

# Fifth Sunday of LENT



April 3, 2022

“Let the one among you who is without sin  
be the first to throw a stone at her.”

John 8:7

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Christ and the Women Taken in Adultery  
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In our Gospel today we hear an ancient story, but one that feels like it could be taken out of the headlines today. We can be very quick to pass judgment on others, those with different political or cultural backgrounds, or perhaps with a different sexual orientation. Jesus was teaching in the temple, and the scribes and Pharisees did not like the message that he was proclaiming or the popularity he was gaining. When a nearby woman was caught in adultery, they thought it was the perfect chance to trip Jesus up, wondering how he would respond when the Mosaic Law provided clear consequences for such behavior. Many would be able to quote instantly chapter and verse of the law pertaining to the infraction. Instead of answering their question, Jesus turned it back on the accusers: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

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## DRAWING IN THE SAND

Awaiting the response of those challenging him, Jesus bent over and wrote in the sand. According to scripture scholar John Pilch, this was a simple technique that peasants used to buy time in a discussion or argument. Instead of looking the scribes and pharisees in the eye, he looked down and did his own thing while they all slipped away. The scriptures do not tell us what the woman was doing during this time. But by not looking at her, Jesus gave her a chance to restore her own dignity. He didn't comment on her innocence or guilt. Rather, he instructed her to go forth and sin no more. It is not our past that matters as much as the choices we make now and in the future. Again and again, God gives us the chance to start our life over. This is our challenge this Lent, to continue to use the opportunities we are given to repent and grow.

Today's Readings: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6, 12a;  
Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

**PASTOR:** Rev. Michael T. “Mike” Snider

### Celebration of the Sacraments:

**Mass:** Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM  
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

### Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:  
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Contact the parish office six  
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# Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us  
and felt welcomed in our church as your “home away from home.”*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,  
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

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## We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Carolyn & Ken Davis. Roy & Mary Langhoff. Russell Jackson. Dana & Olga Moffatt. Jean & Bob Quinn. Mike Stephens. Yolanda & Eldon Boyd. Gayle & Jim Hickey. Doris Hoffman. Wanda & George Duke. Lonnie & Tammy McClung. Jean Hamilton. Randy & Louise Beard. Sven Sterner. Nancy Rasca. Jess Corrigan Jr. Clifford & Frances Jo Moore. Fran & Kathleen Fleming. Dave Cormier. Thomas Holzmann. Joe Fazio. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Gary Fetsch. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boultinghouse. Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

## Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent      Monday: St. Isidore  
Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer      Thursday: St. John Baptist de la Salle  
Friday: Abstinence

## TRUE TEACHERS

*Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.—St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

## HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR

*If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask God simply to fill you with charity. . . . with it you can accomplish what you desire.—St. Vincent Ferrer*

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or Psalm 130.

**Second Reading:** The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.

**Gospel:** A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20 (or Jn 8:1-11 if Year A readings were used on Sunday)

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

## Mass—Intentions

**Sat. 4/02 Jim & Gayle Hickey** (M/M Clymer)

**Sun 4/03 Edel Quinn+** (M/M Clymer)

**Tue 4/05 No Mass/Adoration**

**Wed 4/06 Al & Evelyn Murfin** (M/M Clymer)

**Thurs 4/07 Ken Wilkinson** (Jan Bidlack)

**Fri. 4/08 Linda & Eric Hurley**

**Sat. 4/09 Vincent Boyd+** (M/M Boyd)

## PARISH SUPPORT

**Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021**

**Expenditures** \$ 3,666

**Regular and debt & maintenance collections** \$ 3,799

**Attendance:** 3/26 Saturday: 62 3/27 Sunday: 65

**One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.**



## Pope's Intention for April:

For health care workers. We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

## Reflection question:

How do I follow the example of Jesus in loving others?

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

## SOMETHING NEW IN CHRIST

Jesus knew that the scribes and Pharisees were trying to trap him. They put him in what seemed to be a no-win situation. Let the woman who was caught in adultery go, and he would have been accused of ignoring the law. Let her be stoned, and he would fail to show mercy toward her, contradicting his life's message. Jesus' response teaches three crucial lessons: none of us is free of sin; we are not the ultimate judges of others; Jesus is the mercy of God, in whom we can always trust. In Christ, God does something new. When we give our hearts to Christ, we have the hope of new life, a life in which mercy reigns.

**PLEASE READ THE BULLETIN. CUT & PASTE THIS SECTION & POST ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR OR WRITE DATES DOWN IN YOUR CALENDAR. PLEASE & THANK YOU.**

### APRIL NEWS & EVENTS

**Fri., Apr. 1st:** Vespers at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. **Knights of Columbus fish fry \$13.00pp** immediately following the stations in St. Jude's Hall from 5:00—6:30pm... Tell your neighbors!



**Sun., Apr. 3rd:** Immediately following 9:00am Mass in St. Jude's Hall. **Knights of Columbus breakfast.** Children eat FREE to 12th grade; adults \$ 5.00 each.



**Tues., Apr. 5th:** No Mass/Adoration. **Fr. Mike and a visiting priest will hear confessions from 5—8pm in the Deacons office & the confessional.**

**Thurs., Apr. 7th:** K of C Meeting

**Fri., Apr. 8th:** Vespers at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. Soup supper in St. Jude's Hall, immediately following the stations.

**Sat., Apr. 9th:** 9:00am Mass of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart & Patriotic Rosary

**Sun., Apr. 10th:** Immediately following 9:00am Mass, donuts, coffee & juice, in St. Jude's Hall. Jane Bidlack facilitates "Biblical Walk Through the Liturgy of the Word" Class in the middle classroom.

**Tues., Apr. 12th:** No Mass/Adoration. Fr. Mike attending the Chrism Mass in Tyler.

**Wed., Apr. 13th:** CASINO MEETING 6:00PM in St. Jude's Hall. We need everyone that will be working to please attend this meeting. Volunteer needed so don't forget to sign up in the Narthex.

**Holy Thurs., Apr. 14th—Easter Sunday, Apr. 17th** (See Holy Week Schedule. (Easter Sunday, no donuts & coffee).

**EASTER SUNDAY:** Celebrations! He is risen balloon release and easter egg hunt immediately following the 9:00am Mass. All are invited and children are encouraged to bring their own Easter Baskets.

**Thurs., Apr 14th; Fri., Apr. 15th & Mon. Apr. 16th** Diocese & Church Office Closed.

**Tues., Apr. 19th:** 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

**Wed., Apr. 20th:** CASINO MEETING 6:00-7:00PM in St. Jude's Hall. Those that are volunteering please attend this meeting.

**Sun., Apr. 24th:** Immediately following 9:00am Mass, donuts, coffee & juice, in St. Jude's Hall. Jane Bidlack facilitates "Biblical Walk Through the Liturgy of the Eucharist" Class held in the middle classroom.

**Come join us at 3:00PM for a DIVINE MERCERY CELEBRATION!**

**April Second Collections:** Apr. 2nd & 3rd: "Building & Maintenance." Apr. 9th & 10th: "For the Sisters of Ukraine & Beyond" (They are part of the sisters of Holy Family of Nazareth who serve in the Diocese). Apr. 15th: "Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land." Apr. 16th & 17th: "Caring for Priests Collection." Apr. 23rd & 24th: "Catholic Home Missions."

**Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue:** Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: **Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.** If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

### The Roaring 20's

**DINNER & CASINO NIGHT SAT., APR. 30, 2022**

**TICKETS TO ATTEND EVENT \$ 40.00 PER PERSON  
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**HOLY WEEK** **Holy Thursday, Apr. 14th:** 7:00pm Mass of our Lord's Supper, with the Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet. In St. Jude's Hall the Altar of Repose from 8:00—10:00pm.

**Good Friday, Apr. 15th:** Church will be open from noon-3:00pm. Then 3:00pm Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Communion.

**Holy Saturday, Apr. 16th:** 8:30pm Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday, Apr. 17th:** 9:00am Mass of the Resurrection

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**SIGN UP**

### HOLY WEEK SIGN UP SHEETS

**FR. MIKE IS IN NEED OF PARISHIONERS TO HELP WITH HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY**

**SIGN UP SHEETS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX**

**Knights of Columbus Easter Food Box Donations:** *Our outside source used to supplement our ministry has dwindled down and we cannot count on their donations this year.* We have 20 families that we will be giving food to this Easter season. We would like to build our food boxes with the following items: Spaghetti, pasta sauce, (canned vegetables, fruit, soup & meats) cake mix & frosting, jelly and Easter candy. If you are unable to deliver your donations or would like to make a cash donation please call Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963. **Donations need to be received by Wed., Apr. 13th. Loading the boxes will be on Thurs., Apr. 14th at 10:00am. Delivery on Fri., Apr. 15th at 10:00am.**



**The Holy Spirit Food Ministry** would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **Cake & muffin mix; cereal and pudding cups.**

**Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry.** Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net

**Thank you, Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team**



**In order to make our major fundraiser a success, we are in need of volunteers (sign up sheet located in Narthex); donations (ie gift cards from restaurants, stores, etc.) for ideas look at sign up sheet in Narthex. Please sell your raffle tickets, and return to Bridget's office before April 30th. Need more tickets come see me.....Bridget**



*“Christ is Risen”*

Alleluia

*Rejoice in the Lord always.  
I shall say it again: rejoice!*

Philippians 4:4

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**Liturgies the week prior to Easter Sunday**

Palm Sunday	Masses	Sat., April 9th	5pm
		Sun., April 10th	9am
Holy Thursday, April 14th	7pm Mass of Our Lord's Supper, Washing of the Feet		
Good Friday, April 15th	Noon - 3pm Church open for private prayer 3pm Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion		
Holy Saturday, April 16th	8:30pm	Easter Vigil Mass	
<b>Easter Sunday, April 17th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Mass of the Resurrection</b>	

*Happy Easter to All*

**Snacking on Scripture – Little Nibbles of the Bible. Series 1, Snack 7 – Noah.**

<https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/11088a.htm> [Hebrew Nôah, "rest"; Greek Noah; Latin Noah]. Was the ninth patriarch of the Sethite line, grandson of Mathusala and son of Lamech, who with his family was saved from the Deluge and thus became the **second father of the human race** (Genesis 5:25-9:29). The name Noah was given to him because of his father's expectation regarding him. "This same", said Lamech on naming him, "shall comfort us from the works and labors of our hands on [or more correctly "from", i.e. "which come from"] the earth, which the Lord hath cursed." Most commentators consider Lamech's words as an expression of a hope, or as a prophecy, that the child would in some way be instrumental in removing the curse pronounced against Adam (Genesis 3:17 sqq.). Others rather fancifully see in them a reference to Noah's future discovery of wine, which cheers the heart of man; whilst others again, with greater probability, take them as expressing merely a natural hope on the part of Lamech that his son would become the support and comfort of his parents, and enable them to enjoy rest and peace in their later years.

Amid the general corruption which resulted from the marriages of "the sons of God" with "the daughters of men" (Genesis 6:2), that is of the Sethites with the Cainite women, "Noah was a just and perfect man in his generations" and "walked with God" (6:9). ... when God decreed to destroy men from the face of the earth, he "found grace before the Lord". According to ... interpretation of Genesis 6:3, Noah first received divine warning of the impending destruction 120 years before it occurred, and therefore when he was four hundred and eighty years old (cf. 7:11); he does not seem, however, to have received at this time any details as to the nature of the catastrophe. After he reached the age of five hundred years three sons, Sem, Cham, and Japheth, were born to him (6:10). These had grown to manhood and had taken wives, when Noah was informed of God's intention to destroy men by a flood and received directions to build an ark in which he and his wife, his sons and their wives, and representatives, male and female, of the various kinds of animals and birds, were to be saved (6:13-21). How long before the Deluge this revelation was imparted to him, it is impossible to say; it can hardly have been more than 75 (cf. 7:11), and probably was considerably less. Noah had announced the impending judgement and had exhorted to repentance (2 Peter 2:5), but no heed was given to his words (Matthew 24:37; Luke 17:26, 27; 1 Peter 3:20), and, when the fatal time arrived, no one except Noah's immediate family found refuge in the ark. Seven days before the waters began to cover the earth, Noah was commanded to enter the ark with his wife, his three sons and their wives, and to take with him seven pairs of all clean, and two pairs of all unclean animals and birds (7:1-4). ... After leaving the ark Noah built an altar, and taking of all clean animals and birds, offered holocausts upon it. **God accepted the sacrifice, and made a covenant with Noah**, and through him with all mankind, that He would not waste the earth or destroy man by another deluge. The rainbow would for all times be a sign and a reminder of this covenant. He further renewed the blessing which He had pronounced on Adam (Genesis 1:28) and confirmed the dominion over animals which He had granted to man. In virtue of this dominion man may use animals for food, but the flesh may not be eaten with the blood (8:20-9:17). Noah now gave himself to agriculture and planted a vineyard. Being unacquainted with the effects of fermented grape-juice, he drank of it too freely and was made drunk. Cham found his father lying naked in his tent and made a jest of his condition before his brothers; these reverently covered him with a mantle. On hearing of the occurrence Noah cursed Chanaan, as Cham's heir, and blessed Sem and Japheth.

He lived three hundred and fifty years after the Deluge and died at the age of nine hundred and fifty years (9:20-29). In the later books of Scripture Noah is represented as the model of the just man (Sirach 44:17; Ezekiel 14:14, 20), and as an exemplar of faith (Hebrews 11:7). In the Fathers and tradition, he is considered as the type and figure of the Savior, because through him the human race was saved from destruction and reconciled with God (Ecclus., 44:17, 18). Moreover, as he built the ark, the only means of salvation from the Deluge, so Christ established the Church, the only means of salvation in the spiritual order. ...



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