

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

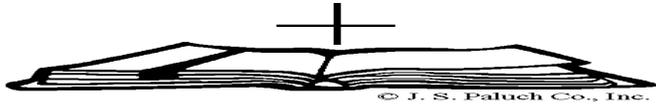
MARCH 27, 2022

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.

### Mass Intentions



**Sat., March 26, 4:30 p.m.** Huval Family, Dennis McCloskey, Paul Bosworth, Amy Goff, Louis Perschall Sr., Ida Perschall, Nick Sita, Brendan Fitzsimmons, Debbie Rivas **and for the living:** Karge Family, and Kathy Jones

**Sun., March 27, 7:30 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mule', Carol Pieri, Yolanda Bourgeois **and for the living:** Sal Mule

**Sun., March 27, 9:15 a.m.** Vivian and Henry Nelson and Thomas M. Gereighty

**Sun., March 27, 11:00 a.m.** **for the living:** Charlie Armstrong and Louis and Mabel Taverna

**Mon., March 28, 8:00 a.m.** Rodger Ford

**Tues., March 29** NO MASS

**Wed., March 30, 8:00 a.m.** Bill and Mary Jane Mehaffey

**Thurs., March 31, 8:00 a.m.** Nancy Mehaffey

**Fri., April 01, 8:00 a.m.** David Tucker

### PRAYER LIST

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Chuck Armstrong | Rhett Schwing     |
| Crissy Early    | Terry Saux        |
| Rachelle Triay  | Robert Till       |
| Alicia Hanson   | Brandon Shoalmire |
| Pam Duncan      | Donald Bourgeois  |
| Ruth Pellegrin  |                   |

## Weekly Collections

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| Envelopes                         | \$ 1,878.00 |
| Loose                             | \$ 1,313.00 |
| E-giving                          | \$ 760.00   |
| Building and Preservation Fund    | \$ 145.00   |
| Archdiocesan Seminarian Education | \$ 1,415.40 |

**Thank you to all for the continued contributions.** If you wish to give online, please go to:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

### THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sanctuary</b>      | People of Ukraine |
| <b>Blessed Mother</b> | Betty Lane        |
| <b>St. Joseph</b>     | Jack Lane         |
| <b>St. Anne</b>       | Kara Murphy       |

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle, please call 796-3806.

### POPE FRANCIS MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

### WAY OF THE CROSS

5:00 p.m. every Friday of lent – in church. Please bring your Stations of the Cross booklet if you still have one.

### EASTER FLOWERS

The Ladies Altar Society is asking for donations to help defray the cost of flowers for the Easter season. Your donations may be placed in the box in the back of Church. There is a book where the names of loved ones may be recorded, and they will be remembered during masses this Easter season.

### CONFESSIONS

Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for forgiveness in confession. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in all parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans from 5:00-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays in **LENT: March 30<sup>th</sup>, and April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## CONFIRMATION PREP CLASS INFORMATION

All 10th or 11th grade public OR private school students planning on being Confirmed in their faith this coming fall need to register for the final prep classes being held May 28th and June 11th from 9-3. Both of these classes are required in order to be Confirmed this fall. Register online at <https://stjohnbaptistfolsom.org/confirmation> or email Amanda Fraisse at [amanda.stjohnsfolsom@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.stjohnsfolsom@gmail.com) for more information.

## RICE BOWL-DRIVEN BY A DREAM

Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Glorioso and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Glorioso and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more. Rice bowls will be collected the weekend of April 23-24. Please bring your Rice Bowl to Mass and place it in the designated containers in the back of Church. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl.

## EASTER OUTREACH

St. John's Outreach Ministry will be making Easter baskets for the homebound and sick. If you would like to participate or donate, please call Linda Carlin at [985-302-2009](tel:985-302-2009). Thank you and God bless you.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS APRIL MEETING

Due to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday falling on Holy Thursday, our April monthly meeting will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Odilo Hall.

The Men's group will begin meeting on Thursday's from 6:30-8:00 p.m. starting this Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> in Odilo Hall. If you want to learn more about the science behind growing in your relationship with God and the plan, He has laid out for your life as taught by 2000 years of the greatest theological minds please join us.

## GOOD FRIDAY CHURCH TOUR

Everyone is invited to join members of St John the Baptist Catholic Church in our first annual Good Friday church drive. We are following a circuitous route to visit seven churches in our area. We are meeting at our church at 8:00 a.m. to carpool and leaving promptly at 8:30. Everyone will be issued a map to follow in case we get separated. Please bring bag lunches as we will not have time to go to a restaurant. If the weather is nice, we might picnic. Don't forget Good Friday is a day of fasting for most people. We will return to St John's for 3:00.

**Don't forget the Knights of Columbus Fish Fries from 4-7 p.m., drive through or dine in.**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Centuries ago, these Lenten days were a time of intense final preparation for the candidates for baptism. By now, they had already been numbered among the "elect" for Easter baptism, and were daily challenged to excel in prayer, in fasting, and in works of charity. As is true today, at a certain point in the weekly assembly for Eucharist, the non-baptized were dismissed from the assembly for their own learning and prayer. While they might have had impressions about the Eucharist, they had no direct experience. The rites of the church were secret and its worship places off-limits.

For the Easter Vigil, those to be baptized arrived very hungry from long fasting, and perhaps very apprehensive as to how initiation was to be accomplished. A long night of vigil and storytelling, a shimmering pool of baptism, the anointing with oil and clothing with white robes came as something of a surprise. At the end of a long, life-changing night of embrace by Christ and the community, as the eucharistic feast ended, a final surprise was brought forward. To address the deep hunger of the newly baptized, the church offered a bowl of milk and honey, sign of promises fulfilled, sign of community, prosperity, and peace, and yet another foretaste of heaven's banquet.

## REMINDERS

- First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- PSR 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, Mondays, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
- Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- First Friday Adoration & Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thursday's, 6:30 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs., April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Odilo Hall
- Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6-8 p.m.

Our Church history class will meet on Monday March, 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will view and discuss Session 4 of the Epic Church History series entitled The Faith Attacked.

Our Bible study group will meet on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will view and discuss Session Two on the series, "No Greater Love," which is entitled: "Are You the Christ?"

On the last Sunday of every month, we have a youth Mass at 11:00 a.m. and our Catch Fire Youth Group meets at 5:00 PM in Jonathan Hall.