

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024

*God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*

— John 3:17

### GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

**Psalms** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

**Gospel** — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent;  
Daylight Savings Time Begins

**Friday:** Abstinence

### GOALKEEPER

*Being a good person is a very difficult.*

*It's like being a goalkeeper.*

*No matter how many goals you saved,*

*The people remember only the goals you missed.*

### ~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

#### A LENTEN PRAYER

**O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust for power, and idle chatter. Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love. O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother; for You are blessed now and ever and forever. Amen.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday:** Parishioners of St. Edward's Parish

**Monday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Tom & Teter Sherlock †  
Betty Jean O'Hara †  
For the suffering souls

**Tuesday:** Mary Louise †  
Pete Dep Gorman †  
John F. Carroll †  
Tommy Suedle Carroll †  
Johnny Shack Carroll †

**Wednesday:** Brian Benedict 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday †  
Jimmy Johnson & Bridget Johnson †

**Thursday:** Pete Man O'Hara 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †  
Barbara Jean Carroll Birthday †

**Friday:** In honor of the Precious Blood and Suffering Souls  
Patsy Butts Anniversary †  
Johnny Hugh Riley †

**Saturday:** In honor of the Holy Spirit and Sacred Heart  
Crackers Mike †

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

**A Catholic priest spied a parishioner enjoying some tasty smoked sausage on Friday during Lent—a strict no-no in the church. The priest, being a pragmatic soul, told the man for his penance he was to bring a load of lumber to the church to help repair the roof.**

**The man grumbled but went off to do his penance. He arrived at the church on the next Friday and proceeded to dump a huge load of sawdust into the parking lot.**

**"What's this?" the priest wanted to know. "I told you your penance was a load of lumber, not sawdust."**

**The man replied coolly, "Well, if that sausage I ate was meat, then this sawdust is lumber."**

## OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,405.00	\$1,741.00
Number of Families contributing	93	72
Total Pledge for 2024	\$157,619.00	\$159,756.00
Pledged to Date (9 Weeks)	\$28,361.00	\$28,649.00
Received to Date	\$23,054.00	\$17,639.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,307.00	\$11,010.00

## LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$372.00	\$3,218.00

37 ladies contributed last week.

## PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$0	\$560.00

No one made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

## CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2024 GOAL
\$395.00	\$17,862.00

POOR BOX totaled \$56.00.

6 CHILDREN contributed \$16.00.

## FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Michael Jude and Alaina in thanks for Mike Thomas on his 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
2. Paris in thanks for Creed on his 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
3. the Family of Captain's Rosemary in loving memory of her on the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

WELCOME FR. CHIDI The members of St. Edward Parish extend a heartfelt welcome Fr. Chidi. We are so glad to have him here as our Pastor.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins this Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Remember to set your clocks forward by one hour.

MASS ON FRIDAYS during Lent will be at 7:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

Mar. 15: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.

Mar. 22: Society of Mary Immaculate

Mar. 29: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

## MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

<u>MORNING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Thursday	10:00 A.M.
	Friday	9:30 A.M.
<u>EVENING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Thursday	3:30 P.M.
	Friday	6:30 P.M.

EASTER LILIES It is asked that each family donate \$10 for the Easter lilies. Please give your donation to Duggan's Mary Rita, Bridget Rita, or the Church Office.

## TRUTH & LIFE

**TRUTH** is a debit card — *pay first and enjoy later.*

**LIFE** is a credit card — *enjoy first and pay later.*

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *Catholic Relief Services*. Please be generous in this collection.

## UPLIFTING QUOTES

"God has **PERFECT TIMING**: never early, never late. It takes a little patience and a lot of **FAITH**, but it's worth the wait."

"God only puts us through as much as we can handle so the people who struggle the most have been **CHOSEN** by God to be the strongest ones."

## READERS

**Sat. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**

Christina & Julie Ann

**Sun. Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**

Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

**Sat. Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**

Leah & Dayna

**Sun. Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**

Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

## READERS – WEEKDAYS

<b>Monday</b>	-	Lauren Ashley
<b>Tuesday</b>	-	Paris
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	Gracelynn
<b>Thursday</b>	-	Willie's Rita
<b>Friday</b>	-	Gwen

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

<b>Monday</b>	-	Theresa Hun
<b>Tuesday</b>	-	Jack's Mary Rita
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	Ann Rita
<b>Thursday</b>	-	Cathy Carroll
<b>Friday</b>	-	Rosie Cat

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Right

Left

March 9<sup>th</sup>

Theresa Hun

Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

March 10<sup>th</sup>

Ned's Rose Marie

March 17<sup>th</sup>

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