

SAINT THERESA OF AVILA PARISH

MARCH 30, 2025

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Sunday of Lent

“But now we must celebrate and rejoice,
because your brother was dead and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.”

Luke 15:32

SAINT THERESA OF AVILA PARISH

IN COLLABORATIVE WITH SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH

SAINT THERESA OF AVILA

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm in Main Church
 Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am in Main Church
 Daily: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 am
 Holy Days: As announced
 Confessions: Thursday 6:30 –7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday morning
 following 8:30 A.M. Mass

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
 Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am
 Daily: Tuesday, Thursday 4:30pm,
 Saturday 8:30am
 Holy Days: As announced
 Confessions: Saturday morning 9:15-9:45 A.M.
 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Saturday morning
 following 8:30 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 30

Saturday, March 29

4:30 P.M. Alfred and Theresa Maloney—Memorial Mass
 Maureen Curtain and James McDevitt—
 Memorial Mass
 Agnes and Donald Kenny—Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 30

8:00 A.M. No Intention
 10:00 AM Mary and Willie Kelly—Memorial Mass

Monday, March 31

8:30 A.M. Stephen Kovatsi—Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, April 2

8:30 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory—Memorial Mass

Friday, April 4

8:30 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory—Memorial Mass

Saturday, April 5

4:30 P.M. Dianne Condon—Anniversary Mass

Sunday, April 6

8:00 A.M. Charles and Stella Kelly—Memorial Mass
 10:00 AM Antonio, Angelina, and Anthony Tropeano—
 Memorial Mass

CLERGY

Reverend John J. Connolly, Jr. — Pastor
 Reverend Charles J. Higgins
 Deacon Brian Kean

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Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9:30 A.M. —12:00 Noon

MISSION STATEMENT

PRAYER OF SAINT THERESA OF AVILA

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
 yours are the only hands with which He can do His
 work,
 yours are the only feet with which He can go about the
 world,
 Yours are the only eyes through which His compassion
 can shine forth.
 Christ has no body on earth now but yours.*

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place in the Main Church Friday evening, April 4 beginning at 7:00 P.M. All are welcome.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

FAST: Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. One these days, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, enough to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT Mar 30	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
MONDAY Mar 31	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2+4, 5-6, 11-12a+13b/Jn 4:43-54
TUESDAY Apr 1	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
WEDNESDAY Apr 2	<i>Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit</i> Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
THURSDAY Apr 3	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
FRIDAY Apr 4	<i>Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21+23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
SATURDAY Apr 5	<i>Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest</i> Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT Apr 6	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/Phil 3:8-14/ Jn 8:1-11

Pilot Bulletins

SECOND COLLECTION

APRIL 5TH / 6TH

BALANCE THE PARISH BUDGET

This collection was moved to April to accommodate the Catholic Appeal Commitment weekend.



COLLABORATIVE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

6:30 P.M.

SAINT THERESA OF AVILA PARISH

This will be an opportunity for parishioners of Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Theresa of Avila to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. All are welcome.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY CELEBRATION



Did you know the Saint John Parish Health Ministry (PHM) celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in February? We are planning a celebration and Mass on June 7 and would like to include all former and current PHM members. Have you been a part of the PHM? If so, please contact Pat Kelliher at patricia.kelliher79@gmail.com.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE



If you would like your relative or friend who is serving in the military to be remembered in the prayers of our parish, please provide their name, rank, service branch, and location if applicable. You can call the Parish Office (617-323-4410 / 617-325-1300) or email stoffice24@gmail.com

MARCH 15 /16



OFFERTORY: \$4,318

ONLINE: \$1,117

TOTAL: \$5,435

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

PROJECT RACHEL

Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion? The **Project Rachel** ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. The next Spring date is Saturday, May 10. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact *Project Rachel* at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

AL-ANON now meets in person every Wednesday night, 7:00-8:00 P.M. at Saint John Parish Center. New members always welcome! Please call the Parish Office for more information. 617-323-4410

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

ERHALT UNS, HERR

1. Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, If
 2. Take up your cross, be not a - shamed! Let
 3. Take up your cross, which gives you strength, Which
 4. Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, Nor

1. you would my dis - ci - ple be; De - ny your - self, the
 2. not dis - grace your spir - it fill! For God him - self en -
 3. makes your trem - bling spir - it brave; 'Twill guide you to a
 4. think till death to lay it down; For on - ly they who

1. world for - sake, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2. dured to die Up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 3. bet - ter home And lead to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 4. bear the cross May hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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 Music: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543.

PSALM 34: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

Owen Alstott

℣. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.

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COMMUNION HYMN

TASTE AND SEE (PSALM 34)

Bob Hurd

Refrain
 Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the

Verses 1, 2
 good-ness of God. 1. Glo - ry, glo - ry to God most high,
 2. Who has fash - ioned the earth and sky,
 1. glo - ry, bless - ing and praise. With one voice, O peo - ple, re -
 2. who cre - a - ted the deep, who ex - alts the low - ly and

to Refrain
 1. joice in our God, who hears the cry of all in need. O
 2. sets cap - tives free, who o - pens the door to all those who seek. O

Verse 3
 3. Oh, the love of God! Be - come flesh of our flesh,
 to Refrain
 3. so that we might live in glo - ry. O

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PREPARATION HYMN

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

386 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - pressed;
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that when this life is past

from earth-born pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
 let me your lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste your prom - ised rest.
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point to the heav - en - ly way.
 I may th'e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

WORDS: Synesius of Cyrene (ca. 375-430); tr. Allen W. Chatfield (1808-1896)
 MUSIC: William Damon's *Psalms*, 1579

SOUTHWELL
S.M.

FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

Attention all singers! We have reached the time of year in which the St. Theresa Parish Choir is gearing up for the upcoming season. We are always looking for new members...particularly men and younger singers for our balance. It is a wonderful community building experience to make music with new friends. Early 20s and up are welcome. Rehearsals are 6:30 - 8:00pm every Wednesday and we sing each Sunday at the 10:00 Mass. See Brandon Santini, the music director, to inquire.

RECESSIONAL

Our Father, We Have Wandered

1. Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered And
 2. And now at length dis - cern - ing The
 3. O Lord of all the liv - ing, Both

hid - den from your face; In fool - ish - ness have
 e - vil that we do, Be - hold us, Lord, re -
 ban - ished and re - stored, Com - pas - sion - ate, for -

squan - dered Your leg - a - cy of grace. But
 turn - ing With hope and trust to you. In
 giv - ing, And ev - er - car - ing Lord, Grant

now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, We
 haste you come to meet us And
 now that our trans - gress - ing, Our

rise with fear and shame, As, dis - tant but com -
 home re - joic - ing bring, In glad - ness there to
 faith - less - ness may cease. Stretch out your hand in

pell - ing, We hear you call our name.
 greet us With calf and robe and ring.
 bless - ing, In par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929-2006. © 1980, ICEL.
 Tune: PASSION CHORALE, 7 6 7 6 D; Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750



Cross Catholic OUTREACH

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

As we move closer to Holy Week and Easter, Saint Theresa Parish continues our self-guided Lenten collaboration with Cross Catholic Outreach to help provide clean water for African countries. Please take a guide book from the Pavilion. You may also download the guide book at

CrossCatholic.org/lent-activity-guide

There are collection boxes in the Pavilion and at the doors of the Church for those who wish to support this Lenten program financially. We encourage our parishioners to take part in this most worthwhile Lenten activity which will teach children about the importance of clean water for people around the world, and provide an opportunity to help people in less developed and less fortunate countries. Thank you for your support and participation.

The 4th Sunday of Lent – “Laetare Sunday

"Laetare" means "rejoice," and this Sunday encourages us to find joy in God's presence, forgiveness, and the hope of eternal life.

The readings for this 4th Sunday of Lent, particularly the parable of the Prodigal Son, highlight God's boundless love and willingness to forgive, even when we stray far from Him.

The parable of the Prodigal Son also challenges us to extend forgiveness to others, just as God forgives us. The prodigal son's journey back to his father serves as a powerful reminder that we are all called to return to God, the ultimate source of love and belonging.

The older brother's jealousy and resentment in the parable remind us to be mindful of our own attitudes towards those who have strayed and returned, and to celebrate their return with joy.

The father's unwavering love and compassion for his son, even after his mistakes, is a powerful representation of God's love for us.

The celebration that follows the son's return is a symbol of the joy that comes from reconciliation with God and others.

During our Lenten season, let us seek God's forgiveness for our sins and ask for the grace to forgive others. Let us extend compassion and understanding to those who have made mistakes, just as God has done for us.



PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

LORD, OUR GOD, HELP OF THE HELPLESS, BE NEAR OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO SUFFER THIS DAY. GRANT THEM STRENGTH, PEACE OF MIND AND HEART, AND RENEWED HEALTH IF IT BE YOUR WILL, THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

Tim Albert, Gary Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Mary Antonellis, Michelle Baker, Alan Bartlett, Marilyn Barry, Margaret Barto, Catherine Bielawa, Stephen Bisordi, Charlene Bissinger, Joseph Blackman, Diane Blaskiewicz, Kevin Boettger, Margaret Bomba, Jr., Damien Brennan, Chet Broderick, Katie Broderick, Paul Broderick, Kendall Buczynski, Stephanie Buczynski, Frank Budukiewicz, Geraldine Bulman, Joan Bumila, Larry Burke, Allen Cameron, Lisa Carden, Maria Cemrania, Joseph and Susan Christiano, Nicholas Cleary, Brendan Cogavin, Charles Collins, John Collins, Rose Connolly, Mary Connors, Eileen Corrigan, Teresa Costa, Tom Cunningham, Richard Curran, Jr., Tim Danahy, Debra Daum, Gary D'Avila, Mary DeSantis, Lorraine DeVirgilio, Cristina Donatelli, Claire Donohoe, Kristen Doty, John J. Doyle, Kathleen Durepo, John Ellis, Helen Evans, Audrey Fallon, Barbara Farulla, Joseph Federico, Mary Feeney, Rose Finn, Joseph Fisher, Griffin Fleishman, Charles Fleming, Patrick Flynn, Dan Foley, Neil Foley, Terry Forkins, Ben Fox, Nora Frasier, Karen Glazer, Louise Gogg, Louise Goodwin, Eleanor Gordon, Colin Andrew Greco, Stephan Grundy, Patricia Hade, Denise Hamilton, Ann Hanlon, Patricia Dolan Harwitz, Elizabeth Heffernan, Mary D. Hennessey, Jackie Hess, Barbara Hickey, Louise Marie Hogan, Eleanor Howard, Janet Hughes, Meaghan W. Hussey, Kyle Johnson, Lily Joyce, Mary Kenny, Karen Kostek, Irene Kyricos, Kylee LeSourd, Madison Paige Losuts, Taylor Anne Lynch, Lois MacDonald, Thomas Mahoney, Kathleen Maloney, Shawn Patrick Maloney, Elizabeth Matalobos, Jason McCann, Michael McCarthy, Patrick McCarty, Linda McClelland, Helen McCloskey, Mildred McDermott, Kara McGonagle, Erin McGuirk, Ellen McKenna, Jessica McKenzie, Joanne McKenzie, Neil McLaughlin, Paul McNamara, Hilda Mendise, Anna Minotti, Cynthia Monahan, Joe and Cindy Morello, Deanna Morrissey, Maryellen Mulkern, Pat Mullen, Honora Murphy, Annie Murray, Maria and Michael Nadile, Donna Nazaro, Bruce Newman, Billy O'Brien, Geraldine O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Sister Mary O'Brien, Daniel O'Connor, Jay O'Connor, Natalie O'Connor, Patrick O'Connor, Barbara Page, John Palumbo, Virginia Palumbo, Steve Papia, Sheila Papia, Nicole Pellagrino, James Perri, Carol Pitman, Marie Polo, Virginia Prendergast, Kathy Psarros, Kathleen Quinn, Rose Raimo, Barton Ramos, Josephine Rappa, Steven Ricchiuti, Theresa Ricco, Joel Rivera, Kate Robbins, Kathleen Ryan, Merry and Lawrence Samonte, Stephen Shea, Jeannie Schlosky, Gina Scrima, John Sera, Zachary Shea, Claire Sloane, Terry Smart, Catherine Spellman, William Spicer, Albert Spiniello, Diane Carr Staton, John Sullivan, Patsy Sullivan, Philip Sullivan, Timothy Sullivan, Irene Supino, Steve Theodorakis, Mary Timony, Ellen Tobin, Joshua Torremoro, Edward Treseler, Jr., Edward Treseler, Sr., Peter and Stephen Usherwood, Albert Vincentio, Ellen Vogel, Mary Walsh, Paula Ward, Catherine Watson, Brian Webber, Cassandra Welles, Bill Whitcomb, Anthony Young, and Florence Yu

Prayers for my brother Thomas who is in need of a kidney

If you know of anyone on this list who is no longer in need of prayers please call the rectory to have their name removed 617-323-4410

SAINT THERESA CHAPEL is open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.



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- Marital Sexuality: Love's Perfect Design

To sign up for this Marriage Preparation Program, offered virtually by the Archdiocese of Boston, please visit

www.bostoncatholic.org/familylife/transformedinlove

2025 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Even before Commitment weekend, our parishioners have generously donated \$12,000 to the 2025 Catholic Appeal. This is 19% of our assigned goal of \$64,800. Thank you for your generous response!

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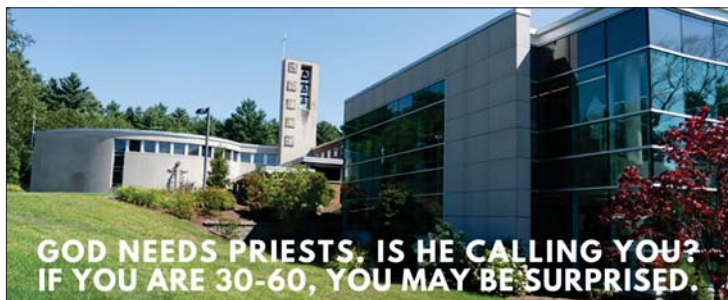
As you know, we are always looking for projects that our **Confirmation students and all of our Faith Formation students** can become involved in. Our last two service opportunities were very successful and every family in our combined programs participated! Their donations of food for Rose's Bounty and comfort gifts for Dana Farber patients far exceeded our expectations. We are confident we can keep the momentum going and inspire an attitude of giving in our youth! During Lent, we will be providing a very simple supper to people in our community on Friday evenings from 5:30 -7:00 p.m. at Saint John Parish. We have persuaded a few faithful parishioners to help us make the main courses that will be served and we welcome any additional volunteers to join us. The menu for our "Simple Supper" is:

April 4, caprese sandwiches, tomato soup and salad
April 11, vegetable tacos, vegetable soup and rolls

We look forward to seeing our neighbors and parishioners on Friday evenings and we are grateful for your continuing support for our Collaborative Faith Formation Programs.

P.S. The menu may change according to the chefs' preferences, however every meal will be delicious!

Please join us on Fridays in Lent for a "Simple Supper"



FIRST FRIDAY VISIT

April 4, 2025

5:00 PM EST

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary

Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit (Zoom link provided at registration)

Register:

Contact Msgr. William Fay
781-899-5500 ext. 134
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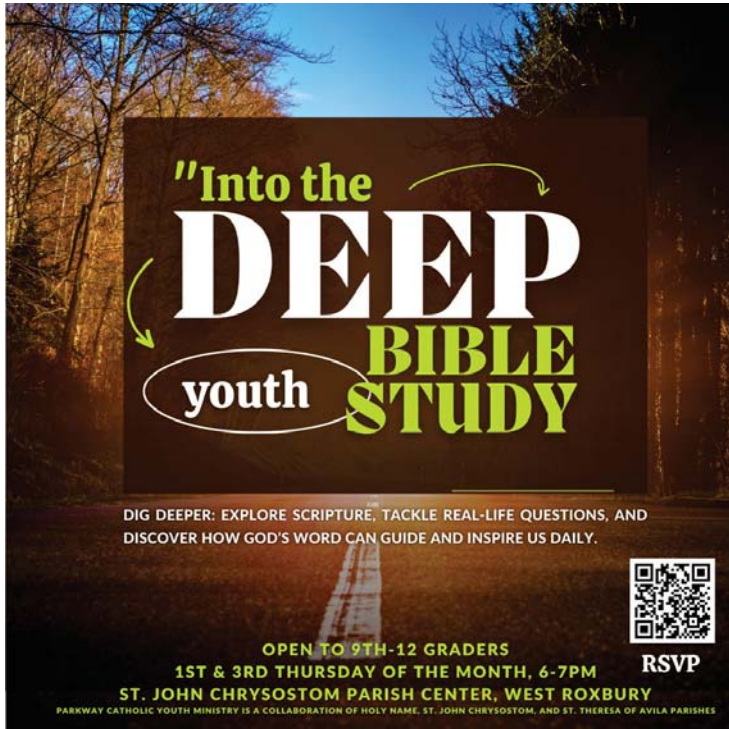
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HOLY NAME PARISH SODALITY

The Holy Name Sodality will meet in the lower Church on Monday, April 4 at 2:00 P.M. with Recitation of the Rosary and Mass celebrated by Father Higgins. The meeting is open to all women of the area parishes. For more information, please call 617-327-2754.

JOB POSTING for School Traffic Supervisors (Crossing Guards). If you know anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to apply and specify District E-5 and their preferred school. If you have any questions regarding this position you can contact Human Resources at 617-343-4675.

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

Tom needs a Kidney!

My name is Tom Fern, and I am looking for a kidney donor. Use the QR code to see how you can help and visit my page @ www.nkr.org/BZJ362 to read my story. Email for questions: tplant2025@gmail.com
Thank you!
Tom



CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY



The Catholic Charities Food Pantry remains in desperate need of donations, especially now with rising prices. The situation continues to be urgent for many families. You may bring your contributions of food to the rectory garage on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. Thank you for your ongoing generous support.



Parishioners can request a Prayer Shawl for someone by contacting Carol O'Brien at sttooffice24@gmail.com or by calling 617-323-4410. Every prayer shawl is different and perfect. Donations of completed shawls may be dropped off in the parish office, Monday—Thursday 9:30 —12 Noon or when you come to Mass. In your charity, please pray for Anne H., Mary O., and Ellen N. Thank you.

Parish Health Ministry.

Journey OF Faith

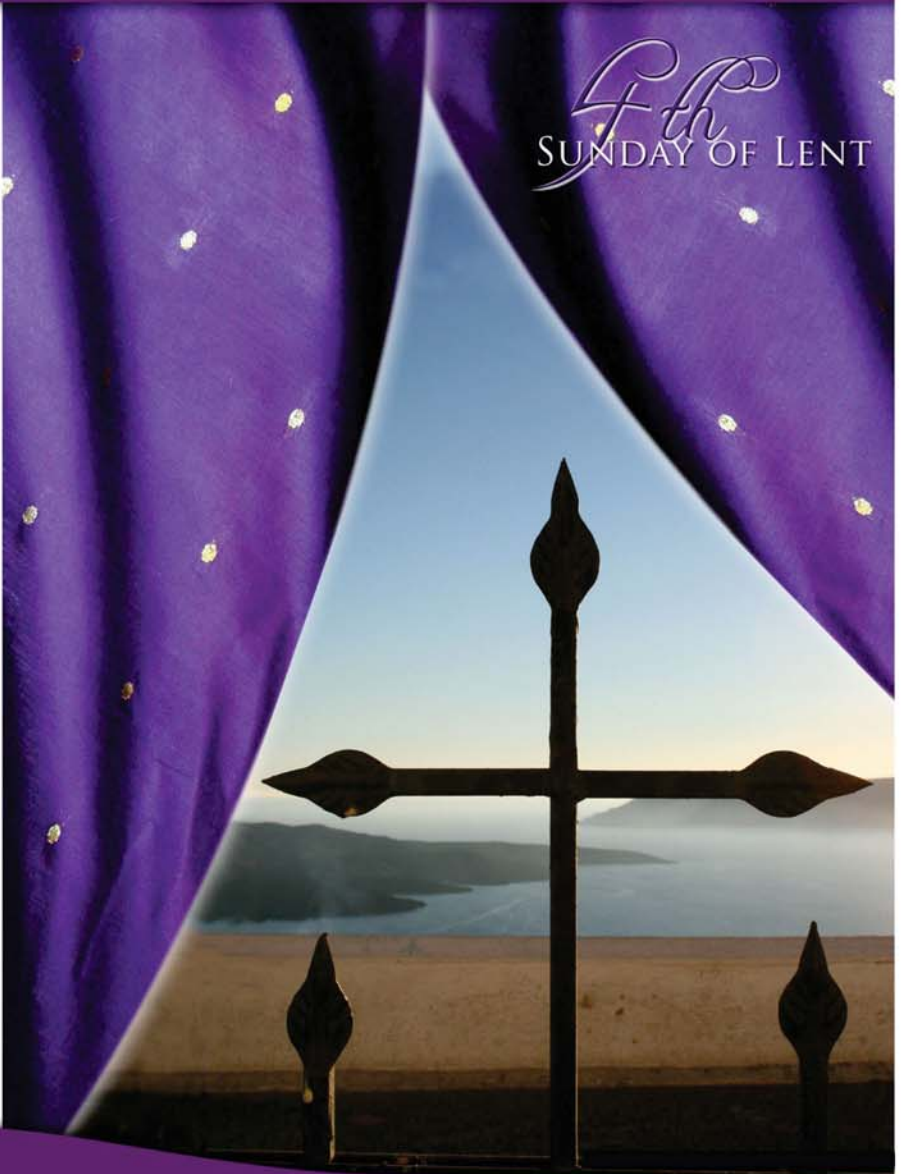
In Word & Deed

Has there ever been a time when we did not need forgiveness? Haven't we all gotten a little off course—with God, with our family, or with our friends—at one time or another? Isn't there always someone who we should forgive? Here are a few thoughts about forgiveness, inspired by the Prodigal Son and his brother.

- To forgive does not require that we forget. After all, if it were easy to forget, would we need to forgive?
- When you forgive, you free a person who is a prisoner of anger and hate. Then you realize that the person freed is you.
- Ordinary people have offered forgiveness in extraordinary circumstances. We can learn from their courage and example.
- Those who are the most difficult to forgive are often the ones who need it the most.
- Forgiveness brings peace, contentment, hope and calm.

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4th
SUNDAY OF LENT



O Lord, you brought me up from the nether world; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.

—Psalm 30:4



FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

There is a great scene in the movie version of Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol." After his time with the Christmas spirits, Scrooge goes to the home of his nephew Fred and approaches Fred's wife Emily, asking her, "Can you forgive a pig-headed old fool with no eyes to see and no ears to hear all these years?" It is the moment in the story when Scrooge is reunited with his family and discovers the meaning of Christmas he had denied for so many years.

There is a difference between saying I'm sorry and asking for forgiveness. The first is a moment of conversion when we recognize our sins and turn from them. It is the moment of regret and we acknowledge we are wrong. The second is asking for reconciliation,

something we cannot take for ourselves but which someone must give us.

When we sin, we need to correct our mistakes and make amends for the hurt we have caused. Being sorry for our sin does not guarantee reconciliation, and people may need time to reconcile. But we should ask for forgiveness and let others know we are truly sorry for our offenses. So when my words or actions hurt someone I love, I need to do all I can to repair our relationship, and to restore our love and trust. "Please forgive me" is a powerful step in the right direction.

~James Gaffney



Cover us, Lord
with your mercy.

Be our protector
and keep us from the
dangers with which our
sin surrounds us.

Be our liberator
and set us free.

~Missal of Pius V



Give us, O God, the needs of the body,

Give us, O God, the needs of the soul;

Give us, O God, the healing balsam of the body,

Give us, O God, the healing balsam of the soul.

~CELTIC PRAYER



In Word & Deed

Continued from front

- Be forgiving of others. They may be fighting a spiritual battle much larger than yours.
- If you forgive others, God will forgive you.
- If you knew the life of even your worst enemy, you would find sorrow, fear and suffering that would move you to forgive any and all hurts.
- Understanding opens the door to forgiveness.
- Ask for forgiveness as soon as you can. Waiting only makes the hurt grow stronger.

Celebrate the healing and joy of those who are forgiven. One day, that party will be for you!

~James Gaffney



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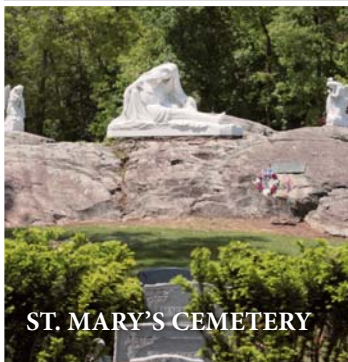
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