

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2018



“God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved, raised us up with him and seated us with him...for by grace you have been saved, and this is not from you it is the gift of God.”

Perhaps a great difficulty for us, is to appreciate the need we had for Jesus’ saving work. Because we have been redeemed by Him, and experience His presence and love, we forget the great need which existed for all time for a Savior. Maybe we should change the words of St. Paul, and write ‘the great love He has for us.’

We might place on a back burner, the effects of Superstorm Sandy, the earthquake in Mexico, the hurricanes of last fall, the California wild fires, while the devastating effects are still being felt. So too our sinfulness and need for redemption today.

Our Lenten practices call us to acknowledge our need today and through prayer, good works, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist, we are to move ourselves closer to the Lord. Remember, it is God’s gift to us and we open our hearts today to receive it. May we seek forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, making it to confession before Easter.

**FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS &
SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Saturday, March 10 *Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14 (242)*

12:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 11 *The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21 (32)

or, for Year A, 1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph 5:8-14,

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (31)

9:00 a.m. Dr. Marcelito (Mars) Custodio

11:30 a.m. Phillip Siculietano

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, March 12 *Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54 (244)*

12:10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 13 *Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16 (245)*

12:10 p.m. Jerry Barry & Susan Barry

Wednesday, March 14 *Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30 (246)*

12:10 p.m. Mary (Gerri) Johnson

Thursday, March 15 *Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47 (247)*

12:10 p.m. Ellen Erickson (Living)

Friday, March 16 *Wis 2:1a, 12-22,*

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)

12:10 p.m.

Saturday, March 17 *Saint Patrick, Bishop,*

Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53 (249)

12:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Dominic & Angela Conetta

SECOND COLLECTION

March 10th – 11th

Support the Catholic Relief

Services Collection

Your donation will help Jesus in disguise through providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief to learn how you are making a difference.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

LECTIO DIVINA

Looking for a way to draw closer to the Lord during this Lenten Season? Consider the practice of *Lectio Divina*, or "Holy Reading."

This traditional practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer, and contemplation is intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of Sacred Scripture, the Living Word of God that gives life to all His people.

A group will meet for *Lectio Divina* each **Tuesday evening during Lent at 7:00pm in the Parish House**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact the parish office.

OUR COLLECTION

Collection for

March 3rd and 4th, 2018

By Mass as follows:

5:30 pm: \$1,003

9:00 am: \$2,416

11:30 am: \$2,448

6:00 pm: \$1,373

Sunday Masses Total: \$7,240

WeShare: \$175

Faith Street: \$432

Grand Total: \$7,847

**50TH ANNIVERSARY GOLDEN
WEDDING JUBILEE MASS**



Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 p.m.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with **Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral**. Pre-registration is required.

Please contact your parish to register.

The closing date to register for the Mass is

Monday, May 14, 2018.

CATHOLIC CENTER CLOSED

The Catholic Center will be closed

March 12th – 16th

due to spring break.

**PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 25TH @ 10A.M.
UNDER THE ARCH!!**

Come join an ecumenical celebration of Palm Sunday by the Washington Square Arch, complete with bagpipes in a gathering that Father McGuire started a number of years ago.

Parishes and priests from local churches will congregate for a brief reading of the day's lessons and prayers. It's a great way to bond with others in the neighborhood, and join forces as we tread the way toward Easter.

Do hope you'll be there!

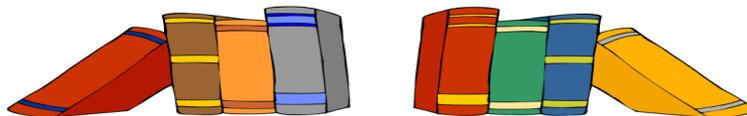
PAPERBACK BOOK DRIVE

March 10th-11th

Please bring gently used paperbacks in the following categories only:

English Dictionaries, Spanish/English Dictionaries, Thesauruses,
Comic Books, Graphic Novels, Sudoku/Puzzles,
Yoga, Mass Market/Mysteries/Thrillers

No underlining/notes or heavily worn books please.



Donations will be delivered to NYC BOOKS THROUGH BARS -which provides books to indigent incarcerated men and women throughout the United States.

If you have any questions, please contact Emlyn at: EMileafPatel@gmail.com

CHORAL MUSIC FOR LENT AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
11:30 AM MASS

Sunday, March 11

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Kyrie) Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

For God so loved the world by Joel Martinson, Amazing Grace by Peter Schickele

Sunday, March 18

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Kyrie) Missa brevis by Andrea Gabrieli Schaffe in mir,

Gott, ein rein Herz (Create in me, O God, a pure heart) by Johannes Brahms

The true glory by Peter Aston

Miserere mei Deus (Have mercy upon me, O God) by Antonio Lotti

Sunday, March 25

PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna Filio David (Hosanna to the Son of David) by Tomás Luis de Victoria

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (Gregorian Chant)

My God, my God, look upon me by Malcom Archer

O vos omnes (O you people) by Pablo Casals

Christus factus est (Christ became obedient) by Anton Bruckner

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