



Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Then Jesus told them this parable: Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-(24)32

Parish Support

Weekend of March 19 & March 20, 2022

Weekly Offertory:		\$ 1252.25
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 648.25	
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 604.00	
<i>Easter Flowers</i>		\$ 90.00
<i>Votive Candles</i>		\$ 45.00
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		\$ 1656.00

Ukraine Collection \$ 432.00

Last Year's Offertory Collection
March 14, 2021 \$ 2291.25

Readings for the Week of March 28, 2022.

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 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, 13c-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday	RIP	Bob Ashcroft
March 26	4:00 PM	By: Ann & Meg Ashcroft
Sunday	RIP	Josie DiBernardo
March 27	9:00 AM	By: her children

Daily Masses

No Masses Monday & Tuesday

Wednesday	INT	Fr. Lance Harlow
March 30	9:00 AM	By: Barbara & Leo Howell
Thursday	RIP	Michael Shaughnessy
March 31	9:00 AM	By: Sean Doyle, James & Ryan Jones
Friday	RIP	Hans R. Wertz
April 1	9:00 AM	By: Phyllis Wertz
	5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

Next Weekend

Saturday	RIP	Jerene Kirkman Merritt
April 2	4:00 PM	By: Mary Narkiewicz
Sunday	RIP	Michael Shaughnessy
April 3	9:00 AM	By: Sean Doyle, James & Ryan Jones



Holy Week

Holy Week and Lent Schedule

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent at 5:00 pm

Palm Sunday – April 10th / Mass is at 9:00 AM

Holy Thursday - April 14th / Mass is at 6:00 PM

Good Friday - April 15th / Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM / Veneration of the Cross 6:00 PM

Holy Saturday - April 16th / Mass is at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday - April 17th / Mass is at 9:00 AM

Pray for Healing and Comfort Especially for: Dan Green, Deb Etheridge, Ron Etheridge, Lori Miller, Lisa Bianconi, Frances Vaine, Barbara Stickney, Mary H. Smith, Constance Burns, Deacon John Blicharz, Doreen Aldrich, Theresa Nauceder, Verda Raymond, Monica Luedtke, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr., Paul Desruisseaux, Charlie & Betsy Bashaw, Betsy & Bob Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hindes, Maria Coyne, Madison Bills, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Peter Bodner, Ellah Williams, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Kathy Mearthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elyse Garrett, Ed Atkins. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Agnel Samy to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

Knights of Columbus Lenten

Food Drive

During Lent, we are called to use the three elements of the Gospel for spiritual growth: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are called to think of the needs of others. During Lent, our **Knights of Columbus Council** is conducting a **nonperishable food drive**. We are asking each family to put aside just one item of non-perishable food for every week of Lent and bring it to Mass each weekend. If preferred, families may place monetary donations in the collection basket in an envelope labeled food drive (Checks payable to K of C Council 753). **Our goal is to exceed 200 items.**



Pray for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God.” In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice. Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence. Yet, may they also have the strength and perseverance to defend their land from all adversity and foreign attacks. Help us all to live according to your Divine Will. O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over our Ukraine. Amen.

Catholic Relief Services

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.



4th Sunday of Lent

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father. First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another. (Copyright 2022 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)