

# *St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish*

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 6, 2025

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## *Lessons Learned from the Woman Caught in Adultery*

As for the application of this Gospel passage, it carries several important lessons.

Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of compassion and forgiveness.

Jesus, though fully aware of the woman's sin,  
does not condemn her, but offers her a fresh start.

This teaches us the power of redemption  
and the need to extend forgiveness to those who have fallen.

Secondly, it emphasizes the need for self-reflection and humility.

Jesus challenges the accusers to examine their own hearts before passing judgment,  
reminding us that none of us are without sin.

This calls us to approach situations with a spirit of humility and self-awareness.

Lastly, this passage invites us to move beyond legalism and to embrace a spirit of grace.

The religious leaders were focused on strict adherence to the law,  
but Jesus demonstrates that true righteousness goes beyond mere legal requirements.

He emphasizes – to all of us – the importance of personal transformation  
and a commitment to living a life free from sin.

*Noel Christopher*

In today's Gospel, the Scribes and Pharisees want to stone a woman to death because of her past. In their eyes, she is only the sum of her past ... a common sinner who deserves condemnation.

But, for Jesus, she is a woman who, like all of us, has made mistakes. He frees her from her past and reminds the onlookers that we, too, have pasts that need to be dealt with.

During Lent, we certainly try to do penance to make amends for our sins, but we are not to be wallowing in self-pity or shame; rather, we are joyful because of the Lord's love, his complete mercy, and his forgiveness, which free us from our pasts and cleanse us of our sins.

Josephine Hughes



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## Reflection

- ♦ What new beginnings is God offering you in your life? ♦ How can you let go of past mistakes and focus on the future? ♦ In what ways can you show mercy and forgiveness to others?
- ♦ How does the story of the woman caught in adultery challenge your views on judgment and forgiveness?

**Stewardship Report  
Sunday, March 30, 2025**

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## *Let us PRAY for a continued return to better health for Pope Francis!*

What a difference there is  
between the Master and the woman's accusers!  
They cite the Scriptures to condemn her;  
Jesus, the very Word of God,  
completely rehabilitates the woman, restoring her hope.

From this story, we learn that any judgment  
that is not inspired and moved by charity  
only serves to make things worse for those who receive it.  
God, on the other hand, always leaves room for second chances.  
God can always find paths that lead to liberation and salvation.  
Forgiveness changed that woman's life. Mercy and misery embraced.  
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*Pope Francis*



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**Pray daily for Vocations  
to the priesthood  
and the religious life.**







***Mass in Spanish  
at St. Patrick Parish:***

At its last meeting,  
our Parish Council agreed  
that it would be good  
for St. Patrick Parish

to begin a Sunday Spanish Mass.



Therefore, on **Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria**,  
we will have a meeting with Spanish-speaking folks in our neighborhood,  
as well as other interested parishioners,  
to consult and continue planning for this new ministry.

All are welcome to attend.

We hope to begin this Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025.

***Todos son bienvenidos a participar en una reunión para planear una misa en español  
aquí en San Patricio el martes 8 de abril a las 7 pm en la cafetería de la escuela. Ven y  
forma parte de este nuevo tiempo de gracia.***



The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ – his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of his infinite love for us.

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as soon as possible and give your name  
to the Parish Secretary.

A practice session will be held.

## ***More News from the Viatorian Community*** **Our New Commitment to the People of Pembroke Township**

For over 25 years, Associates Ken and Michelle Barrie have been bringing young people from Kankakee County to serve local needs in Pembroke Township, including at and around its Catholic church, Sacred Heart. From now on, when they visit for service and fellowship, they will be at a Viatorian parish: Bishop Ronald Hicks of the Diocese of Joliet appointed Bishop Christopher Glancy, CSV, as Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart, effective March 2.

“When I heard the news that Bishop Hicks had approached the Viatorians to minister and serve the people there, my heart almost leapt out of my body,” Ken said. “I have witnessed the decline in the ways that the parish is just hanging on. As we have kept up our commitment and continued bringing groups out there, I was worried that its days could be numbered. Yet I knew in my heart that we could do it and we would do it. This is answered prayer. God has a special place out there and put us and the Viatorians there.”



Bishop Glancy began exploring the idea in earnest during last summer’s Hearts of Hope Mission, the service program the Barries run for local youth, by bringing lunch out to the group and visiting with people. He made several return visits and dialogued with the now outgoing pastor, Fr. Ray Lescher, a retired priest of the Diocese of Joliet. He learned about the poor fertility of the soil on the large lots and the preference for raising animals over farming. Bishop Glancy also learned how the Sisters of the Holy Heart of Mary assisted with founding the church in this majority Black community in the 1930s. Hopkins Park remains in one of the most materially poor areas in Illinois.

“The Viatorians are called to serve those counted of little importance by some in our world. The people of Sacred Heart Church are among those folks,” Bishop Glancy said. “The experience of St. Patrick youth and the many parishioners who have supported them is to encounter in the people of Pembroke Township people who humbly live their faith and inspire us to do the same.”



The Sunday noon Mass typically draws a few dozen people. Already, the Viatorians have noticed an uptick, especially for the March 23 kickoff breakfast, for which several Viatorians pitched in. Additionally, with a growing Spanish-speaking population in the area, Bishop Glancy intends to offer bilingual Mass frequently and will invite other Viatorian priests who assist there to do the same. “Today

about 20% of the area is Hispanic and half or more of those who go to church are also Hispanic,” Bishop Glancy said. Bishop Glancy, the Barries, and other Viatorians in the area – including in our three other parishes – intend this to be the first of many faith formation and fellowship events to come. “This is a way of making what we have been working to do more official. It can be a way toward rebirth and new life,” Michelle said. “When we had our first meeting out there, someone called Sacred Heart *holy ground*. We always talked about how there may not be much there, but it is special and we are drawn to it. Sacred Heart is what the Viatorian charism is all about.”

*Dan Masterton on the Viatorian News*



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

### *The Three Pillars of Lent*

These Lenten practices help us grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for Easter. **Prayer** allows us to spend time with God, seeking guidance and strength. **Fasting** teaches us self-discipline and helps us focus on what truly matters. By letting go of distractions, we make more room for God in our lives. **Almsgiving** reminds us to care for others, especially those in need. Sharing our resources and time shows God's love in action. It helps us move beyond ourselves and become more generous and compassionate. This 5th Sunday of Lent, Year C, encourages us to reflect on these practices and how they can bring renewal to our hearts. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we grow in faith and prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter. How is your Lent going? *Young Catholics*

### **Ways to Care for Our Common Home**

Presenter:

**Sr. Karen Carlson, sscm**

**WHEN: Thursday, April 24, 2025  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**WHERE:**

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### ***TEILHARD: Visionary Scientist*** **Movie Viewing and Discussion**

Facilitator:

**Sr. Evelyn Varboncoeur, sscm**  
Formation Director

**WHEN: Wednesday, April 30, 2025  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**WHERE:**

**Nazareth Spirituality Center  
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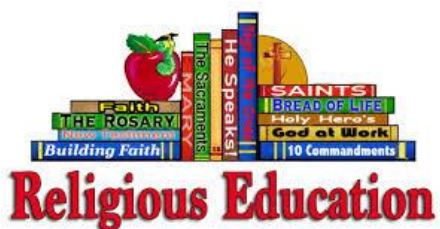
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### **Religious Education**

Our two eighth-grade parishioners will be confirmed on Wednesday, April 30, at St. Joseph Parish in Bradley. **Adalyn Bean** and **Colin Ortman** are junior high students at Bishop McNamara and will be confirmed with their classmates. They recently spent a full day on a Confirmation retreat that involved prayer, and reflection time, along with scripture challenges and an Escape Room experience!

Our second-grade student, **EvaSue Gregoire**, is enrolled in our Religious Education Program and currently is learning about the Sacraments. She will receive her First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

***Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Sacraments!***



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APRIL 12 / 13	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
CANTOR	A. Schneider	Envelope # 493	A. Schneider / Choir
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WEEKDAY LECTOR	M. Suprenant		
SACRISTANS for April 11	P. Johnson		J. Conway

*Please pray for the sick and the dying, and for all those who mourn the loss of a loved one.  
Also, let us remember in prayer the homebound, those in nursing homes or hospitals,  
and those who have asked for our prayers!*

## Prayer Line ... call (815) 932-9423

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 7

**St. John Baptiste de la Salle**

7:15 Robert and Loretta Denault  
(Wed. Ann.) (by Julia Parker)

Tuesday, April 8

7:15 Marge Draude (Birth. Ann.)  
(by Sharon Draude)

Wednesday, April 9

7:15 Joan Hebert (Birth. Ann.)  
(by Mark Hebert)

Thursday, April 10

7:15 Parishioners and Benefactors

Friday, April 11 **St. Stanislaus**

7:15 Yvonne Saffer  
(by Larry and Jane Hauberg)

Saturday, April 12

4:00 Ross Bertrand (Birth. Ann.)  
(by Phil Angelo) /  
Gladys Goreham  
(by Gary and Suzanne Polonis) /  
Virginia Wayer  
(by Rich and Therese Schultz)  
Tony Lambert (Birth. Ann.)  
(by Lambert Family)



Sunday, April 13

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

7:00 Sharon Stanley (by Stanley Family)

10:00 John Lewis Galassi  
(by Antoinetta Nicklaus) /  
Adrian and Mary Ellen Rivard  
(by Judy Bourland) /  
Mose Arseneau (by Dolores Arseneau) /  
Jack Purcell (Birth. Ann.)  
(by Shirley Purcell)



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Sunday ..... 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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