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St. Michael the Archangel Parish

We are disciples who act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God.

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WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES: 7am Monday through Saturday at St. Michael the Archangel

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES: 5pm Mon Tues Thurs Fri (English) & 6pm Wed (Spanish) at Immaculate Conception

Adoration: Wednesday 7:30am - 4:45pm / **Confessions:** Saturday 9am at St. Michael's Church

WEEKEND MASSES: Sat 4pm, Sun 7am, 9am, 4pm / **SPANISH MASS:** Sun 12 noon

Gift Shop Hours: Sun 7:30am - 11:00am

Website: saintmichaelparishkona.org **April 6, 2025 | 6 de abril de 2025**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I - **Isaiah 43:16-21** | Psalm - **126:1-2,3,4-5,6** | Reading II - **Philippians 3:8-14** | Gospel - **John 8:1-11**
Primera Lectura - **Isaías 43:16-21** | Salmo - **125:1-2ab,2cd-3,4-5,6** | Segunda Lectura - **Filipenses 3:8-14** | Evangelio - **Juan 8:1-11**

GOD'S ACTIONS NOW

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed - forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation. - Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:7

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Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: **Isaiah (Isaías) 50:4-7**

Psalm/Salmo: **22 (21):8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24**

2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: **Philippians (Filipenses) 2:6-11**

Gospel/Evangelio: **Luke (Lucas) 22:14-23, 56**

Hawaii Island Chrism Mass - Thursday, April 10, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish - We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the kiosk, or can be completed online at saintmichaelparishkona.org. To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.

April 6, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21 | Phil 3:8-14 | Jn 8:1-11

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's culture creates and sees constant change, innovation, and novelty at record speeds. But even more astounding than the technological advancements we observe around us is God's power to inspire interior transformation in each individual life. In today's Gospel, instead of condemning the woman caught in adultery whose punishment was certain death, Jesus speaks words of mercy, forgiveness, and life. Their encounter lifts the woman out of the shame of her sin, restores her dignity, and strengthens her to "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." This woman, whom others saw as hopeless, is transformed because Jesus' mercy has touched her soul. Long before, the prophet Isaiah had alluded to this time in which the Messiah would bring new life even in the most desolate places: "See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers." God constantly calls us to leave sin behind, to keep moving forward – and we can be confident that he is with us at each new step to lead us to himself.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How do we take these steps? How do we respond to God's call? In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul speaks of how he willingly gave up everything, even those things which made him righteous according to the laws of the Old Testament, and learned to depend on Jesus and the changing power of his resurrection. For us as for Saint Paul, each step along the path of transformation requires faith in God's ability and intention to heal us and draw us to himself. If we are willing to leave behind old identities and desires, we will see more clearly the true identity God created for us as we begin to live more like Jesus. Paul even describes being "taken possession of by Christ Jesus," because the change is so deep and powerful. For us as for God's chosen people in the readings from Isaiah, at first some parts of the path may look like an aimless desert, but the way will appear with each step of faith, and it is filled with mercy.

PRAY

Transformation doesn't happen all at once. Reflect on your Lenten prayers, fasting, and almsgiving and consider how they've helped to conform your will to God's. How will you be found changed on Easter Sunday? Is there something you can improve upon during these final two weeks of Lent? It's not too late to offer a loving sacrifice to God!



Life of Stewardship

Once again, this week, we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. The theme of the readings for this fifth Sunday of Lent are summed up beautifully in today's Gospel passage from Luke, which recounts the story of the woman caught in adultery. After all those who would have stoned this woman leave the scene, Christ says to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

When we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, but He will also make us completely new creations in Christ.

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and Holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," Christ bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of serving Him. But that, quite simply, is cause for greater joy in serving Him with all our hearts. - *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship*

Parish News

Consecration to God the Father Ministry

Please join us in prayer to honor God Our Father, **Sunday, April 6 at 3pm.** We will pray Consecration Prayers to God Our Father and Divine Mercy. The Consecration prayer helps us to acknowledge God as our Eternal Father, to honor Him, and to give Him our commitment to follow His commandments.

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tuesday, April 8 at St. Michael's.** Anyone in need of physical, emotional, and spiritual healing or healing in relationships are encouraged to come. **Service will begin at 6:00pm.** For more information, contact Monica Choe at (720) 341-3752.

Lenten Soup Supper - Wednesday, April 9

Join Us for a Simple Lenten Meal. Come enhance your Lenten experience by gathering in the Grace Parish Center for a humble meal of soup and bread, lovingly prepared by our fellow parishioners. We look forward to seeing you. Benediction begins at 5pm followed by supper. All are welcome to share in this time of reflection and fellowship.

Hawaii Island Chrism Mass-Thursday, April 10

Bishop Larry, joined by the Priests of the entire island will celebrate our Chrism Mass on Thursday, April 10th here at St. Michael's. Mass begins at 6:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend. During the Mass, all present are called to renew their Baptismal promises; Priests and Deacons (the ordained) are

further called to reaffirm their ministry by renewing the promises made at their ordination. **The Mass takes its name from the most eminent of the three Holy oils which the Bishop commissions for his local churches to use throughout the following year.** While the Oil of the Sick, used for those who seek the anointing, and the Oil of the Catechumens, which is imposed on those preparing for Baptism, are simply "blessed," the Sacred Chrism is "consecrated," and all the priests present participate in the latter moment by extending their hands toward the vessel containing it as the Bishop says the prayer of consecration.

During the part of the Chrism Mass called the Rite of Reception of the Oils, representatives from every Parish receive the three oils. Whenever the Holy Oils are used, the ministry of the Bishop who blessed and consecrated them is symbolically present.

Please join us. A light supper will be served after Mass in the Grace Parish Center.

Lenten Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed **at 5pm at St. Michael's in English** and **at 6pm at Immaculate Conception in Spanish.**

Lenten Fish Fry Friday - April 11

After attending the Stations of the Cross, meet fellow parishioners on Friday, April 11 for Lenten Fish Fry Fridays from 5:45pm to 7:15pm, for just \$10 per person, in the Grace Parish Center, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Prepping Palms for Palm Sunday

Please come! We need your help to prepare the palms and olive branches for Palm Sunday **on Saturday, April 12.** We will start **after the 7am Mass.** For more information, please contact Sue Costa through the office.

Jubilee Days of Study - Open to All Ages

The Diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is scheduling Days of Study to help people learn more about the Jubilee Year, the history of the church and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The next day of study scheduled on our Island is on Saturday, April 12 from 9am to 3pm at the Annunciation Church in Waimea. All ages welcome!



40 Days for Life

The Respect Life Committee continues their 40daysFor Life prayer vigil and sign waving until Sunday, April 13 in front of St. Michael's Church. 40daysFor Life is a peaceful prayer vigil to end abortion nationwide and internationally. Please join us!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes Grades K-5

Classes are held from 10:15 - 11:50am on Sundays, April 6, 13 & 27. - *Margaret Essex, Catechist*

Youth Ministry Classes Grades 6-12.

April Youth Ministry classes on April 6, 13, & 27. Parents meeting on April 6 for Sacraments.

-*Edwina Fujimoto, Youth Minister*

Stewardship of Treasure

March 24th - 30th, 2025

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 2,016.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 12,324.00
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 33,719.00

Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,814,861.99** for the Parish Center Campaign, which includes pledge payments.

Mahalo for your continued generosity.

Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or click on our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH MARCH 2025

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$11,525.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$2,446.33**

The above amounts fund Diocesan ministries, as listed in *'Ohana in Christ* to help support our parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies, and communities within the Diocese of Honolulu.

Online Giving

St. Michael's Church provides **Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - visit saintmichaelparishkona.org and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim - though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is "left alone before him." A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church. - Father John Muir, ©LPI

Treasures From Our Tradition

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the Holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion? - James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Everyday Stewardship - Make A Way

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones - and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences - these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments- The Allure of Being Right

It wasn't a real question. "The law of Moses says we should stone her. What do you say?" The Pharisees asked Jesus as they brought the adulterous woman before

YOU ARE INVITED

(schedule may change without advance notice)

MONDAY

- Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm
- Knights of Columbus 5:45pm
(2nd Monday of the month)
- Church Cleaning 6:00pm

TUESDAY

- Coffee with the Priests 7:30-9:00am
- Charismatic Prayer Group 6:30-8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

- Adoration 7:30-5:00pm
- Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am
- Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm
- Soup Supper (after Benediction) 5:30pm
- Hula Ministry Practice 5:30-6:30pm
- Men of Faith 5:30-6:30pm

THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm
(3rd Thursday of each month)
- Young Adults Group 6:00-7:00pm

FRIDAY

- Stations of the Cross - English 5:00pm
(St. Michael the Archangel)
- Stations of the Cross - Spanish 6:00pm
(Immaculate Conception)
- Lenten Fish Fry 5:45-7:15pm

SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning 7:30am
- Grounds Maintenance 7:30am
- Confession 9-10am

SUNDAY

- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Immigration Seminar 1:00-2:00pm
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father 3:00pm
(1st Sunday of each month)
- Faith Formation (K-5) 10:15-11:50am
- Faith Formation (6-12) 5:15-7:15pm
(Please refer to the Faith Formation section for class dates)
- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults After 9am Mass

Baptism

The next baptism class will be at 9am on Saturday, April 12 in the Office Conference room. Parents and Godparents must attend class.

To register, please email baptism.stmichaelkona@rcchawaii.org

Marriage

Please notify the office and allow six months before the date of marriage for preparation.

him. But they weren't really asking. They didn't care what Jesus' answer was. They didn't ask his opinion because they wanted to know. They asked because they wanted to use his words against him.

Righteousness, truth - that wasn't the goal. The goal was being right. And in the middle of the whole scene, dragged before Jesus, used as a literal prop in this staged drama, is a woman. A real flesh-and-blood woman.

I find myself wanting to know more about her. She had been "caught in the act," they claimed, but I wonder what that even means. With whom was this act committed, and what were the reasons for her participation in it? Was she coerced? Was she scared? Was she confused? Was it really a cut-and-dry, black-and-white situation of adultery, of lust, of making the wrong decision?

We will never know the answers to these questions, and it doesn't matter - it's not our business. God knows the answers. God knows the truth of the matter: what she did, what she chose, what she felt. Because she wasn't a prop to Him. She was a person.

When God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

I worry that we use one another as props even today, when we try like the Pharisees to illustrate "What is Right." We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them.

Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right.

- Colleen Jurkiwicz Dorman, ©LPi



Holy Thursday of the LORD'S Supper - April 17th

Morning Prayer: 7am

Holy Mass: 6pm

All are welcome to stay for Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday of the LORD'S Passion - April 18th

Morning Prayer: 7am

Stations of the Cross: 12pm (SM) English | 2pm (IC) Español
Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross: 6pm

Our St. Michael tradition is to bring a "lei of love" to place on the cross. Good Friday Collection will be collected before the Service. Please note "Holy Land" on your check.

Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil - April 19th

Morning Prayer: 7am

Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets: 10am

Easter Vigil of the Holy Night: 6pm

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord - April 20th

Mass: 7am - English/'Ōlelo Hawai'i

9am - English

12:00pm - Español

4pm - English



SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH

4pm - Robert Leopoldino, Rest in Peace

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7am - Colleen Porter, Birthday Blessings
- 9am - Robert Leopoldino, Rest in Peace
- 4pm - David Torres, deceased, Heavenly Birthday Blessings and Mardi Monello, 5th Anniversary of Death

MONDAY, APRIL 7TH

- 7am - Robert Leopoldino, 1st Anniversary of Death
- 5pm - Robert Leopoldino, 1st Anniversary of Death

TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH

- 7am - Gloria Lynne Fabel, Anniversary of Death
- 5pm - Karol Dougherty, Rest in Peace

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH

- 7am - Thea Olina Carvalho, Birthday Blessings
- 5pm - Pitchamol Kbilkam for Healing

FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH

- 7am - Jose, Alejandro Pedro "Peter", Marcelo and Loreto Ganir, May they Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Joseph Reynolds, Rest in Peace

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

- 7am - Roland, "Pepe" Bouchard, deceased, Birthday Remembrance

Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **808-326-7771**.

Mass cards are available.

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."

—Matthew 25:35

The Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from **9 - 9:45am** at **Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.**



Use this QR Code for our Amazon Wishlist. Items purchased can be mailed directly to the Parish Office.



Mahalo for your support!

A Third Way

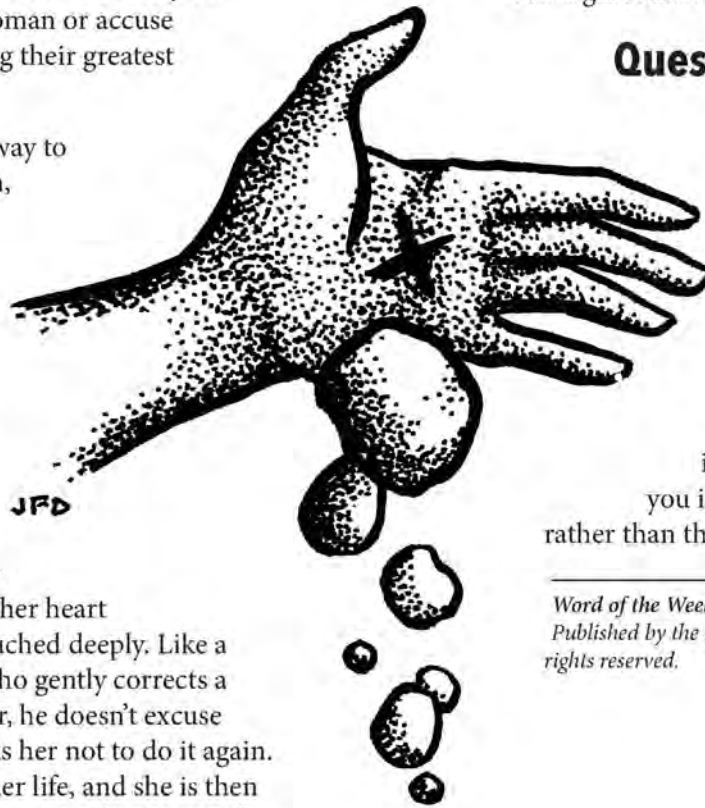
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Isaiah 43:16-21 - Promise of restoration
- ▶ Philippians 3:8-14 - Breaking with the past
- ▶ John 8:1-11 - The woman caught in adultery

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks, reminding the Israelites that God—who brought their ancestors out of slavery in Egypt—can and will do marvelous things again. He gives them a reason to hope and to believe that God can still surprise them with unexpected new life. The passage creates a foreshadowing of Jesus' mercy with the adulteress which allows her to begin a new life after her nightmare of almost being stoned to death.

This Gospel story is a beautiful example of Jesus' ability to find a "third way" between two opposing options. At first, it appears that Jesus can either 1) follow the law of Moses and call for the woman's stoning, or 2) let her "off the hook" and thus disrespect Moses. The scribes and Pharisees want him to choose one or the other so that they can either punish the woman or accuse Jesus of disrespecting their greatest religious leader.

Jesus finds another way to address the situation, however. He exhibits mercy that does not result in violence, but will almost surely bring about the woman's conversion. Given the danger she was in, and then Jesus' utter compassion for her, her heart would have been touched deeply. Like a thoughtful parent who gently corrects a child's poor behavior, he doesn't excuse what she did but asks her not to do it again. His response saves her life, and she is then free to go on as a witness to the power of



“Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”

Sheepish Question:
What are the obstacles to my fully forgiving others' failures?

love rather than vengeance. At the same time, the scribes and Pharisees, so eager to see another person suffer, find themselves quietly convicted for their self-righteousness.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Jesus has a choice between showing mercy or justice here. Given the two options, which do you tend to move toward in your response to others?
- 2 In thinking about the people and situations in your life today, to whom are you invited to offer Jesus' mercy rather than the Pharisees' judgment?

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Clearing a Path

God our Father,
you are our protector and our comfort.
You have done great things for us:
you make a way
amid hopelessness
and despite our sinfulness.
Your forgiveness knows no bounds,

and though we weep now,
we know we will soon rejoice.
Help us announce your praise,
relinquish our judgment of others,
and live with our sights set on
pursuing you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Boundless Mercy



Today's readings: Isaiah 43:16–21; Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Philippians 3:8–14; John 8:1–11. A crowd begins to gather to hear Jesus teach in the temple. The scribes and the Pharisees bring forth a woman who had been caught in adultery. After forcing her to stand in the middle of the crowd, they test Jesus, asking what the woman's punishment should be. The law states that she should be stoned for her sin.

Jesus writes on the ground, and John leaves it to our imagination as to what his words might be. Though Jesus' written words are not revealed, the Gospel records him as saying, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." He bends down again and writes on the ground a second time. Then people leave, per-

haps humbled in the realization that they are sinners and do not have the ability to judge someone else for their sins. Have you condemned or judged another for their wrongdoing? Imagine what Jesus might write on the ground in front of you to encourage you to grow in mercy.

After the woman has been humiliated and brought to the center of a crowd (a crowd well aware of the punishment for her actions), Jesus tells her that she is not condemned. Imagine the shock and relief this woman likely felt. This Sunday, as you listen to the Gospel being proclaimed, bask in God's boundless mercy. Allow yourself to join this woman as she experiences God's unconditional love. How can you let this inspire you to be better and "not sin any more"?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 7

Live Jesus in Our Hearts

St. John Baptist de La Salle, a passionate educator, is the patron saint of teachers. As a priest, he dedicated his time to making education accessible to impoverished children. He was devoted to training and directing teachers so they could best serve in their classrooms. De La Salle founded the De La Salle Christian Brothers, who operate education centers around the world. The Lasallian community's expression of faith is to "Live Jesus in our hearts . . . forever." St. John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us. *Today's readings: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; John 8:12-20.*

Tuesday, April 8

Speaking This Way

"Many came to believe in him [Jesus]" because of the way he spoke. His preaching focused on radical service, compassionate forgiveness, and always pointed to God the Father. How do you speak and carry yourself? Does it point to God? How can you speak in a way that is pleasing to God? *Today's readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8:21-30.*

Wednesday, April 9

Be Free

Jesus responds to the Jews: "Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin." To be free from sin, we must actively choose to turn to God, repent, and resolve to do better. As we approach Holy Week, schedule a time to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Before doing so, prepare yourself with an examination of conscience. Consider journaling as a part of your prayerful reflection and bringing this to your confession. Indeed, the truth will set us free! *Today's readings: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31-42.*

Thursday, April 10

Friendship with Jesus

Jesus answers the Jews who are persecuting him: he tells them that he knows the Father. They continue to challenge him and, in today's Gospel, throw stones at him. Set time aside today to reflect on your friendship with Jesus. What have you done to cultivate a friendship with him? What have you done to "throw stones" at him? As a part of your reflection, resolve to an action you can commit that will help you grow in relationship with Jesus: consider attending daily Mass, spending time serving someone who is impoverished, reading the Bible regularly, or visiting the elderly. *Today's readings: Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 8:51-59.*

Friday, April 11

He Heard

Joining the psalmist today, we proclaim: "In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice." The Lord is with us in our joys and sorrows. Before you go to sleep tonight, pray with today's psalm. Begin with the sign of the cross. Read the psalm once to familiarize yourself with it. Read it a second time, paying attention to what the psalmist calls God: strength, fortress, shield. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 10:31-42.*

Saturday, April 12

Preparing

The end of Lent is near. Holy Week begins tomorrow with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Reflect on your Lenten journey today. Before Holy Week begins, check when your parish celebrates the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Set aside time to participate in this liturgy. *Today's readings: Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; John 11:45-56.*



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