

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARH 13, 2016

*I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
— Philippians 3:8*

STRAIGHT LINES

"God writes straight with crooked lines," the saying goes. The power of Paul's testimony that everything is junk but knowledge of Jesus and the power of his resurrection is a straight enough message. And, God knows, Paul had a crooked journey before his blinding insight straight from God.

Through Isaiah, God reminds us all that the past great works were as nothing compared to the new creation. "Can't you see it?" we are asked, as if we are still wandering along our crooked lines.

And there is no straighter line than that between the woman whose misery is intense and the God whose mercy in Jesus is deeper and more acute. You just can't beat this kind of good news.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.

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

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) or *Romans 8:8-11*.

Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (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	\$2,530.00	\$1,849.00
Number of Families contributing	104	89
Total Pledge for 2016	\$172,351.00	\$185,388.00
Pledged to Date (10 Weeks)	\$33,230.00	\$36,580.00
Received to Date	\$25,997.80	\$23,089.80
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,232.20	\$13,490.20

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$259.00	\$2,080.00

Twenty-three ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$617.00
Amount Outstanding	\$22,713.00

Eight people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$65.00	\$2,435.00

Three people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$15.00.

POOR BOX \$64.00.

24 **CHILDREN** contributed \$71.00.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES totaled \$169.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 215, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 102, and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 165.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Two people were on a train in France. The older passenger had the Bible open to the story of the loaves and fishes. Curious, the younger said to him, "Pardon me, sir, do you believe that story, or are you just reading it?" "I believe it!" he said. "Don't you?" "No!" said the younger. "I am a scientist and that story conflicts with science." Just then, the trained slowed. "This is my station," said the younger. "Nice talking to you Mr..." "Pasteur," said the older, "Louis Pasteur." The younger was shocked, he had just been speaking with one of the world's top scientists.

How do I handle faith questions when they seem to conflict with science?

*A little science and faith is far;
A lot of science and faith is near.*

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Barney Sarge Riley in loving memory of him on the 10th Anniversary of his death;
2. Mary Jean and his children in loving memory of Ned Sherlock on his Birthday;
3. Pat Butts, Susan, Thomas, Cathy Lisa, Jimmy Benedict and Paige in loving memory of Tom Butts Sherlock on the 21st Anniversary of his death;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

PARISH WEBSITE Our Parish now has a website. The web address is: www.stedwardchurchna.org. If you would like to put something on our website please contact the Church Office.

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK will be celebrated this Thursday, March 17th at 12 NOON Mass. To prepare ourselves for the Feast of St. Patrick, we shall begin a Triduum Prayer this Monday, March 14th. The Young Girls Organization organizes the Feast.

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:

March 18: Society of Mary Immaculate
March 25: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH will be celebrated on Monday, March 21st at 7:00 P.M. Mass. To prepare ourselves for the Feast of St. Joseph a Triduum Prayer begins on Friday, March 18th. The Youth Group will organize the Feast.

ST. EDWARD RECONCILIATION SERVICES

PARISH: Wednesday, March 16th 6:30p.m.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Wednesday, March 23rd 4:00p.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins this Sunday, March 13th. Remember to set your clocks forward by one hour.

EASTER LETTER WITH EASTER MASS SCHEDULE was mailed to all Parishioners last week.

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

THANK YOU to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy, St. Joseph, St. Theresa and St. Jude; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and Our Lady of Guadalupe for the poor; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER Thanks to the Legion of Mary, we will have Morning and Evening Prayer in the Church during Lent.

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

ENJOY THESE QUESTIONS Why is there a gate around a cemetery? Because people are dying to get in. What did the lawyer name his daughter? Sue.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A woman sat down on a park bench, glanced around and decided to stretch out her legs on the seat and relax. After a while, a beggar came up to her and said, "Hello, love, how's about us going for a walk together?" "How dare you," retorted the woman, "I'm not one of your cheap pickups!" "Well then," said the tramp, "what are you doing in my bed?"

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In thanks for Jim Richmon Carroll on his 5th Birthday.
Tuesday: In thanks to St. Jude for Juda Sherlock.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: In thanks to St. Expedite.
Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Daylight Saving Time begins
Thursday: St. Patrick
Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Spring begins

SAFETY NET

I need a jumbo safety net
To cradle all my woes,
Where I can hide safely within,
Secure from stormy blows.

A safety net that will contain
Some ways for me to cope,
Where I can sing a glad refrain
Of peace, love, joy and hope!

My God, you are my Safety Net,
In You I rest secure.
You are my Stronghold and my Rock,
With You, I can endure.

READERS

Sat. Mar. 12th, 4:00 P.M. Mary Theresa & Stephanie	Sat. Mar. 12th, 7:00 P.M. Mary Melissa & Carolyn
Sun. Mar. 13th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie
Sat. Mar. 19th, 4:00 P.M. <i>1st Reading</i> Ann T. <i>2nd Reading</i> Bridget Ann <i>Narrator</i> Mary Rita <i>Speaker</i> Julie Ann	Sat. Mar. 19th, 7:00 P.M. <i>1st Reading</i> Jay <i>2nd Reading</i> Carolyn <i>Narrator</i> Jay <i>Speaker</i> Carolyn
Sun. Mar. 20th, 10:00 A.M. <i>1st Reading</i> Rose Marie <i>2nd Reading</i> Jimmy Joseph	<i>Narrator</i> Jimmy Joseph <i>Speaker</i> Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Erin
Tuesday	Julie Ann
Wednesday	Christina
Thursday	Natalie
Friday	Mary Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. Front Front Left Left Cup Front Right Right Cup Sick	March 12th Bridget Ann Mary Regina Catherine Ann Rose Melissa Ann T. Rita Weaver
Saturday 7:00 P.M. Front Cup	March 12th Sharon Jay

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

March 13th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie	March 20th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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

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

**ETERNAL GOD OF ENDLESS MERCY**

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and mercy. Amen.