ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH
10773 River Road, Ama, LA 70031

Fifth Sunday of LENT

April 3, 2022

RELECTION ON THE READINGS

During the Babylonian Captivity the Jews took comfort in their past, especially the stories of the Exodus. Remembering their ancestors' liberation from slavery in Egypt gave them hope that God would free them again--this time from their oppression in Babylon. In the first reading, **Isaiah 43:16-21**, God proclaims, through the prophet (Second) Isaiah, that He will soon liberate His people from their present captivity:

First, God identifies Himself as the One who provided a safe path for His people through the waters of the sea and who made it impossible for the Egyptian horses and chariots to pursue them.

Second, after acknowledging His mighty deeds of the past, God tells the Jewish captives not to dwell on them because He promises to do something new in the future! They, too, will experience God's mighty deed of liberation, but in a different way.

Third, their return from Babylon is described in broad, general images as a reversal of the Exodus. In the Exodus, God made dry land appear in the sea, but for their return, God will provide them with rivers of water in the desert. [Note: Wild beasts, jackals and ostriches are the only creatures that can survive in the harsh desert wasteland. Even these animals will be in awe of what God will do for His people.]

Because of (Second) Isaiah's prophecy, the Jews can take comfort in knowing that in the future they will be praising God for freeing them from Babylon and leading them safely back home.

The Gospel, **John 8:1-11**, begins with Jesus going about his daily routine. After praying on the Mount of Olives, Jesus teaches his followers in the Temple area. Suddenly, he is interrupted by a group of scribes and Pharisees who have a woman with them. They say the woman has been caught in the act of adultery, and they ask Jesus what her punishment should be. Once again, the scribes and Pharisees are trying to catch Jesus in a trap. If Jesus agrees with the Mosaic Law and says, "put her to death," he will: 1) contradict his own teachings on love, mercy, and forgiveness, and 2) get in trouble with the Romans who alone have the right to put someone to death. On the other hand, if Jesus says, "let her go," they will accuse him of disregarding the Law of Moses, which the religious leaders considered a grievous offense. [In truth, banning or shunning--not death--had become the usual punishment for adultery, but the scribes and Pharisees hope to use the "original" Law to entrap Jesus.]

Jesus does not answer their question verbally; in silence, he writes on the ground. The scribes and Pharisees claim that Moses commanded that a woman caught in the **CONTINUED PAGE 3, COLUMN 1**

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GENERAL MASS SCHEDULE

The rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each Mass.

8:00 am DAILY MASS: MON. – SAT.

Tuesdays: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass

Fridays: Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

5:30 pm SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

9:30 am SUNDAY MASS

HOLY DAYS: 8:00 am & 6:00 pm (no vigil)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Grades 6 - 11--Sundays, 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 1 - 5--Mondays, 5:30-6:30 pm
(All classes meet in the Fr. Cote Center)

CONFESSION:

Saturday 5:00 pm— 5:15 pm;
Sunday 9:00 am—9:15 am;
or by appointment.

WEDDINGS:

Please contact Father at least 6 months before proposed wedding date to begin the required preparation process.

FUNERALS:

Notify Father before contacting the funeral home.

BAPTISMS:

Parents must attend a seminar before the baptism of their first child. Godparents who have never attended a seminar must also attend. Please contact the parish office for further details.

BAPTISM SEMINARS

The Baptism seminars will be held "as needed." Please contact Parish Office to schedule a Baptism Seminar. Once the parents and godparents have attended a seminar, the Baptism date can be set.

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MASS INTENTIONS: April 4 - 10

MONDAY 8:00 AM:
Vernon Keller
by Patsye Lunk
Milton Robert
by Family & Friends

TUESDAY 8:00 AM:
Lucien Robert
by Marjory Robert

WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM:
Murphy Robert
by Marjory Robert

THURSDAY 8:00 AM:
Fr. Ed Lauden
by Donna Terrace

FRIDAY 8:00 AM:
Special Intention

SATURDAY 8:00 AM
Fr. Ed Lauden
by Randy & Leslie Petit Family

SATURDAY 5:30 PM
Hazel Webre
by Ernest & Shirley Webre
Alvin "Chalky" Friloux
by Patsye & Roy Lunk
Robert Ward
by Sandra Ward
Jessie & Alice Louviere
by Randy & Leslie Petit Family
Caleb Bergeron
by Hempel Family
Dolena Robert
by Lori & Mike Keeffe
Richard & Muriel Trahan
Pam Clark
by Rosey Robert

SUNDAY 9:30 AM
Parishioners of St. Mark

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

O Lord, grant healing and good health to:

Carol Jones, Sam Granier, Audrey Zeringue, Dana Jones, Gay-Lynn Folse, Morris Zeringue, Gaye Webre, Sandra Cortez, Ernest Webre, Diane Triche, Joyce King, Easton Owen, Glenna Smith, Vanessa Johnson, Juli Zeringue, Elsie Sandolph, Larry Landry, Troy Pintado, Kerri Breaux, Hilton Landry, Babette Robert, Mabry Laviolette, Al Luquette, Debbie Luquette, Shirley Webre

St. Raphael, patron of healing, pray for us.

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ADD NAMES TO THE PRAYER REQUEST LIST, OR TO REMOVE NAMES FROM THE LIST.

SANCTUARY LAMP IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
ROBERT WARD
(4/3-9) by Barbara & Charles Gaubert

SANCTUARY LAMP IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
MURPHY ROBERT
(4/10-16) by Marjory Robert

CHURCH SUPPORT

March 26-27. . . $ 1,422.00 (total)
$1,277.00 (in church) + $ 145.00 (online)

DATE	MASS TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
4/9	5:30 pm	Al Luquette (lector / narrator) Rosary Crain (speaker)	Vanessa Johnson
4/10	9:30 am	Lillian Wegmann (lector / narrator) Laurie Walters (speaker)	Molly Robicheaux

THE COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS ENDS THIS WEEKEND:

April 2-3 in Church
April 3-4 in Religion classes

Interested in attending?

Take a flyer from the bulletin board;

or

contact: Holy Family: 985-785-8585.

Holy Family Church in Luling invites us to attend "Purified," an event featuring nationally renowned speaker Jason Evert. This life-changing event is targeted for families with children ages 13 and up, but anyone who wants to better understand the Church's teachings on sexuality and chastity is welcome. Tickets are available at Chastity.com/Purified for $20. (If cost is an obstacle, there are donors willing to sponsor families to attend this event.)

PRAYING WITH THE LORD ON HOLY THURSDAY NIGHT

On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper ends with a procession to the Adoration Chapel for repose of the Blessed Sacrament. Just as in Eucharistic Adoration, there must be at least one adorer continually present in the chapel during the entire time the Blessed Sacrament is in the repository altar--that is, <u>from after Mass until midnight</u>.

THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR KEEPING WATCH AND PRAYING WITH JESUS DURING HIS AGONY IN THE GARDEN IS ON THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD.

CHRIST IN THE CITY

Eucharistic Adoration -- April 5th -- 7 pm

Notre Dame Seminary Chapel
(2901 S. Carrollton Ave, NO)

Archbishop Aymond will lead this month's gathering of Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, and fellowship for Catholic Young Adults (ages 18-39). After Adoration, there will be refreshments and sharing in Notre Dame Seminary's Schulte Auditorium.

SHORT PRAYERS FOR LENT (from NOLACatholic)

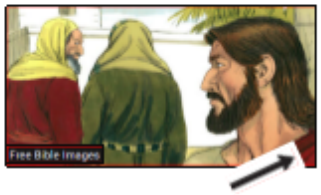
God, may your light guide my day, and your Spirit bring me peace. Amen.

Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you; take care of everything. Amen.

Reflection continued . . . act of adultery to be stoned--but Jesus knows that their claim is not entirely true. Since the religious leaders are insisting on keeping the Law as written, it is possible that Jesus writes out the complete law as it is found in Leviticus 20:10 and in Deuteronomy 22:22. The law states that **both the man and the woman** caught in the act of adultery shall be put to death. By their own admission, they caught the woman in the act--so, where is the man? Perhaps Jesus also writes the adulterer's name on the ground. However, the scribes and Pharisees are so focused on discrediting Jesus that they persist in questioning him about the punishment for the adulteress who is with them. Again, Jesus uses his knowledge of the Mosaic Law to avoid their trap.

Most likely, the scribes and Pharisees themselves set up the woman in the adulterous situation so that they could use her sin to ensnare Jesus. Very possibly, one of them is the adulterer because the group had to know when and where the act would take place to ensure her being caught. That makes all who are in on the plot against her as guilty as she is. The Mosaic Law says that the first stone is to be cast by an **innocent witness** to a crime and warns against "joining the wicked in putting your hand, as an unjust witness, upon anyone" (Exodus 23:1).

When Jesus finally speaks, he calls for the one without sin to cast the first stone, and when he writes for a second time--possibly in reference to the Mosaic Laws against bearing unjust witness--the hypocritical scribes and Pharisees understand his message. The woman's not-so-innocent accusers leave quickly beginning with the elders who bear the most guilt.



Alone with the humiliated and terrified adulteress, Jesus--who is without sin--neither assaults her with stones nor pelts her with verbal accusations and condemnations. Unlike her cowardly accusers, she does not run away when confronted with the reality of her sin. By running from Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees take their guilt with them. The woman stays; she expects to receive punishment for her sins, but Jesus offers her mercy. He forgives her sins and gives her another chance to lead a good life and follow the way that leads to God.

As Jesus forgave the woman, so he forgive us our sins--with love, kindness, mercy and an admonition to avoid future sins.

ST. MARK'S LENTEN REMINDERS:

Stations of the Cross: Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm through April 13.

Confessions: **on Wednesday, April 6, Fr. Peter will hear confessions after the Stations of the Cross (about 6:30 pm) - 7:00 pm.** Fr. Peter also hears confessions every Saturday from 5:00-5:15 pm and every Sunday from 9:00-9:15 am.

Fasting: All Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence: All Catholics 14 years of age or older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

EASTER FLOWER BULLETIN MEMORIAL

Donations for Easter Flowers and names for the bulletin memorial may be put in the first collection through Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday).

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