



From the desk of Father Rich Yanos

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

The prophet Jeremiah ministered at a difficult time in Jewish history. Jerusalem, their beloved capitol, had been destroyed, and most of the people taken captive to far-off Babylon. In this gloomy setting, Jeremiah expresses the conviction that the Lord will raise up a new leader from the line of David to restore and rebuild their homeland.

The second reading today that is from the letter to the Hebrews was written to a Christian community that had become dispirited and whose faith was faltering. Jesus is presented in today's passage as a model of suffering and a source of strength in time of need. (This passage is also part of the second reading on Good Friday.)

I'd like to remind all in our Queen of Peace Community that our Parish Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service with individual confessions will take place here at St. Eugene this Tuesday night, March 19th, at 7:00 p.m. I invite you to join us in receiving the healing power of Jesus and the gift of God's grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please plan on joining your parish community on Tuesday night, March 19th as you make your personal preparations for Holy Week and Easter.

All in our community along with your family and friends are invited to our parish's annual St. Joseph's Table this Saturday, March 23rd. This event honors St. Joseph by raising funds for charity by serving traditional non-meat foods to the public and selling bakery items from the St. Joseph's table display. You really must experience this event to appreciate all the work that goes into this special day. Admission is by ticket only and there are two seatings. The first seating is at 2:30 pm until 4:30 pm and the second seating is at 5:45 until 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

Our upcoming Scandinavian trip to Norway and Sweden is steadily filling up. For this reason, I'd like to invite and encourage anyone in our parish, along with your family and friends, who have never been to this part of the world or who have never experienced "group travel" to consider joining us. You'll not only be seeing and experiencing the scenery of two of the most beautiful countries, you'll also be sharing in this experience with a great group of people along with their pastor.

Currently we have only about 9 spaces left so if you think you might like to join us sign-up soon by sending in the RSVP Form that is inside the Trip Brochure. You can pick up copies of the brochure either in church or at the parish office. You can also request to have one sent to you by emailing me at ryanos@st-eugene.org or by filling out the form at the bottom of the Norway and Sweden advertisement page in today's bulletin and I'll be glad to send you one.

We always have a great time on these trips. Hope you can join us.

Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos