

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.
And all this is from God.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17—18A



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday:(Sunday Anticipated) 5:00pm

Sunday Morning: 7:00 a.m. 9:00a.m. 10:30a.m. NOON

Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday—Friday

7:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION:

Friday 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. & Saturday 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Please, Kokua! After March 26, 2022: Masks are optional.

Social distancing is according to how you feel comfortable. Continue to wash hands.

Please be patient with one another as we adjust to a new normal.

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an appointment
or leave a message if we can help
in any way.*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“Rejoice”

Good News!

Jos 5:9a, 10–12; 2 Cor 5:17–21; Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Today is Laetare Sunday, the Lenten Sunday to rejoice. We are encouraged to rejoice, not because Lent is half over, but because something extraordinary has occurred. All three readings for today applaud some wondrous and joyous occasion.

The reading from Joshua notes the end of the Israelites’ grueling Egyptian and wilderness experience. They settled in Canaan and now celebrated the anniversary of their deliverance by offering to God in gratitude the fruits of their own harvest. The people who once were landless have now been made anew. This is surely a reason to rejoice.

Paul’s words to the Corinthians were reason for great rejoicing. He assured them that, because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, their sinfulness was not held against them. Instead, they were now reconciled with God. They were a new creation. This too is reason to rejoice.

Jesus’ story about the merciful father touches every life. The young son turned away from his home and his family, yet it was the father’s actions that brought about the reconciliation. The story did not explicitly say that he simply forgave his son. More than that, it says that he was filled with deep compassion for him—a compassion that restored the bond between them. This compassion brought the son who was dead back to life. There is no greater reason for rejoicing.

God has brought us into a new land, has made each of us a new creation, has brought us back to the embrace of our Father. And so, we rejoice. Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection:

- * *Think of a time when a severed relationship was repaired. Be grateful.*
- * *What might you do to repair a situation of alienation in your life?*

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March Prayer Intentions from Pope Francis For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

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

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
Sat Mar 26	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
Sunday Mar 27	7:00 AM	+ Dolores Santos + Elvira Camacho	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ Duc Huong + Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Greg
	10:30 AM	+ Felix & Baldemoera Gecan	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Stanley Onishi + Mr & Mrs. Ho Shin Yan Vicki Chee (H)	Fr. Khanh
	6:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Greg
Monday Mar 28	7:00 AM	+ Wallace Ching	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Regina Czerwinski (H)	Fr. Khanh
Tuesday Mar 29	7:00 AM	+ Wing Yee C. Ching	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	+ Justin Steven Ednilao	Fr. Greg
Wednesday Mar 30	7:00 AM	Francine Harada (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Manlolo family (SI)	Fr. Greg
Thursday Mar 31	7:00 AM	+ Valeriano Kaison	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	+ Benaventura	Fr. Greg
Friday Apr 1	7:00 AM	Jody Camacho Benavente (SI)	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	Manlolo family (SI)	Fr. Greg
Sat Apr 2	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Greg
Sunday April 3	7:00 AM	+ Elvira Camacho	Fr. Greg
	9:00 AM	Kakin & Cindy Choi	Fr. Khanh
	10:30 AM	+ Jim Cevaes	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Stanley Onishi Vicki Chee (H)	Fr. Khanh
	6:00 PM	Jody Camacho Benavente (SI)	Fr. Khanh

*We pray for the repose of soul of
+ Larry Lee
and the consolation of his family.*



STEWARDSHIP

TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 AM

Reflection by Fr. Marty Solma from Chaminade University followed by individual confessions.

Additional confessors:

Fr. Paul Lee (Korean), Fr. Francisco, Fr. Dominic

*** Scripture Study Wednesday nights @ 6 PM.**

*** Stations of the Cross (Fridays of Lent)**

11:15 AM (after Benediction) and 6:00 PM

Our next **Olakino Produce Distribution**

Saturday, April 16th.

We realize it is Holy Saturday. We are in need of volunteers as our regular volunteers will be busy setting up for our Easter Liturgies. Please sign up if you are able to help check in recipients, pack food bags, direct traffic, stand in line as proxy.

If you or someone you know is in need of food, please contact our parish office at (808) 941-0675 ext. 2

Liturgical Ministers

As baptized Catholics we are called to mission to the world and to service. Please pray and discern whether you are being called to be a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Hospitality or Music Minister. As we open up to full capacity so has our need for ministers. Watch for announcement of training .

R.C.I.A. — Pray for Alex Alvarenga and Duc Truong as they prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, and Sage Vicioni who will be confirmed. The Scrutinies will take place at the noon

Mass on Sunday March 27th and April 3rd.

The readings will be from Cycle A.

TREASURE

Mahalo for your generous contributions and faithful stewardship contributions.

*Totals for **March 19 & 20, 2022:***

Sunday & Stewardship offering	\$ 7,770.65
Building Fund	302.00
Outreach	719.00
Olakino & Catholic Care	180.00
Donation	500.00
Catholic Relief Services	1.00
Mass Intentions	355.00
Blessing	20.00
Augustine Education Foundation	30.00
First Offering, Ash Wednesday	40.00
Brick Project	95.00
Latin America/Black & Indian	45.00
Operation Rice Bowl	100.00
Candles	433.86

Total: \$ 10,591.51

Our online giving is available on our website.

*The collection total for **Mar 14—18, 2022***

*online giving is: **\$ 2,245.79***

Stewardship	\$ 458.00
Building Fund & Brick Project	152.00
Mass Intentions	15.00
Catholic Care Project	120.00
Olakino Produce Program	30.00
Shaping the Future Campaign	1,460.00
Help offset fee	10.79

OPERATION RICE BOWL—A Story of Hope from Rwanda

Living in Kigali, Rwanda, Glorioso Uwamahoro and her husband Karekezi Jean Pierre are no strangers to hardship and hard work. Driven by a dream to send their three children to a good school, Glorioso sells vegetables and water in a kiosk and Karekezi sells vegetables at a market. It's a full day's work. They often return home late at night, but thankful for the blessings they have. "Our country went through a lot," Glorioso says. "Though I say that our country has made progress, development is still essential, and it is ongoing."

They faced many challenges. Their daughter was malnourished—like many other children in their village. Then Glorioso joined Gikuriro, a project funded by the U.S. government and led by Catholic Relief Services to support the Rwandan government's efforts to combat malnutrition. In Gikuriro, Glorioso learned how to prepare balanced meals for her children. She also learned about the importance of good hygiene. She shared these and other skills—like how to grow a kitchen garden—with her husband so they could support their children together.

Dear Padre,

When I'm trying to pray, I can't stop thinking about my to-do list. How do I keep my mind from racing when I pray?

Most spiritual directors encourage a person to enter gently into solitude and prayer. Real conversation with any friend begins with warm acknowledgment of that friend's presence, so as you sit or kneel, acknowledge that you are in a sacred place and that God is present.

Several techniques can help us find interior silence and solitude. Many people find it helps to sit in a comfortable position and pay close attention to their breathing. Taking slow, deep breaths relaxes our minds and hearts.

When repeated, a sacred word like *Jesus* or *Abba* can focus our attention and help us let go of the distractions that can so easily crowd our consciousness.

Another technique is to take a few moments to find quiet, then read a passage from Scripture. Many people choose the Gospel passage of the day; others read a Gospel through from beginning to end by reading a short passage each day. Other excellent techniques to focus your praying include the Church traditions of *lectio divina* as well as the imaginative prayer method advocated by St. Ignatius.

True conversation goes both ways. One way God speaks to us is through the word. Reading Scripture as part of our conversation with God is a good way to be sure we don't do all the talking.

Fr. Michael Brehl, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Prayer often coexists with distraction. Indeed, the human mind struggles to dwell for long on a single thought. We all experience this constant whirlwind of images and illusions in perpetual motion, which accompanies us even during sleep. And we all know that it is not good to follow this inclination toward disorder.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 19, 2021



Calendar

Monday

MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17–21

Jn 4:43–54

Tuesday

MARCH 29

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1–9, 12

Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday

MARCH 30

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8–15

Jn 5:17–30

Thursday

MARCH 31

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7–14

Jn 5:31–47

Friday

APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12–22

Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

Saturday

APRIL 2

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18–20

Jn 7:40–53

Sunday

APRIL 3

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16–21

Phil 3:8–14

Jn 8:1–11

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