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### Remember In Prayer

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent March 31, 2019

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.—  
*2 Corinthians 5:17*

### GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.” After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The “take-away” for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, “Laetare Sunday,” breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today’s Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning “spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness,” and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the “elect” were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That’s you!

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord  
(Psalm 34) *or* *Psalm 23*.

**Second Reading** — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or* *Ephesians 5:8-14*.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; 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, 13cd-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, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;  
Jn 8:1-11

### HAPPINESS

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God’s blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

### April 9th

#### “The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity”

Deacon Jim Moss will start new classes on this book, on Tuesdays, from 10:00 until 11:30

Catholic Appeal is at 51.11%  
participation of our 45 families

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent;  
Second Scrutiny

Monday: April Fool’s Day

Tuesday: St. Francis of Paola

Thursday: St. Isidore of Seville

Friday: St. Vincent Ferrer;  
First Friday; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday

**We will have  
Stations of the Cross  
every Friday during  
Lent at 4:00 pm  
except on  
Good Friday and  
they will be at 5:30 pm**



The Lenten Penance Service  
will be on Wednesday April  
10th at 5:30 until 6:30 pm

### GOD’S CAPACITY FOR FORGIVENESS

Where is the foolish person who would  
think it in his or her power to commit  
more than God could forgive?

April 7th

Lector Maurisio

E/M Anita/ Peggy

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