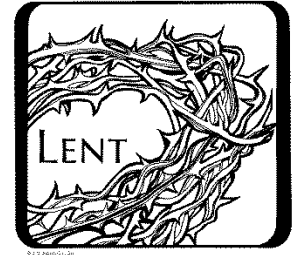




SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Cf. Isaiah 66:10-11



*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*



FOR OUR SICK . . . **Nadine Algadon**, Al Jenkins, Agnes Howard, Ricky Crowell, 3 month old Lillian Ashmore, Darrell Wilson, Addie Galapon, Maggie Carrol, Vivian Smith, Judge Michael Cielinski, Rose Tully, Jessica Bussell, Jacob Christopher Wilkins, Margaret Welsh, Mary Gray, Susan Stallings, Robin Bangart, Ruth Tavares-Toma, Ed Stewart, Richard DeNoia, Marion Milek, Sandi Smith, Steve Jankiewicz, Jessica Watts, Jeanmarie Jonston, Joseph Piccariello, Carroll Donovan, Susan Fortson, Anne DeCurtis, Christine Munoz, Celia Satterwhite, Morgan Collins, Jolene Herczeg, Jodie Riley, Tim Downey, Ann Fincher, Mary Kennedy, Steve Karr, Ashley Priest, Natasha Janney, Otto Parkerson.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS AND DISCIPLINES (PRACTICES) . . . Fast and Abstinence - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence - all Fridays during Lent. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - St. Joseph's Hall after the 12:10 pm Mass on Fridays and again at 6:00 pm in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evenings.

LENTEN DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE . . . will be held on Monday, March 14th, 7 PM at St. Anne Catholic Church. Priests from throughout the Columbus deanery will be present to hear confessions.

PASSAGES

The point of today's first reading is fulfillment. The forty-year trek of the Israelites is over; they now camp in the Promised Land and celebrate the Passover. The manna that has sustained them in the desert ends; from now on they will eat of the produce of the land. Our Eucharist—the manna of our journey—will end when we enter heaven.

Paul, in the second reading, speaks of change. The old order has passed away: all is new. Reconciliation has been secured in Christ. The message has to be proclaimed everywhere by the ambassadors for Christ.

The beautiful parable of the prodigal son is given to us by Christ in answer to the criticism of the Pharisees, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Jesus tells the story not to illustrate some vague human ideal of being broadminded or tolerant. He wants us to identify the father with God—a God who reaches out across rules, regulations, and even common sense to embrace and to forgive.

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PRIME TIMERS LUNCHEON . . . Join us on Monday March 14th at Smokey Bones, 5555 Whittlesey Blvd at 12:30 PM. Please call Marian Krygier at 706-660-8343 for reservations.

CHRISM MASS . . . will be celebrated in Savannah at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Tuesday, March 22nd at 7PM. During the Chrism Mass oils used for the Sacraments will be blessed by Bishop Hartmayer and the Priests will renew their commitment to the Priestly Ministry. Parishioners are invited to attend. A buffet dinner at the Cathedral Parish Hall will be from 5:15 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. Please call the church office if you plan to attend as an accurate guest count is needed - 706-323-6908.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION . . . will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. With your donations we can feed the hungry, quench the thirsty, offer legal assistance, comfort the lonely, be an advocate for the poor and abandoned and send aid to victims of natural disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL . . . If you haven't yet made your pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, please consider doing so this week. As good stewards, each of us has a responsibility to share our great gifts that come from God. Thank you for your donation.

BULLETIN SCHEDULE . . . Please note the bulletin deadlines for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be as follows: Palm Sunday is due by 9AM on Friday March 11th, and Easter Sunday is due by 9AM on Tuesday March 15th. If you need an announcement placed in any one of these bulletins, please have it in to the church office by these deadlines. Thank you!

COME PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS . . . The Deanery Council of Catholic Women welcome all of you to join them in praying the Stations of the Cross with St. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, at the Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat Center in Ft. Mitchell, Al on Wednesday, March 23rd, the day before Holy Thursday. We will begin by praying the outdoor Stations of the Cross at 9:50 AM. Mass will be celebrated at 11:15 AM. This will be followed by a light Lenten lunch and an opportunity to pray the Rosary at the Marian Statue located on the grounds. We will return to the retreat center to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. A \$10 donation will be accepted by the Sisters at Blessed Trinity. Transportation from Holy Family Church is available at 9:00 AM. Please park at St. Mary’s Hall. Call Carole Faletto at 334-468-3885 by noon Friday, March 18th for reservations.

EASTER EGG HUNT . . . Saturday, March 26th from 10AM to 11AM - for children, first grade and under. We will meet at St. Joseph’s Hall. RSVP forms will be available on the table at the back of the church so we can have an idea of how many will be attending, or please call the church office at 706-323-6908.

LENTEN FISH FRY . . . St. Anne Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a series of Lenten Fish Fries following the 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross on Fridays. The dinners, which take place in St. Anne Church’s Visitation Hall from 6 to 7 p.m., include: fried tilapia or catfish and shrimp, homemade hush puppies, French fries, a vegetable, coleslaw and iced tea or lemonade. Adults eat for \$7 per person, children under 12, \$4.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME . . . **SUNDAY MARCH 13TH!! Remember to set your clocks forward an hour – Spring Forward.**

<u>OFFERINGS</u>			
February 28, 2016	\$12,933.55	March 1, 2015	\$14,765.00

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>					
Saturday	March	5	5:00 PM	James H. Wills	Memorial
Sunday		6	8:30 AM	Pro Populo	
			11:00 AM	Walter Lunsford, Sr.	Memorial
Monday		7	12:10 PM	Extension Society Intentions	
Tuesday		8	12:10 PM	Robert Reinke	Memorial
Thursday		10	12:10 PM	Marian Tate	Special Intentions
Friday		11	12:10 PM	Jessica McLendon	Special Intentions
Saturday		12	5:00 PM	Candida Wills	Special Intentions

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
March 5	5:00 PM	Christopher Gudz, Joseph Land
6	8:30 AM	Mitchell Casleton, Shannon Casleton
	11:00 AM	Ashley Begnaud, Walter Calhoun



<u>DATE</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>HOST MINISTER</u>	<u>CUP MINISTER</u>
March 5	5:00 PM	Darlene Buchholz	Pat Mullane	Ismael Nazario, Kathy Oates
6	8:30 AM	Lindy Goodman	Dcn. Goodman	Jack Kasych, Lorrie Kasych
	11:00 AM	Michele McCrillis	Kay Bowers	Carolyn Allison, Walter Calhoun



Readings for March 13th, Fifth Sunday of Lent: First Reading, Ezekiel 37:12-14; Second Reading, Romans 8:8-11; Gospel, John 11:1-45.