

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 7, 2019

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

— *Philippians 3:8*

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.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$1,505.00	\$776.00
Number of Families contributing	72	58
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (13 Weeks)	\$42,543.00	\$41,508.00
Received to Date	\$33,765.00	\$27,889.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$8,778.00	\$13,619.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$227.00	\$3,531.00

Twenty-one ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$316.00	\$7,463.00

Six people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$106,280.00
Total Received	\$3,821.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$2.00.

15 **CHILDREN** contributed \$62.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$12.00.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES totaled \$95.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 65, 7:00 p.m. Mass was 90 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 105.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A man married a beautiful girl. He loved her very much. Once she developed a skin disease. Slowly she started to lose her beauty. It so happened that one day her husband left for a tour. While returning he had an accident. In the accident he damaged his eyes and lost his eyesight. However, their married life continued as usual.

But as days passed she lost her beauty gradually. Her blind husband did not know this and there was no difference in their happy married life. He continued to love her and she also loved him very much. One day his wife slipped from the stairs and died to a head injury. Her death brought him great sorrow. He finished all her last rights and wanted to leave that town.

A man from behind called and said, "Now how will you be able to walk all alone? All these days your wife used to help you." He replied, "I am not blind. I was just pretending to be blind because if she knew I could see her ugliness it would have pained her more than her disease. So I pretended to be blind this whole time. She was a very good wife. I only wanted to keep her happy."

Sometimes it is good for us to act blind and ignore one another's short comings, in order to be happy. Ignoring the little harsh things in life can make your life easier.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Sutton in thanks for Chi on his 1st birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Eddie O. Riley in loving memory of him on the 8th Anniversary of his death;
3. the Family of Little Captain in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ireland Carroll, Scotland Costello and Elegance Riley for making the A+ Honor Roll; Elite Carroll, Honor Carroll, Thomas Scotson Carroll and Embassy Sherlock for making the All-A Honor Roll; Acea Carroll, Jax Carroll, Jim Richmon Carroll, Richlie Carroll, Noah Gorman, Eddie Owen Riley, Juliet Riley, Royal Riley, Easton Sherlock and Hyness Sherlock for making the A-B Honor Roll.

DIET THOUGHTS

- The most fattening thing you can put in a banana split is a spoon.
- The toughest part of a diet isn't watching what you eat. It's watching what other people eat.
- Most people gain weight by having intimate dinners for two...alone.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE will be held this Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 P.M. Five priests will be available to hear confessions. Please be in the Church 5 minutes early.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

MORNING PRAYER	Mon. thru Friday	9:30 a.m.
EVENING PRAYER	Monday & Friday Tues., Wed., & Thurs.	6:30 p.m. 4:15 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

Apr. 12: Society of Mary Immaculate
Apr. 19: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

LAUGH, SMILE, HUG & LOVE

LAUGH with your *EYES*
SMILE with your *SOUL*
HUG with your *HEART*
LOVE with your *SPIRIT*.

THANK YOU to a member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and the Infant of Prague for the needy; and also to a member for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

EASTER LILIES It is asked that each family donate \$10 for the Easter lilies. Please give your donation to Mary Rita O'Hara, Bridget Rita or the Church Office.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A teacher posed a question: "George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but he also admitted doing it. Now, do you know why his father didn't punish him?"

Quickly one of the students replied, "Because George still had the axe in his hand."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Thursday: St. Stanislaus
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: St. Martin I

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Little Ollie Harrison on the 16th Anniversary of his death.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Beasley on his Birthday.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick, St. Joseph for all Holy Souls in Purgatory.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Popeye on the 25th Anniversary of his death.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Tommy Paul Riley on the 1st Anniversary of his death.

A GENTLE REMINDER

A gentle tongue brings healing.
So let your word be kind.
Words can mend a broken heart
And soothe a troubled mind.

Stoop down and lift the fallen,
In love extend your hands.
The erring soul needs mercy,
Someone who understands.

A true friend in all seasons
Is like a treasured gift,
Nearby in all times of trouble
And help your burdens lift.

READERS

Sat. Apr. 6th, 4:00 P.M. Grace & Rita Riley
Sat. Apr. 6th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Apple's Christina
Sun. Apr. 7th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

Sat. Apr. 13th, 4:00 P.M. **Sat. Apr. 13th, 7:00 P.M.**
1st Reading Joy *1st Reading* Jay
2nd Reading Leah *2nd Reading* Mary Melissa

Narrator Joy *Narrator* Christina
Speaker Mary Rita *Speaker* Mary Melissa

Sun. Apr. 14th, 10:00 A.M.
1st Reading Jimmy Joseph *Narrator* Jimmy Joseph
2nd Reading Theresa Maria *Speaker* Theresa Maria

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Fallon
Tuesday - Ann Rita
Wednesday - Skylar
Thursday - Dayna
Friday - Pamela

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **April 6th**
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

April 7th **April 14th**
Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Bridget Rita
Tuesday Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday Rosie Cat
Thursday Betty Jo
Friday P.A.'s Ann Marie

WORRIES & TENSIONS

Worries and tensions are like birds,
We cannot stop them from flying around us,
But we can certainly stop them from making a nest on our head.

RIVERS NEVER GO REVERSE

So try to live like a *RIVER*, Forget the *PAST*,
focus on the *FUTURE*... & Always be *POSITIVE*!

FUNNY QUOTES

"The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking places."
"The real art of a conversation is not only to say the right thing in the right place, but also leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

Lord Jesus, put within my heart a burning desire to be changed and transformed in Your way of holiness. Let Your Holy Spirit purify my heart and renew in me a fervent love and desire to do whatever is pleasing to You and to refuse whatever is contrary to Your will. Amen