

4th Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016 A.D.

The **GOSPEL**

for All Ages

This Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, in the Gospel Jesus speaks about mercy and forgiveness. The younger son who has cut himself off from his family returns home to a forgiving, merciful father. When we break a promise or put another down we find ourselves cut off from others. Jesus uses the story of the prodigal son to teach about a forgiving father who welcomes and does not punish, but restores the son to the family. Do we show the same love and forgiveness to others?

What does a forgiving father show us about what God is like?

Questions by Age Group

Adults – What does the father in the parable tell us about God?

Older Teens – Why does the father in today's Gospel welcome rather than punish the younger son?

Younger Teens – Is there someone or something you can forgive?

Grades 4-6 – When have you needed forgiveness?

Grades 2-3 – What can you forgive?

Grades K-1 – When have you forgiven someone?

Preschool – When have you said I'm sorry and why?

As a Christian community how will we grow in love and mercy during Lent?

Write your weekly Lenten petition, prayer, name, or weekly work of mercy on the attached note and place it on the board in the back of the Church. The board will be placed at the altar. All are encouraged to participate.

*LENTEN
BLESSINGS*

Mar. 6, 2016

PALM SUNDAY

Just a friendly reminder regarding the Palm Sunday services: Vigil Mass, Sat., Mar. 19, will be celebrated as usual at 5 p.m. However, on Sun., Mar. 20, there will be only one Mass at 10 a.m.



WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Mon., Mar. 14, at 10 a.m. in the Class Room followed by lunch. All ladies of the parish are invited.

FAITH SHARING

Our Faith Sharing groups meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Please join us at either time. Sunday Mass readings come alive as we learn their background and context. No previous Bible Study experience required. Please call Gary & Bonnie at 927-aaaa for more information.

ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL

The 2016 Bishop's Annual Ministry Appeal is in progress and your generous contributions in the past have enabled our parish to realize goals for improvements. Please take some time in prayer to consider what your commitment will be this year if you haven't already done so. Envelopes are available in the hall & pews.

TIME CHANGE

Remember to turn your clocks ahead. Daylight Savings begins Sunday, March 13th.



Next Sunday's readings:

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126:1-6;
Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE (Mar. 12-13)

Sat. 5 pm: (2nd Sat.) Lector: Frank Hlavaty
EMs: Bill Mazzacane, Jeanne Edwards, Sheri Matarese
Ushers: [2 ushers are needed](#)
Server: Cindy Mazzacane
Cantor: _____

Sun. 9 am: (2nd Sun.) Lectors: Bonnie & Gary Nelson
EMs: Dinah Piwowarski, Kerry Friend, [one EM needed](#)
Ushers: Kay Ash & Carol Lowry
Server: Steve Semas
Coffee: Steve Semas; Hospitality: Anita Ayoob

Sun. 11 am: (2nd Sun.) Lector: Kathy Boyte
EMs: Irene Sigmund, Tom & Karen Hogan
Ushers: Glen & Anne Bennett
Server: Phil Kiesewetter
Music: Terry & Judy Ann Cross
Hospitality: Agnes Wade, [another needed](#)

MASS INTENTIONS (Mar. 5-13)

Sat. Lauren Russell & Leigh Lockett by
Lynn & Cliff Garrison

Sun. @ 9 †Rosie Cavalli by Dale, Betty & David
Domenghini

Sun. @ 11 St. Joseph's Parishioners

Mon. †Patricia Rivers by Vie Romanazzi

Tues. Laura Hull Sando by Hellen Hull

Wed. †Richard L. Miller by Carolyn Atkinson

Thurs. †Fr. Con Sweeney & Mary Sweeney by
Dale Domenghini

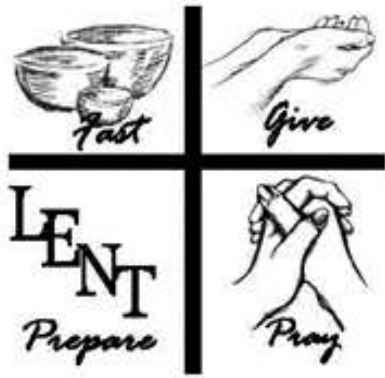
Fri. Sr. Catherine Lockshire, SA

Sat. †Mary & Frank Hlavaty by Frank Hlavaty

Sun. @ 9 St. Joseph's Parishioners

Sun. @ 11 †Julliette Finley by Grace Poletti

While every effort will be made to offer Mass for your special intention on the requested date, please understand that circumstances occasionally make this impossible. Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church. For further information call the office at 995-3243.



Lenten Schedule 2016

Morning Prayer with Mass
Tuesdays of Lent at 9 a.m.

Stations of the Cross
Fridays of Lent at 4:30 p.m.

Soup Supper
Following Stations of the Cross

Faith Sharing
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. &
Fridays at 10 a.m.

Lenten Outreach

Smile Train

As part of your Lenten almsgiving, please consider picking up a coin can or box in the hall to collect change for the Smile Train to support cleft palate surgeries.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday (Mar. 24)

Mass at 5 p.m.

(no Mass in the morning)

The Altar Repose will remain open
after Mass for quiet prayer until
7:30 p.m.

Good Friday (Mar. 25)

Meditative Readings at noon,
Scriptural Rosary at 12:45 p.m.,
Music & Scripture at 1:30 p.m., &
Liturgy with Veneration of the
Cross at 2:15 p.m.

(no morning Mass or soup supper)
Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

**Easter Vigil Mass of
Resurrection**

(Mar. 26) at 7:30 p.m.
(no Reconciliation on Holy
Saturday &
no Mass at 5 p.m.)

Easter Sunday Masses

(Mar. 27) at 9 & 11 a.m.

Let us Pray For the Sick: *May our prayers be a comfort to those who are sick or chronically ill:* Charlie Mitchell, Tom Mee, Janet Brewster, Kris Moore, Elizabeth Sigmund, Jerry May, Mary Ann Gaines, Helen Terrio, the Murray Family, Dinah Piwowarski, Diane Howard, Lena Minetti, Virginia Avalos, Mary Stenbeck, Fr. Philip Garcia, Sam Ayoob, Noemia Brazil, Colleen Costa, Sonia DeCicco, Steve Brown, Innette Starckenburg, Derek Yonekura, Jeannine Bennett, Glen Bennett, Noelia Souza, Trudy Minott, John Paul Hope, Tena Bettencourt, Gage Berry-Carney, Peggy Rudnick, the Aulbach Family, Ernie Gambellin, Mana Nelson, Bob Timone, Jeff Chames, Tina Tull, Angela Lazear, Sally Equinoia, Ben Rose, Randy Briscoe, Zan Barr Anthony Avila, Michael Eckels, Peg Jung; Austin & Easton Woodman; Jim Smith, Elizabeth Porter, Taylen Hallett, Raul Gois, Carol Kramer, Gloria Rambaud, Mario Gois, Joanie George, Isaac Lindsey, Mark Sigmund, Ken Hermanson, Kelly Wade, Joe Nunes, Ben Work, James R. Greene, Sr., Larry Stayton, Elise Peltzer-Koehler, Aaron Demuth, Shelley Woeste, Anne Rindge, Stefan LeRoy, Mary Grace Tassone, Shalom Simon, Joyce Thayer, & Frances Foutz.