

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 27, 2022

*Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.
— 2 Corinthians 5:17*

LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or *Psalm 23*.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or *Ephesians 5:8-14*.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or *John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,154.00	\$1,903.00
Number of Families contributing	105	76
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (12 Weeks)	\$37,912.00	\$38,508.00
Received to Date	\$30,402.00	\$23,922.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,510.00	\$14,586.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$205.00	\$1,755.00

Twenty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$410.00	\$32,786.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

POOR BOX totaled \$24.00.

20 **CHILDREN** contributed \$72.00.

BAA totaled \$141.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Winston Churchill, once said: "I took a taxi one day to the BBC office for an interview.

When I arrived, I asked the driver to wait for me for forty minutes until I got back, but the driver apologized and said, "I can't because I have to go home to listen to Winston Churchill's speech."

I was amazed and delighted with the man's desire to listen to my speech! So, I took out 10 pounds and gave it to the taxi driver without telling him who I was. When the driver collected the money, he said: "I'll wait for hours until you come back sir! And let Churchill go to hell!"

You can see how principles have been modified against money; nations sold for money; honor for money; families split for money; friends separated for money; people killed for money; and people being made slaves to money.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Eric Draven in loving memory of his uncle Eric on the 10th Anniversary of his death;
2. the Scully's in loving memory of Scully's Pat on his 58th Birthday and Bonnie on her 54th Birthday;
3. the Family of High's Rosie in loving memory of her on the 6th Anniversary of her death;
4. and a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

SUCCESS & SELF-CONFIDENCE

SUCCESS is a vehicle,
which moves on a wheel named hard work,
but the journey is impossible without the fuel named
SELF-CONFIDENCE

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.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

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

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

TRUST YOURSELF

If you are depressed, confused or hurt don't worry...

Go in front of the mirror.

You will find the best person who will solve your problems.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Teresa, St. Raphael, and Padre Pio; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Jude; and two members for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

YOU ARE

**You are STRONG when you know weaknesses.
You are BEAUTIFUL when you appreciate your flaws.
You are WISE when you learn from your mistakes.**

MASS ON FRIDAYS during Lent will be at 7 P.M. followed by the Stations of the Cross.

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. 1: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.**
- Apr. 8: Lectors & Teen Girls Group**
- Apr. 15: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

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

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Melba: *I notice by this article that men become bald much more than women because of the intense activity of their brains!*

Ken: *Yes, and I notice that women don't grow beards because of the intense activity of their chins!*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent
- Friday:** First Friday; *Abstinence*; April Fool's Day
- Saturday:** St. Francis of Paola; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the souls of Scully's Pat on his 58th Birthday and Bonnie on her 54th Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Cannon and for the repose of the soul of Kaiser's Lily on her Birthday.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the souls of John and Bessie Riley on the Anniversaries of their deaths.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Cowboy on his Birthday.

SEEDS OF LOVE

***As we journey through this earthly life,
We must always try to fight the good fight;
Be of good spirit and have a sound mind
And always be generous, loving, and kind.***

***Temptations will always come our way;
It is something that we must fight every day.
If we give praise and glory to God above,
Know that He will shower us with His love.***

***When we leave our footprints upon this earth
And feel that our lives were of little worth,
Remember the seeds of love that we planted
Through the many gifts that God had granted.***

READERS

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| Sat. Mar. 26th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina & Julie Ann | Sat. Mar. 26th, 7:00 P.M.
Natalie & Mary Martha |
| Sun. Mar. 27th, 10:00 A.M. | Monroe & Christina Apple |
| Sat. Apr. 2nd, 4:00 P.M.
Cathy Lisa & Reed | Sat. Apr. 2nd, 7:00 P.M.
Ritz & Savannah |
| Sun. Apr. 3rd, 10:00 A.M. | Monroe & Christina Apple |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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| Monday | - | Ashley Carroll |
| Tuesday | - | Ritz |
| Wednesday | - | Ivana |
| Thursday | - | Katsyn |
| Friday | - | Graclynn |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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| Monday | - | Kim Gallon |
| Tuesday | - | Nora |
| Wednesday | - | Catherine Ann |
| Thursday | - | Mary Cat |
| Friday | - | Rosie Cat |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| <u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u> | <u>March 26th</u> |
| Front | Winnie Ann |
| Right | Cathy Pole |
| Left | Catherine Ann |
| <u>Saturday 7:00 P.M.</u> | March 26th |
| Right | Bridgette Anna |
| Left | Jean |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Sunday</u> |
| March 27th | April 3rd |
| Rose Marie | Rose Marie |

BLESSINGS

What we desire is not always, what we get...
But unknowingly many times we get things much more than what we expect... These are called "**BLESSINGS.**"

WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

God can do something with those who see what they really are and who know their need of cleansing but can do nothing with the man who feels himself worthy.

WORRYING

***Worrying is like sitting in a rocking chair.
It gives you something to do but it doesn't get you anywhere.***

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

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Father in Heaven, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Look down from Heaven with Your mercy and give Your protection to the Ukrainian people. Shelter them from the violence of the oppressive forces that are determined to take away their rights of freedom, liberty and justice. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.