

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11, 2018

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17

COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People

(2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

(Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life

(John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,889.00	\$1,871.00
Number of Families contributing	129	98
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (9 Weeks)	\$28,501.00	\$27,809.00
Received to Date	\$23,970.00	\$19,454.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,531.00	\$8,355.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$231.00	\$1,724.00

Twenty-three ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$2,135.00
Amount Outstanding	\$23,570.00

Twenty-seven people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$0.00	\$1,385.00

No one made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$12.00.

31 **CHILDREN** contributed \$170.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 350, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 125 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 220.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Early one morning an elderly man came to the hospital. He came to get his stitches removed from his thumb. A nurse attended to him, she checked his vitals and told him to wait. "It will be over an hour before the doctor can see you," the nurse told him, but the old man asked her to hurry if possible.

As they started talking, the nurse asked him, "Do you have any doctor's appointment as you seem to be in a hurry?" The old man replied, "No, but I must go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with my wife. She is suffering from Alzheimer's disease and living in a nursing home." The nurse asked, "Would she worry if you got there a bit late?" The old man replied, "No...She no longer remembers who I am and had not recognized me since the last five years." The nurse was surprised and again asked, "She doesn't recognize you, yet you go to have breakfast with her every morning? Why?" To this the old man smiled and replied softly, "She doesn't know me but I still know who she is."

For those in love; time, distance or health does not matter. The only thing that matters is love and care for your partner despite all difficulties in the journey of life. Love is a commitment; it involves a lot of sacrifice.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Michael Jude and Alaina in thanks for Mike Thomas O'Hara on his 8th Birthday;
2. the Family of Raven Riley in thanks for her on her 5th Birthday;
3. the Wife and Family of Pat "Irishman" Carroll in loving memory of him on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
4. Mary Jean, children and grandchildren of Ned Sherlock in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
5. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins this Sunday, March 10th. Remember to set your clocks forward by one hour.

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:

Mar. 16: Youth Group & Young Girls Organization

Mar. 23: Society of Mary Immaculate

Mar. 30: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for **Catholic Relief Services**. Please be generous.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH will be celebrated on Monday, March 19th at 7:00 P.M. Mass. To prepare ourselves for the Feast of St. Joseph a Novena will begin on Saturday, March 10th. The Youth Group will organize the Feast.

THANK YOU to three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

TRIDUUM PRAYER TO THE INFANT JESUS For the next three Sundays we will have a Triduum Prayer to the Infant Jesus. It will be held in the Church after the Divine Mercy Rosary at 3:00 P.M. The Church will be open at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday.

MIRACLE

Making a hundred friends is not a miracle. The miracle is to make a single friend who will stand by your side even when hundreds are against you.

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.

PURIFY

Bath purifies **BODY**,
Meditation purifies **MIND**,
Prayer purifies **SOUL**,
Charity purifies **WEALTH**,
Fast purifies **HEALTH**,
Forgiveness purifies **RELATIONS**.

INTERESTING RIDDLES

Q. What goes up when rain comes down?

A. *Umbrella.*

Q. If crocodile skins make good shoes, what do banana skins make?

A. *Good slippers.*

Q. What roof is always wet?

A. *Roof of your mouth.*

JOKE OF THE WEEK A man took his dog to the vet and asked the vet to cut off its tail. The vet wanted to know why?

"Because," said the man, "my mother-in-law is arriving tomorrow, and I don't want anything to make her think she's welcome."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: Saint Patrick

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For Matt Edward Sherlock on his Birthday and in honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Brian Benedict Carroll on his 29th Birthday.

Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.

Thursday: For Pete Suedle Carroll.

Friday: For Eddie Michael Sherlock on his Birthday.

ATTITUDE ADJUSTING

An optimistic attitude

Is what I should possess

When meeting challenges head on,

Or under undue stress, ,

I can't control all things in life,

But how I handle them

Will help me through the strains and woes

To keep me safe within.

With optimistic attitude,

I know I'll overcome

And get the deed accomplished;

Then hear the words, "Well done!"

READERS

Sat. Mar. 10th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
Sat. Mar. 10th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Bridgette Anna

Sun. Mar. 11th, 10:00 A.M. Ned's Rose Marie & Jimmy Joseph

Sat. Mar. 17th, 4:00 P.M. Skylar & Christie
Sat. Mar. 17th, 7:00 P.M. Carolyn & Mary Melissa

Sun. Mar. 18th, 10:00 A.M. Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Paige
Tuesday	Joy
Wednesday	Cheryl
Thursday	Allison
Friday	Kara

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	March 10th
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Saturday 7:00 P.M.	March 10th
Front	Jay
Cup	Johnny Jay's Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

March 11th	March 18th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Bibbie's Catherine Ann
Friday	Bridget Ann

ALL COMES BACK

*Life is an **ECHO**.*

***ALL** comes back.*

*The **GOOD**, the **BAD**, the **FALSE** and the **TRUE**.*

*So give the world the **BEST** you have
and the **BEST** will come back to you.*

COMIC DICTIONARY

- **PROCRASTINATION** - The art of keeping up with yesterday.
- **SKELETON** - A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.
- **UNDERTAKER** - The last guy to let you down.

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love. Where there is injury pardon. Where there is doubt let me sow faith. Where there is despair let me give hope. Where there is darkness let me give light. Where there is sadness let me give joy. Amen.*