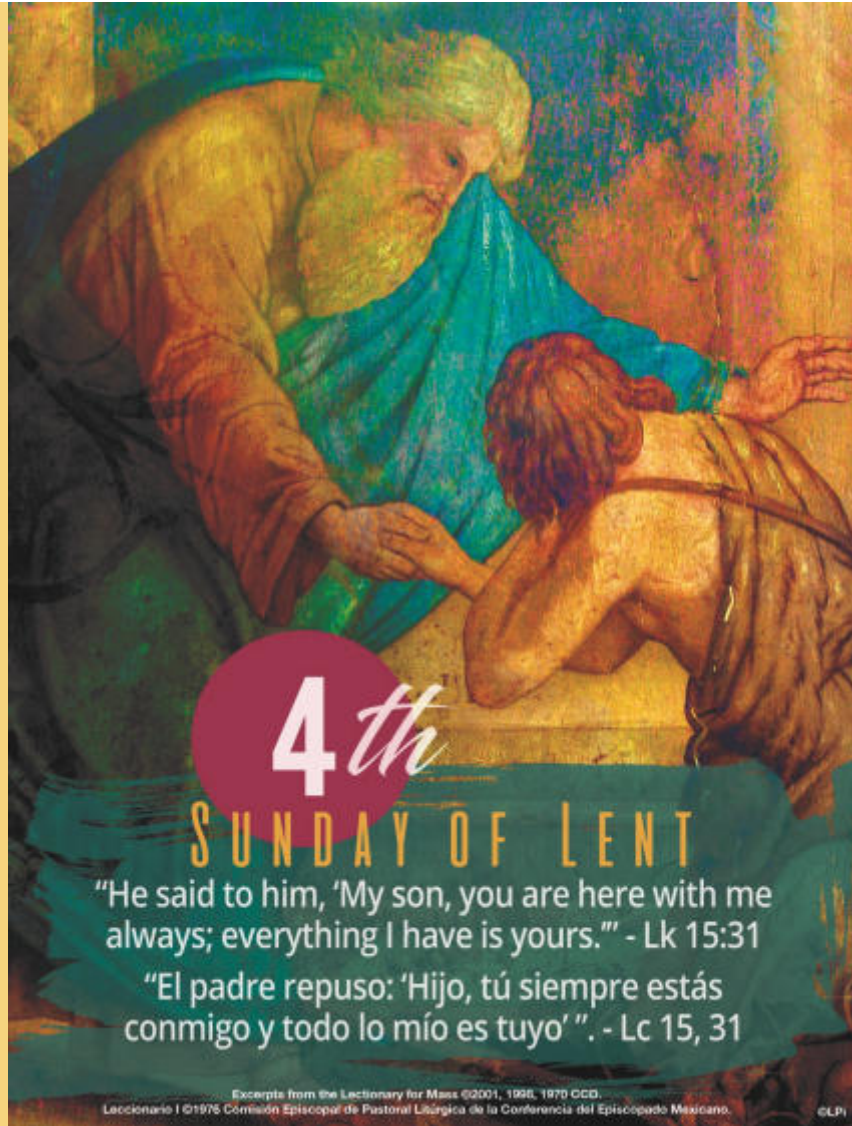


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"Padre, he pecado contra Dios y ante ti. Ya no merezco ser llamado hijo tuyo." (Lucas 15:21). En esta parábola se encuentra la misericordia de Dios en abundancia, sin límites, para aquel hijo arrepentido. El Evangelio nos narra: "Pero el Padre dijo a sus servidores: ¡Rápido! Traigan el mejor vestido y pónganselo. Colóquense un anillo en el dedo y traigan calzado para sus pies. Traigan el ternero gordo y mátenlo; comamos y hagamos fiesta?" (Lucas 15:22-23). Jesús no tiene límites; recibe a todas las personas, a nadie le da con la puerta en las narices, como decimos comúnmente. Él se abre totalmente al que lo busca; tal como lo hace el Padre al hijo pródigo. El Padre es modelo de misericordia y perdón. Sabe reconciliar y después del abrazo de bienvenida llega la fiesta a lo grande para el hijo. El Papa Francisco, nos recuerda que "Jesús no describe a un padre ofendido y resentido, un padre que, por ejemplo, dice al hijo: 'me las pagarás, ¡eh!'; no, el padre lo abraza, lo espera con amor. Al contrario, la única cosa que el padre tiene en su corazón es que este hijo este ante él sano y salvo y esto lo hace feliz y hace fiesta". Y el papa agrega. "En cualquier situación de la vida, no debo olvidar que no dejaré jamás de ser hijo de Dios, ser hijo de un Padre que me ama y espera mi regreso. Incluso en las situaciones más feas de la vida, Dios me espera, Dios quiere abrazarme, Dios me espera."



Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son. "I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there. "While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even

suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful! Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing. We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!

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SACRAMENTS

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration.....6:00—7:00 pm
 First Friday All Day Adoration..... 8:00 am– 5:00 pm
 Sacrament of Penance, Saturday..... 4:00-4:30 pm
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Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 31	9 am	David DuPaul
	12 pm	St. Brigid Parishioners
Tuesday, April 2		+Jeannie Carlile
Wednesday, April 3		+Marie Easton
Thursday, April 4		+Jeannie Carlile
Friday, April 5		+Fr. James Gaffney
Saturday, April 6	9 am	+Marie Easton
	5 pm	St. Brigid Parishioners



Weekend Masses:
 Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am English
 12:00 pm Spanish

Weekday Masses:
 Tuesday 5:30 pm
 Wednesday 5:30 pm
 7:00 pm (Spanish)
 Thursday 12:15 pm
 Friday 8:15 am

Pope's March Prayer Intention:

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

FAITH ENRICHMENT—PARISH ACTIVITIES

Religious Ed News: All religious education classes resume this Sunday. 1st Reconciliation for the English RE classes will be Saturday, April 6, at 10 am.

C.S.O. - The Catholic Student Organization at NSU is the campus ministry for Catholic students here in Tahlequah. CSO has a student activity every Wednesday evening at 8 pm. All NSU students are welcome... Bring your friends! For more information contact CSO President Anna Gormley at 918-440-1460.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) meets on Sundays at 10:15 am in the Activity Center. This is a great way of learning about the faith for Catholics and those who are curious about the Catholic faith.

Little Portion Fraternity of Secular Franciscans meets the third Saturday of each month in the conference room. Contact Mary Mead 918-457-7409.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS: Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars for the Bake Sale on Palm Sunday!

Quilting/Needlework Group meets the 3rd Saturday of each month beginning at 9 am in the Parish Hall. Contact Barbara Partak for more information: 918-456-9345.

Tahlequah Community Knitting Group meets in the conference room of the Parish Hall on Mondays from 9-11 am. Want to learn to knit or crochet? We can teach you!

YOUNG AT HEART will be Wednesday, April 10, at 12:00 noon. Everyone 55 and older is encouraged to attend. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Readings for the week of March 31, 2019

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 [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/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

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK

March 23-24 Collection: \$3717.75

This weekend's 2nd collection is in Solidarity with Foreign Churches, combining the former collections for the Churches in Latin America, in Central & Eastern Europe, in Africa, and World Mission Sunday.

FEED MY SHEEP - The next time St. Brigid cooks will be Holy Thursday, April 18, preparing a meal of ham, sweet potatoes, and green beans. St. Brigid traditionally does the Holy Thursday meal at Feed My Sheep, so this is a very special dinner for us and for the guests we serve. Thank you to all who make Feed My Sheep happen each month. Donations and volunteers are always welcome. Contact Jeannie VanVeen if able to assist (918-456-0114).

Seminary Visit - Young Catholic single men—high school seniors and older—are invited to join Fr. David Webb and Fr. Sean O'Brien on a visit to Conception Seminary College the weekend of April 6-8. Email frmpratt3@gmail.com or call/text 918-884-4200 to RSVP or for more information.

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP - Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to take part in the Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma's summer camp June 24-28 at Sequoyah State Park west of Hulbert. Cost is \$200. Registration material is available on the parish hall bulletin board, or by contacting the Diocesan Youth Office (918-307-4907) www.dioceseoftulsayouth.org.

Rib Crib Fundraiser for CARE Food Pantry

Monday, April 1, from 4-9 pm, Rib Crib in Tahlequah will be donating a portion of your bill to our local food pantry. Just make sure to tell them you are there for the food pantry fundraiser. This fundraiser is generally held every first Monday of the month, so keep it marked on your calendar!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anita Brockman, Ruth Winter, Marty Barnett, Dean Harless, Don Leak, Terry Dunlap, Angie Fay, Gary Harrington, Maddie Cochran, Kirby Merrill, Gerald Allen, Sally Hilger, Marquette Lyons, Renee Ridge, Mary Fulk, Ann Payette, Carol Carroll, Tiffany Robinson, Dixon Davis, Caden Murphy, John Albarano, Eugene Nottingham, Kylee Osburn, Donald Sizemore, Zack Kelley, Carrie Ann Mitchell, Melynda Elias, Missy Caughman, Kim Harris, Melanie Medaris, Kelly Callaway, Nedra Tinker, Janie Hanson, Mary DeHaas, Kathy Seidletz, David Alley, Andy Groat, Walter Sizemore, Jessie Casey, Michael Murphy, Tony Croman, Calvin McCoy, Laura Lollar, Cathy Farinelli, Deloris Ackerman, Tom Carlile, Mary Mead and all men and women in the military.

First Friday Adoration - We will be having First Friday Adoration on April 5. Eucharistic Adoration will begin after 8:15 am Mass until 5:15 pm. There is a sign-up sheet by the confessional in the foyer for those who would like to take an hour of Adoration.

Stations of the Cross & Lenten Meals

Stations of the Cross are celebrated every Friday during Lent at 5:30 pm in English and 7 pm in Spanish. The Secular Franciscans host a Bread & Soup dinner at 6:15 followed by a short faith enrichment video.

Angelic Warfare Confraternity

Dominican priest Fr. James Brent will be coming to Tulsa the weekend of April 27-28. On Saturday the 27th at St. Bernard Church in south Tulsa, Bishop Konderla will celebrate a 10 am Mass with a special ceremony to bless marriages and families. On Sunday the 28th at 1 pm at St. Bernard's, Fr. James will give an overview of the Angelic Warfare Confraternity, a centuries-old fellowship to help Catholics pursue and promote chastity, followed by an opportunity for enrollment in the Confraternity.

Lenten Penance Service - Our parish will be having a Lenten penance rite Thursday, April 4, at 6:30 pm. Fr. Stuart and visiting priests will be available to hear confessions.

First Reconciliation - Parents of children in our English-language First Communion class are reminded that the service for the students' first confessions is scheduled Saturday, April 6 at 10 am in the church. If unable to attend, be sure to make an opportunity for your child's first Reconciliation during April, either through the regularly scheduled confession hours or by appointment.

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