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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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A FEAST.

— LUKE 15:23 —



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The theme of the Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is like the two sides of a coin. On one side we have sin and alienation, and on the other side we have forgiveness and reconciliation. Sometimes we are on one side and at other times we are on the other. This is part of our human nature. Our relationship with God is much the same, and, yet we don't always see it that way. The readings are intended to get us to think about which side of the coin we are on.

The First Reading is from the Book of Joshua (5:9a-12). Joshua was Moses' successor responsible for bringing the Israelites into the Promised Land after their forty years of wandering in the desert because of their sins. The past is now forgotten. Here they celebrate the annual Passover and eat of the produce of the land rather than the manna that had sustained them all those years. The entry into this new land signals a new beginning in the Israelites' relationship with God. It is as if God is welcoming them home.

The Responsorial Psalm is (34:2-7). This is a prayer that Joshua might have sung at that first Passover upon entering the Promised Land. He recognized that in the manna they had eaten for so long God was there in the form of love and fatherly concern for His people. The same is true when we eat and drink of the Body and Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ; when we receive Him with our whole heart and mind in thanksgiving for His many graces and blessings.

The Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (5:17-21). This passage is somewhat like an updated version of Joshua's story. We were like the Israelites before their wandering in the desert was completed and before our baptism. Then, God welcomed us into His family through Jesus Christ, who took the punishment that we could never have endured. We have a great opportunity to be reconciled with God through Christ, but are we taking advantage of that opportunity? When we reconcile with God, we can and should become ambassadors of Christ by letting others know what graces and blessings we have received.

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of St. Luke (15:1-3, 11-32). Here we have the familiar story that we call "The Prodigal Son," which should more appropriately be called "The Forgiving Father." We all know what the younger son did, but have you looked at the older son and what his problem was? He said, "All these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders, yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast with my friends." We see by this statement that although he didn't run off and squander his inheritance and he served his father faithfully, he also resented every minute of it. His work was not done out of love for the father. Something done for the wrong reason is still wrong and can lead to other failings!

So, which of the two sons are you: the one who thought he was so righteous or the other who finally realized his sinfulness and returned to the Father asking for mercy? Lent is a perfect time to take hold of the Hand of God and be reconciled to Him. All we have to do is meditate on the sufferings of Christ who endured those sufferings on our behalf, and then ask for His forgiveness — through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, if necessary. So, after all of this, the question remains, "Which side of the coin are you going to be on Easter Morning?"

Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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MARCH 30, 2025 | 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING: And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

GOSPEL: "But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15:32)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 30, 2025

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Sunday - Mar 30th - 4th Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Tommy Zaworski

Requested by: St. Anthony Classmates

Monday - Mar 31st - Lenten Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday - Apr 1st - Lenten Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Susan Haller

Requested by: Carol Potter

Saturday - Apr 5th - St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

4:00 pm - †John J. & Margaret M. Doslak

Requested by: Marge Thomas

Sunday - Apr 6th - 5th Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Evolie Matotek

Requested by: Bob & Sue Muska & Family

LENTEN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Children's Stations at 1:15 pm

Evening Stations at 7:00 pm with Deacon Paul

Holy Thursday, April 17th

Mass at St. Teresa at 7 pm

Good Friday, April 18th

Stations of the Cross at St. Anthony at Noon with Deacon Paul
Passion Services at St. Anthony at 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil, April 19th

Mass at St. Anthony at 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Mass at St. Anthony at 10:00 am

Parish Office Closed

Easter Monday, April 21st & Tuesday, April 22nd

Reopens on Wednesday, April 23rd



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 5th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynne K., Karen B., Joanne C.

Sunday, April 6th at 10:00 am

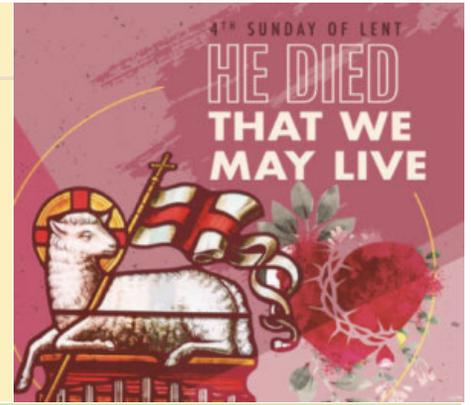
Lectors: Celia F.

Eucharistic Ministers: Anna S., Anna A.

OFFERTORY REPORT

FISCIAL YEAR (7/1/24-6/30/25)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (3/9/2025) \$5,035.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - \$(8,023.90)



MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



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| Iris Pearl Jackson | Al Jacobs | Devin Jarvis | Sylvia Johnston | Johnna Kuhar | Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter |
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| Paul Winkler | Doris Zgola-Whitka | | | | |

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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MANY PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

To friends and families, upon the death of Diocese of Cleveland priest
Fr. Edward Burba on March 23, 2025.

*May Fr. Burba's soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JESSICA STRAUSER!

We are proud to announce that our parishioner, Jessica Strauser, a junior at Elyria Catholic High School, has been chosen for the Diocesan Youth Advisory Council! The Diocesan Youth Advisory Council was formed by the Office of Ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland to be the voice of the Young Church to the Bishop. Please pray for Jessica in her ministry to the church.

HOLY FACE RELIC (VERONICA'S VEIL) - 4/2 TO 4/4

St. Mary's, 731 Exchange St. Vermilion, is offering all the faithful the opportunity to venerate the sanctioned Vatican Relic of Veronica's Veil with the Holy Face of Jesus on **Wednesday April 2nd** from 7:15-8:15 pm after the 6:15 pm Healing Mass, **Thursday, April 3rd** after the 8:30 am Mass until 10:30 am, and **Friday, April 4th** from 6:00-7:00 pm & 8:00-8:30 pm before and after Stations of the Cross at 7 pm. There will be no speakers. Just come and venerate this holy relic.

Revelations from Our Divine Lord concerning reparation to His Holy Face as told to Sister Mary of St. Peter;
"By offering My face to my eternal father nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained."

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM - 4/4

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will present Fr. Andy Turner, Vice-Rector of Borromeo Seminary & Professor of Pastoral Theology for St. Mary Seminary, at our luncheon on Friday, April 4th.

Fr. Turner will present "What's New at the Seminary?". Come join us for good food, fellowship & faith formation. Lunch begins at 11:30 am at the LCCC Spitzer Conference Center, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. Elyria with Father speaking at Noon.

All reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, March 31st.
Call 440-320-3272 or email fflorain@gmail.com with your reservation. Cost is \$25.

JUBILEE OF HEALTH CARE WORKERS - 4/5 & 4/6

Please join us during this Jubilee Year 2025 for a special blessing of all who work in health care. Medical professionals exemplify what it means to be "Pilgrims of Hope" by bringing hope to others. We deeply appreciate those who make sacrifices to help others feel their best. We hope our prayers will be a source of strength in this demanding line of work. Prayers & a blessing will occur during Masses on Saturday, April 5th at 4 pm & Sunday, April 6th at 10:30 am at Nativity B.V.M. Church. There will also be a prayer card for all in attendance.

CALVARY CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR - 4/9

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Wednesday, April 9th at 5:30 pm in the main office building of Calvary Cemetery, Lorain. Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite. Please RSVP to this event to Calvary Cemetery, 216-641-7575 ext. 6 or email bstrauchon@clecem.org.

COOKED PIEROGI SALE - 4/18

Along with our frozen uncooked pierogi sales on Wednesdays of Lent, we are adding a Cooked Sale on Good Friday, April 18th. Details coming next week!



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION SESSIONS - 5/4 & 6/12

Communion Ministers assist in the distribution of Christ's Body and Blood at Mass. Requirements are that ministers must be fully initiated and in good standing with the Catholic Church. A Minister of Holy Communion goes through a Diocesan Training Program. Once the training is complete, then you will be put on the schedule for either Saturday or Sunday Mass.

Upcoming formation sessions:

Sunday, May 4th at St. Jude, Elyria from 2:00-4:30 pm
Thursday, June 12th at Holy Spirit, Avon Lake from 7:00-9:30 pm

If you are interested, please contact the parish office, 440-288-0106, to get registered.

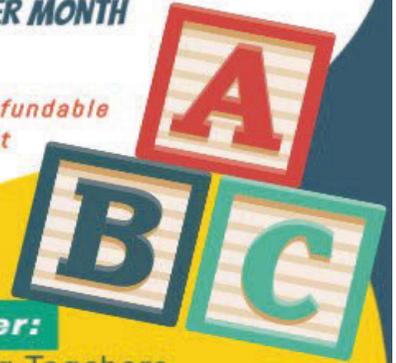
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