

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 14, 2021

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

GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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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 — By grace you have been saved
(Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (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	\$1,909.00	\$1,497.00
Number of Families contributing	71	55
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (9 Weeks)	\$32,170.00	\$32,500.00
Received to Date	\$25,123.00	\$20,753.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,047.00	\$11,747.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$121.00	\$2,031.00.

Sixteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$9,185.00	\$72,667.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$110.00.

17 **CHILDREN** contributed \$72.00.

BAA totaled \$50.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

An old lady went to a bank to withdraw some cash. She handed her card to a bank cashier and said, "I would like to withdraw \$10." The cashier told her, "Mam, for withdrawals less than \$100 please use the ATM." The old lady asked, "Why can't I withdraw just \$10?" The cashier got irritated. She returned the old lady her card and said, "These are the rules of the bank. Please step aside if there is no other matter. There is a line of customers behind you."

The old lady remained silent for a few seconds, then she handed the card back to the cashier and said, "Please help me withdraw all the money I have." The cashier was astonished when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head and told her, "Mam, you have \$1,000,000 in your account and the bank doesn't have that much cash currently. Can you please book an appointment and come back tomorrow?"

The old lady asked how much she could withdraw immediately. The cashier told her any amount up to \$5,000. "Well, please let me have \$5,000 now," the old lady said. The cashier then angrily went back to the vault. She retrieved stacks of \$20s and \$10s. She spent the next ten minutes counting out \$5,000. "Is there anything else I can do for you today? The cashier asked irritated. The old lady put \$10 in her purse and said, "Yes, I'd like to deposit \$4,990 into my account."

Don't mess with the older generation, they spent a lifetime learning the skills to deal with people. Always respect and honor them. If we do so, the next generation will do to us when we get old.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Paris in thanks for Creed on his 9th Birthday;
2. the Family of Mary Frances Rouk in loving memory of her on the 2nd Anniversary of her death;
3. Pat Butts, Susan, Thomas, Cathy Lisa, Jimmy Benedict, and Paige in loving memory of Tom Butts on the 26th Anniversary of his death;
4. the Family of Ann Shirley Carroll in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. CHERIAN

Thursday, March 18th is Fr. Cherman's Birthday.

St. Edward Parish Family would like to wish

Fr. Cherman a very, very, very

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK will be celebrated this Wednesday, March 17th at 12 NOON Mass. The Society of Mary Immaculate will take care of the Feast.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH will be celebrated this Friday, March 19th at 7:00 P.M. Mass. The Young Girls Organization will take care of the Feast.

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins this Sunday, March 14th. Remember to set your clocks forward by one hour.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

<u>MORNING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Friday	9:30 a.m.
<u>EVENING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Thursday	3:30 p.m.
	Friday	6:30 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:

Mar. 19: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.

Mar. 26: Society of Mary Immaculate

Apr. 2: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA will be held daily at 3:00 P.M. in the Church during Lent.

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.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in honor of the Infant of Prague for a special intention; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Joseph; a member in honor of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for favors received; a member for a donation in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary for favors received; a member for a donation in honor of St. Expedite for favors received; a member for in honor of St. Rita and St. Joseph for favors received; and to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A woman comes home shouting, "Honey, pack your bags! I won the lottery!"

The husband exclaims, "Wow! That's great! Should I pack for the ocean, or for the mountains, or what?" And she says, "I don't care. Just get the hell out."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins

Wednesday: St. Patrick

Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Friday: St. Joseph; Abstinence

Saturday: Spring begins

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of soul Bubby Ed on the 11th Anniversary of his death.

Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Patsy Butts on the Anniversary of his death.

Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Maggie Taylor on the 4th Anniversary of her death.

Thursday: In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and the Holy Souls.

Friday: For Eddie Michael Sherlock on his Birthday; Pete Gerard Riley on his Birthday; and in honor of St. Joseph on his Feast Day; and in honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

POINT OF VIEW

Thank You for Your beauty, Lord.

At times I don't look out.

I only look within and see

My shades of pain and doubt.

But if I looked at You, Lord,

Amidst Your clouds on high,

My worries would become as clouds

And softly drift on by.

READERS

Sat. Mar. 13th, 4:00 P.M. Julie Ann & Natalie	Sat. Mar. 13th, 7:00 P.M. Christina & Skylar
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Sun. Mar. 14th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Jersey
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Sat. Mar. 20th, 4:00 P.M. Ritz & Savannah	Sat. Mar. 20th, 7:00 P.M. Bridgette Anna & Carolyn
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Sun. Mar. 21st, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Jersey
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READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Reed
Tuesday	-	Christina Apple
Wednesday	-	Bryce
Thursday	-	Allison
Friday	-	Mary Cabrina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	-	Kim Gallon
Wednesday	-	Rosie Cat
Thursday	-	Mary Cat
Friday	-	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	March 13th
Front	Mary Margaret
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Kim Gallon

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

March 13th	March 20th
Rosie Cat	Melissa Penn

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

March 14th	March 21st
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

HEALTH

Health doesn't come from nutritious foods, vitamins & medicines alone....It comes from:

- *Peace of Mind*
- *Peace in the Heart*
- *Peace in the Soul*

It is magnified by:

- *Laughter*
- *Love*
- *Faith in God*

May you find peace and good health, not only this day, but for a lifetime!

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

**A LENTEN PRAYER**

*Lord Jesus, as I prepare for the coming of Easter during this Lenten Season, I turn to You in prayer. You have been merciful to me. Many times You have pardoned the great debt I owe. I trust in Your merciful love and wish to transmit Your love to many others faithfully. Here I am, Lord, ready to learn from Your tender heart. Amen.*