

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF THE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT AND
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

MARCH 11 - 17, 2024

Monday, 3/11 † Lenten Weekday

6pm: Olivia

Tuesday, 3/12 † Lenten Weekday

8am: Milo

9am: A.S.

Wednesday, 3/13 † Lenten Weekday

9am: A.S.

6pm Phil Rozhon by Mary Serge

Thursday, 3/14 † Lenten Weekday

8am: Rob

9am: A.S. Intention of Jan Duttlinger

Friday, 3/15 † Lenten Weekday

8am: Zack French (Birthday) by Don & Sharon
Barker

9am: A.S.

5pm: Stations of the Cross, All Saints

6pm: Stations of the Cross, SS. Cyril and Methodius

Saturday, 3/16 † Lenten Weekday

8:30am: Finley

Saturday, 3/16 † Vigil: The Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30am: Intention of Bob & Kay Jachim by Mary
Serge

Sunday, 3/17 † The Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30am: Parishioners

9am: A. S. Linda Potempa by Ann Scamerhorn

11am: Jaunita Harris by Jeanne Hofferma

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Mon., Mar. 11 – 9am – Women of the Bible @ Donna
Kida's home

Mon., Mar. 11 – 6:30pm – SVDP, Parlor

Wed., Mar. 13 – 6:30pm – Lenten Soup Supper, Parlor

Thurs., Mar. 14 – 2:15pm - Legion of Mary

Thurs., Mar. 14 – 7pm – Men's Group, SS. C & M

Fri., Mar. 15 – 5pm – Stations of the Cross, All Saints

Fri., Mar. 15 – 6pm – Stations of the Cross, SS. Cyril
& Methodius

Sun., Mar. 10 – 9:30am – Religious Education

Sun., Mar. 10 – 12N – Finance Council, Rectory

This Lent, we will continue studying women in the Bible at the home of Donna Kida. We will meet from 9:00 am – 10:00 am on the Mondays during Lent, beginning with February 19, and continuing thru Monday, March 18. For information, please call Donna at 574-806-2087.

Lenten Soup Suppers

The Last date is:

Wed., March 13th with Very Rev. Brian
Chadwick.

time is 6:30pm

Reconciliation Services Next Week

Monday, March 18 - 7:00pm – All Saints,
San Pierre

Tuesday, March 19 – 7:00pm - St Thomas, Knox

Wednesday, March 20–7:00pm–SS. Cyril &
Methodius, North Judson

Thursday, March 21 – 7:00pm – Holy Cross,
Hamlet

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your donation is multiplied by donations placed by others with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Dear Padre

March 10, 2024

In the Church's eyes, what constitutes pornography? Art museums have statues of nude men and women, some of which are quite explicit. Is the only difference the respectability of the venue?

The "respectability" of the location or publisher doesn't matter. A product is pornographic if it was created to sexually arouse users of the product regardless of the venue. Michelangelo's intention in carving his famous statue of David was not to arouse the people who look at it, so the Church does not call it pornography.

Pornography has existed for centuries, but it didn't arrive in our homes uninvited until recently. People with internet access are regularly confronted by pornographic images and literature, and many find it a very powerful temptation. In response, the US bishops issued a helpful document, which is available online at usccb.org: *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*.

From this document: "Using and/or producing pornography is a sin against chastity and against human dignity.... The sin of pornography needs the Lord's forgiveness and should be confessed in the sacrament of penance. Pornography objectifies people and brings hurt and pain. It is an illusory substitute for real relationships and intimacy, which in the end bring true joy. Many good people struggle with the sin of pornography and [strive] to cultivate chastity. You are not alone. Jesus is with you, the Church offers you love and support. Trust in the Lord's mercy and his power to free and heal you." ●

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"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Good News!

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 / Ephesians 2:4-10 / John 3:14-21

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A long time ago, I came across a piece that I still remember because it's pretty much a commentary on how life is for most of us. It goes something like this: At the age of ten, we think we can live forever. When we're twenty, we think we can save the world. When the big thirty rolls around, we think we can save the company. When the fortieth birthday arrives, we think we can save our children. Then, when we're fifty, we think we can at least save our marriage. And by the time we're sixty, we think we should just save aluminum cans.

A bit flippant perhaps, but it reminds me that even given my own best efforts, I really do not save much of anything. It is always God who does the saving, not me.

It's a conversation replayed in our heads again and again. We find ourselves unwittingly thinking that if we do all the right things, when we die and go to heaven, then God will have to take us in. If we say the right prayers and follow all the rules, then we will have earned salvation. Yet then we will have saved ourselves and there will have been no need for God's gracious goodness. Then we will have lifted ourselves up by our own bootstraps and not by the Lord Jesus.

Then we will proclaim ourselves as the light to overcome darkness, and it will not be the death and resurrection of the Lord which does so. ●

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The Way of the Cross Is the Way to God

He carried the cross to Calvary,
Carried its burden for you and me,
There on the cross He was crucified
And, because He suffered and bled and died,
We know that whatever our cross may be,
It leads to God and eternity.
For who can hope for a "crown of stars"
Unless it is earned with suffering and scars,
For how could we face the living Lord
And rightfully claim His promised reward
If we have not carried our cross of care
And tasted the cup of bitter despair.
Let those who yearn for the pleasures of life,
And long to escape all suffering and strife,
Rush recklessly on to an "empty goal"
With never a thought of the spirit and soul.
But if you are searching to find the way
To life everlasting and eternal day—
With Faith in your heart take the path He trod,
For the way of the cross is the way to God.

Living Sacrifice - Dying to Self

So, how do we truly present ourselves to God as a living sacrifice? In a nutshell, we must die to our prior selves. This concept is wonderfully presented in this anonymous poem...

When you are forgotten, neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you don't sting or hurt with the oversight, but your heart is happy being counted worthy to suffer for Christ;

That is dying to self.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinion ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart or even defend yourself, but take it all in patient, loving silence;

That is dying to self.

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, any irregularity, any annoyance; when you can stand face to face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility, and endure it as Jesus did;

That is dying to self.

When you are content with any food, and offering, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption by the will of God;

That is dying to self.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or record your own good works or itch after commendation, when you can truly love to be unknown;

That is dying to self.

When you can see your brother prosper and have his needs met, and can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy, nor question God, while your own needs are far greater and you are in desperate circumstances;

That is dying to self.

When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself and can humbly submit, inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart;

That is dying to self.

Grow Deeper Now!

Spiritual Blindness

Where do go who cease to be
The Lamb of God gives eyes to see
In Christ we'll walk God's hallowed ground
And see where all the rest are bound

Our neighbors may not know they're blind
They think us strange yet sort of kind
They fail to see as we before
But by God's grace that's us next door

They need the truth to set them free
The Light of God through which to see
When now to these we spread the news
The truth may change their ardent views

Knowledge of God is near to nought
Seldom in schools is Jesus taught
The worldly youth think Christ a tale
Yet though they're blind they need no Braille

Spiritual blind can't read God's word
Without The Lord it sounds absurd
But Jesus' sheep who share His Light
Have open eyes with perfect sight

Without the truth man's eyes are sealed
But Jesus came that they be healed
By no one else are miracles done
But by the hand of Christ God's Son

The living truth is clearly seen
What soon to come and all that's been
When Saul fell blind through Jesus' Light –Act.9: 4
Twas Paul who rose with perfect sight –Act.13: 9

Change occurred as he bowed his knee –Act.9: 11
The truth of Christ was plain to see –Act.9: 18
We too when blind can join the throng –Lk.4: 18
Can serve The Lord and sing life's song... Michael P. Johnson

Things God won't ask you *On Judgment Day*

God won't ask you what kind of car you drove. He will ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask the square footage of your house. He will ask how many people you helped who were homeless.

God won't ask about the labels on the clothes you had in your closet; but will ask how many needy people you helped clothe.

God won't ask about the neighborhood in which you lived. He will ask how well you treated your "neighbor."

God won't ask how popular you were or how many friends you had; but the number you befriended.

God won't ask about your social status; but will ask what sort of class you displayed.

God won't ask how much wealth you amassed; but rather how generous were you to the less fortunate.

God won't ask you about your many possessions; but will ask if they possessed you.

God won't ask about your job title; but will ask you if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask how many promotions you received; but will ask how you promoted others.

God won't ask what pleasures you indulged in; but how well you controlled mastered your passions.

God won't ask you about your sex life; but will hold you accountable for the sexually exploited.

God won't ask what political party you belong to; but will ask whether you were a good citizen.

God won't ask how well you succeeded in life; but how you progressed in goodness.

God won't ask how you spent your time; but whether your time on earth was well spent.

God won't ask how learned you are; but will want to know how faithful you've been to Him & His teachings.

God won't ask you what were your priorities in life; but whether you put Him above all things.

God won't ask you to quote from the Bible; but who you have led to Him by living what's in it.

God won't ask you about your failures; but ultimately by how well you loved Him and others.

God won't ask you whether you deserve to be in heaven with Him because the choices you made throughout your life will have already determined that.