



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2 / 3, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Boniface:
Saturday
5:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Sunday
8:30 am Confession
9:00 am Mass**

***Tuesday & Thursday*
5:30 pm**

Mission Statement: We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of the Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Is 43:16–21

Phil 3:8–14

Jn 8:1–11

“Do Not Sin Any More.”

At first reading of today’s Gospel, one might think that those who brought the adulterous woman to Jesus were concerned about observance of the law. Halfway through the story, this error is corrected: “They said this to test him” (John 8:6). They thought that any answer he would provide would anger his audience. If he directed them to stone her, his teaching about mercy and forgiveness would sound hollow, and people would turn away from him. If he spoke against stoning, he would appear to be setting himself above the law, which required that particular punishment for adultery. They must have thought they had Jesus cornered.

Not to be undone by them, Jesus traced his finger on the ground. Was he listing the sins of the woman’s accusers? Was he using silence to make them feel uncomfortable? Was he choosing his words carefully? Was he simply doodling? We don’t know. But his words

cut to the core: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her” (John 8:7). Who would dare step forward to execute the sentence? They left, beginning with the elders because the custom was to throw the stones according to age—eldest first.

Had Jesus undermined his teaching about mercy and forgiveness? No. Had he denigrated the law? No. Did he leave the woman with the impression that her sin was not serious? No. He left her with this admonition: I will not condemn you to death, but you have to change your life.

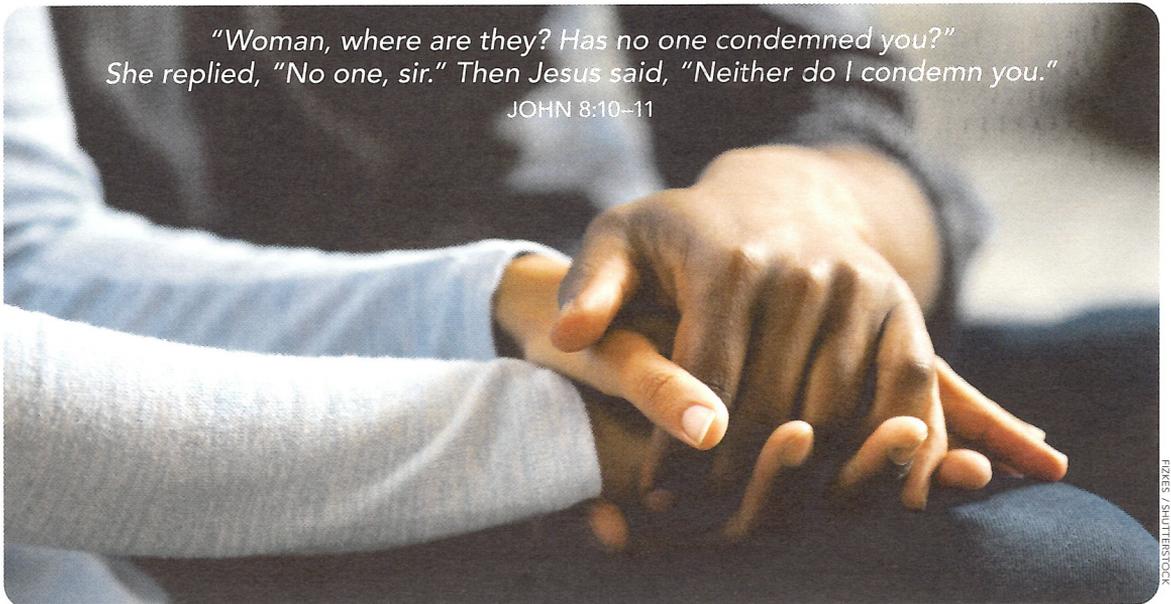
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *How quick are you to point out the failings of others? What good comes from it?*
- ★ *What in your life do you know you have to change? Why can’t you do it?*

*“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”
She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.”*

JOHN 8:10–11



PHOTOS / SHUTTERSTOCK

<i>Date</i>	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>Saint Boniface</i>
<i>April 2 / 3</i> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass Stations of the Cross immediately after Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<i>Wednesday</i>	5:00 pm ~ Stations 5:30 pm ~ Mass 6:00 pm ~ Chosen Series	
<i>Thursday</i>	5:00 pm ~ <i>Lenten Penance Service</i>	
<i>Saturday</i>	8:30 am – 3:00 pm <i>Lenten Retreat</i> Saint Mildred 203 Central Avenue Somerset, KY	
<i>April 9 / 10</i> <i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass Stations of the Cross	5:00 pm ~ Mass

	<i>OLPH</i> <i>Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE</i> <i>Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
Date	April 3	April 10	April 2	April 9
Lector	Jayla Medina	Joe McNaughton	Mary Jo Leygraaf	Jerry Nowak
Server	Norma Jones	Matthew Davis		

Mass Intentions	OLPH	St. Boniface
April 2 / 3	Parishioners Intentions	Parishioners Intentions
April 9 / 10	Parishioners Intentions	Parishioners Intentions

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
March 26 / 27	\$104.00	\$245.00

*May God bless you for your generous contributions
to our Church.*

*Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall
immediately after Mass.*

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I

Is 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,
 who opens a way in the sea
 and a path in the mighty waters,
who leads out chariots and horsemen,
 a powerful army,
till they lie prostrate together, never to rise,
 snuffed out and quenched like a wick.
Remember not the events of the past,
 the things of long ago consider not;
see, I am doing something new!
 Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
In the desert I make a way,
 in the wasteland, rivers.
Wild beasts honor me,
 jackals and ostriches,
for I put water in the desert
 and rivers in the wasteland
 for my chosen people to drink,
the people whom I formed for myself,
 that they might announce my praise.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those that sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Reading II

Phil 3:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

I consider everything as a loss

because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things

and I consider them so much rubbish,

that I may gain Christ and be found in him,

not having any righteousness of my own based on the law

but that which comes through faith in Christ,

the righteousness from God,

depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection

and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death,

if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it

or have already attained perfect maturity,

but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it,

since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, I for my part

do not consider myself to have taken possession.

Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind

but straining forward to what lies ahead,

I continue my pursuit toward the goal,

the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

Verse before the Gospel

Jl 2:12-13

Even now, says the Lord,

return to me with your whole heart;

for I am gracious and merciful.

Gospel

Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area,
and all the people started coming to him,
and he sat down and taught them.
Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman
who had been caught in adultery
and made her stand in the middle.
They said to him,
"Teacher, this woman was caught
in the very act of committing adultery.
Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women.
So what do you say?"
They said this to test him,
so that they could have some charge to bring against him.
Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger.
But when they continued asking him,
he straightened up and said to them,
"Let the one among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her."
Again he bent down and wrote on the ground.
And in response, they went away one by one,
beginning with the elders.
So he was left alone with the woman before him.
Then Jesus straightened up and said to her,
"Woman, where are they?
Has no one condemned you?"
She replied, "No one, sir."
Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

REFLECTION

Readings challenge us to show mercy to the sinners around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation with God and one another. The central theme of all three readings is a merciful God's steadfast love. The readings remind us that we should not be self-righteous

and condemn the lives of others when God is calling them tenderly to conversion.

Explaining how a merciful God forgives the sins of His chosen people and leads them back from the Babylonian exile, the first reading reminds us that we too are forgiven, and we are saved from our own sinfulness. The sinful woman's story of sin committed, and sin forgiven in today's Gospel, shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus offers to repentant sinners. In addition, by making sinlessness the condition for throwing the first stone, Jesus forces the accusers to assess their own souls and to leave. Thus, He grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman. In our own lives, we bear witness to the Justice of God by confessing our sinfulness and resolving to avoid sin, and we bear witness to God's Mercy by accepting the forgiveness of our sins and promising to forgive those who have offended us.

Readings teach us today...

1. We need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation:

Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous, like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We are judgmental about the unmarried mother, the alcoholic, the drug addict, ignoring Jesus' command: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinners, showing them Jesus' compassion and working with the Holy Spirit to make our own lives exemplary so that we can help lead them to Jesus' ways.

2) We have no right to judge others:

We have no right to judge others because we often commit the very faults we condemn, we are often partial and prejudiced in our judgments, and we do not know the circumstances which have led someone to sin. Hence, let

us leave the judgment to our merciful God Who does read people's hearts. We should show mercy and compassion to those who sin because we ourselves are sinners in need of God's forgiveness. The apostle Paul reminds us: "But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment." (1 Cor 11:31).

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Marian Colette, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Bonnie (Warfield) Bishop, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, all those of our families who are affected by Covid-19, Jessica Davis, Harold & Geneva Couch, Deana Vanover Monhollen, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon, Linda Mills, Judy Patrick, baby Henry (born at 24 weeks), Fiona York, Norma Jones, and Bob and Marie Alvaro, JoAnn Brown and Eric Vore.

UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

April 4

Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

April 5

Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

April 7



Retiro de Cuaresma ¡Vive su Misericordia!

Sabado Abril 9,
2022
8:30 AM hasta las
3:00 PM

¡DEN GRACIAS AL SEÑOR,
ETERNA ES SU
MISERICORDIA- SALMO 136

Participacion de:
Cantante Victorio Junior y Su
Banda
Padre Carlos Martinez
Las hermanas hijas de
nuestra Señora de Fatima
Diacono Eduardo Fortini
Padre Danny Taylor

¡Celebremos un hermoso día de
Oración- Sanación- Reconocimiento
Aprendizaje Bibliológico- Adoración al
Santísimo - Musica de Alabanza -
Sacramento de la Confesion
disponible durante todo el retiro.

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Mildred
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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>Saint Boniface</i>
<i>April 9 / 10 PALM SUNDAY</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass Stations of the Cross	5:00 pm ~ Mass
April 12 <i>Tuesday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
April 14 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
April 15 <i>Good Friday</i>	4:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm ~ Good Friday Service	
April 16 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	9:00 pm ~ Easter Vigil	
<i>April 17</i> <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	11:00 am ~ Mass
<i>Appreciation Dinner</i>	5:00 pm	

Dear Padre,

If God is so forgiving, why can't I just ask for his forgiveness directly? Why do I need to go to confession and ask a man, a priest, to have my sins forgiven?

It's ironic that some claim a man cannot forgive sins. That same accusation was leveled against Jesus himself when he forgave the paralyzed man (see Mark 2:5–7). But Jesus clearly told his apostles they were to be instruments of his forgiveness. When he appeared to them in the upper room after his resurrection he said: “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” (John 20:23).

James the Apostle also endorses the concept of humans administering God's forgiveness: “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed” (James 5:16).



Baptism, another sacrament administered by a person, starts our discipleship with Jesus. It cleanses us of all sin—including original sin. But even as Jesus' disciples, we are sometimes unfaithful and need to ask forgiveness. It's not surprising, then, that Jesus has given us another sacrament—again administered by a person—for the forgiveness of sins after baptism: the sacrament of reconciliation.

God is forgiving—so forgiving that when people killed Jesus, his Son, he did not punish and destroy the world. Rather, he used the death of Jesus to demonstrate just how patient and forgiving he is. Our gravest sins—murder, adultery, a life lived apart from God—require the intervention of the sacrament of penance. But even confessing smaller sins is useful. If nothing else, it keeps us humble enough to remember that all of us need forgiveness because all of us sin.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Going to confess is not like going to the dry cleaner's to have a stain removed....If there is no love in the sacrament, it is not as Jesus wishes it to be. If it is functional, it is not how Jesus wants it to be. Love....toward the brother and the sister who are forgiven sinners. This is the fundamental relationship.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 12, 2021



Calendar

Monday

APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,
19–30, 33–62
or 13:41c–62
Jn 8:12–20

Tuesday

APRIL 5

Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

APRIL 6

Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14–20,
91–92, 95
Jn 8:31–42

Thursday

APRIL 7

Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday

APRIL 8

Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

APRIL 9

Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

APRIL 10

*Palm Sunday of the
Lord's Passion*
Lk 19:28–40
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Lk 22:14–23:56
or 23:1–49