



March 10, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
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but that the world might be saved through him. ~ John 3:17

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Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

Tagalog Mass: 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

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2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

The law liberates and leads us to freedom (1). It is to be trusted for it is a source of wisdom (Ps). Jesus speaks of the ultimate freedom to be won for us by his being raised up (3). He is the sign of the power and wisdom of God (2).

or Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Year A Readings (RCIA)

1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1:41 or 9:1,6-9,13-1,34-38

Samuel does not see as God sees (1) in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil (Ps). As Jesus cures the blind man (3), so too are we brought from darkness into light (2) through the grace of baptism.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today is the fourth Sunday of our Lenten preparation. The first reading is a bleak reminder of our sinfulness, our deafness to those who warn us, and the consequences of our continuing arrogance and destructiveness. The psalm tells us what it is like to be separated from the love of God. We weep and we remember. Ephesians offers us hope. God is merciful even though our sins have destroyed our lives. God saves us, not because of who we are but because of who God is. God's love raises us up from our sinful despair. John reminds us that although we deserve condemnation because of our repeated sinfulness, God so loved the world that God did what Abraham was asked to do. God sacrificed Jesus, the beloved Son, that we might be saved.

Early and Often

We are not an easy people to love. As Chronicles reminds us, we prefer sinfulness over goodness time and time again. Infidelity, abomination, pollution, mocking prophets—we do it all. And still God loves us. The psalm offers a beautiful image of the price we pay for living in the darkness of sin and evil when we know the beauty of living in the light. Alone, isolated, still we remember the beauty of life with God and we weep. God is rich in mercy. Time and time again God brings us back to life. Jesus' life was sacrificed to save ours. We are saved not by our works but by the gift of God. What more powerful words are there than those found in John: "For God so loved the world the he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

Come to the Light

If our works cannot save us, then why are we doing all this hard work and sacrifice during Lent? Traditionally we were asked to give up something during Lent so that we might experience the loss and deprivation that the Old Testament talks about when we are estranged from God. More recently we have been asked to do something affirmative, to add something good to our lives instead of taking something bad away. Either way works because both are just means of waking us up to the way we live our lives, sometimes thoughtlessly indulgent, sometimes indifferent, but all too often isolated from what is at the center of God's life, i.e., love and sacrifice. Lent is a chance to live our lives as Jesus lived his. Jesus lived in the light of love, truth, and sacrifice. Lent is a chance to find that light in our own lives.

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Blossoms and Fruit

Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn.

~ Walter Scott



Please Pray for our Holy Father's Intention for March

Pope's Intention: For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

St. Patrick parish is honored to welcome the United Irish Societies on Saturday, March 16, 2024 as they make their annual pilgrimage to celebrate the feast of St. Patrick with a Mass at 9:00 a.m..

Éireann go Brách!!



Christ shield me this day

Christ with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

Christ in me,

Christ beneath me,

Christ above me,

Christ on my right,

Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down,

Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in the ear that hears me

(St. Patrick, from his breastplate)



Stations of the Cross

Everyone is encouraged to join the communal praying of the Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 12:10 p.m. Mass during Lent. Stations of the Cross prayer books are available in the gift shop for a small fee. The Santo Niño Novena, normally prayed on Fridays, will not be prayed in lieu of the Stations of the Cross.



Novena to St. Patrick

We will pray the Novena to St. Patrick 15 minutes before every Mass from Friday, March 8th through Saturday, March 16th. Join us as we celebrate the Patron Saint of our parish as well as the Principal Co-Patron of our City and Archdiocese.

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Rexie John Hijada 03/11

Lincoln Vo 03/14

Ethel Ababa 03/12

Angelica Wolf 03/14

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Saints & Special Observances

SUNDAY: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

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Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4,12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

or

For Year A (RCIA Mass)

1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14;

Jn 9:1:41 or 9:1,6-9,13-1,34-38

Today's Readings

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23)

or *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.*

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or *Psalm 23.*

Second Reading — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or *Ephesians 5:8-14.*

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him

(John 3:14-21) or *John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].*

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Looking for Lay Ministers

The proclamation of the Word of God at Masses and other Liturgies is one of the sources of faith, wisdom and understanding God and Jesus have given to the Church. Because of its importance, the Church takes great care in ensuring that the Spoken Word is proclaimed with dignity and reverence. As a parish, we try our very best to fulfill these expectations.

The source and summit of our life as a people of God are the gifts of Christ's Body and Blood, the Eucharist, and the community gathered to share in this Eucharist. Over time, the Church has seen the need for Lay Faithful to assist with the distribution of Communion at Masses and other Liturgies. As well, Eucharistic Ministers assist the parish by bringing Communion to people who are unable to attend Mass.

If you're looking for a way to serve your parish, or if you've ever wanted to be a lay minister and serve during Mass, now is your chance. Please contact the office to volunteer.

Living Stewardship Now

We can all support the worthy efforts of pro-life organizations such as Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Birthright, and Silent No More. If you are someone grieving abortion, find confidential, compassionate help near where you live by contacting rachelsvineyard.org. Go to the same site if you would like to start a ministry like this in your area.

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Be Aware

We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn't know we had left open.

~ Anonymous

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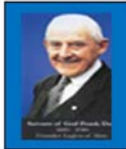
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Meeting - Sundays at 11:30 am in Bitanga Hall



The Legion Family Worldwide
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The Founder Frank Duff
 1889 - 1980

Legion of Mary's History

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

Legion of Mary's Unit

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

Legion of Mary's Active Membership

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.

Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him ...

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M _____

Answer: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him ...*

saint snippets

My mission is to love. I do not have time to tear others down.

March 13

Bl. Irma Dulce
20th-century Brazilian sister who cared for the homeless and the poor on the streets

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Let us receive everything from God's hands and do everything out of pure love.

March 14

Bl. Giacomo Cusmano
19th-century Italian priest who founded a religious order focused on evangelizing and caring for the poor.

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A deep love for God in this life will be shown by practicing His goodness, gentleness and charity toward my neighbor.

March 15

St. Louise de Marillac
A 17th-century French woman who, with St. Vincent de Paul, founded the Daughters of Charity, a society devoted to serving Jesus Christ in the poor.

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CATHOLIC CORNER

IF I EVER FORGET YOU

If there are people in your parish who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, today you might hear the Gospel story about the man born blind. Listen for the psalm that goes with this reading.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Psalm 23:1)

Otherwise, you might hear the story about a man named Nicodemus, a Gospel that contains a sentence that you might have heard and seen: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). Listen for the psalm that goes with this reading.

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137:6ab)

Both psalms promise that God will never forget us and will always take care of us. We promise never to forget about God. Unscramble the words below to discover something important to remember. Write the message on the lines.

oGd lilw ysalwa velo su dna reac rof su.

oGd ilwl veig su revyehitng ew dene.



I nikth fo odG rvege yda.

I veig oGd hsktan for revyehitng I vahe.



If you sing the psalm at Mass today, listen carefully to the melody of the response. Try to remember it and sing it during the week.

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The Little Ones

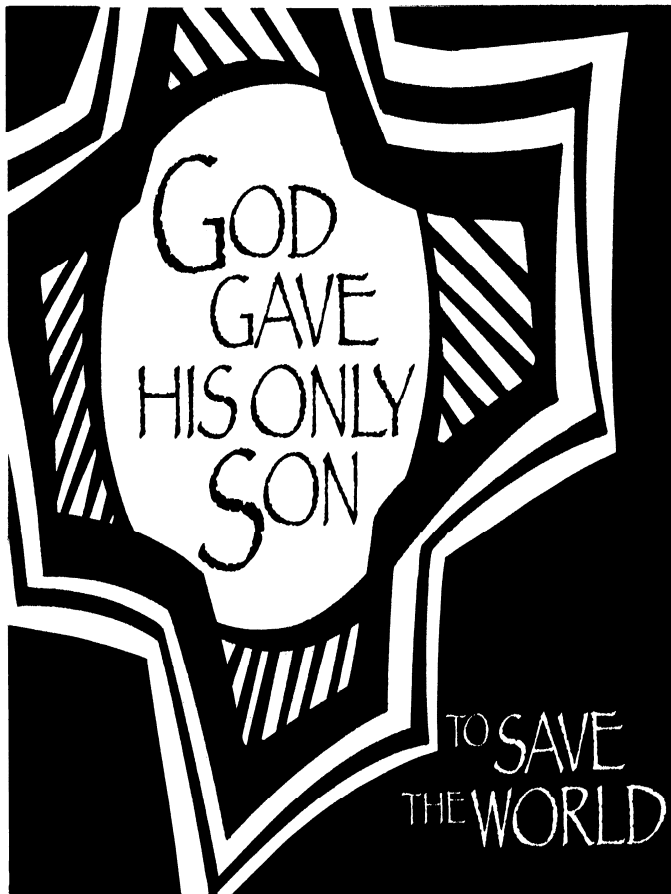
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But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. Jn 3:21

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Saying, Doing, or Being?



St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians that we are saved through grace: God's actions of sending his Son to die for us, and raising Jesus from the dead show the love God has for us. It comes entirely from God. We are saved by our faith in Jesus, but even that faith comes from God. So when Paul says that no one can boast about being saved, he means that we can't add up our good deeds like reward points for heaven. He also means that we can't brag about our faith because we can recite the creed or answer an altar call. So if being saved is not a matter of saying the right things, or doing good deeds, what is it?

The answer comes from the gospel. Jesus tells us that he will be lifted up, or crucified, so that we can believe in him and have eternal life. Notice he doesn't give a list of facts about God that we are required to believe. When we "believe in" someone, we put our love and trust in that person. We want to be with that person as much as we can. We know that we are loved and so respond by giving love. Our response of love is not just a happy feeling. It inspires us to stop being selfish and start noticing that others need our help. Jesus describes it as living in the light: we are not ashamed to help someone, forgive someone, or comfort someone. While we do not force our faith on others, we don't hide it either. Our life is in the light, open to anyone who wants to see what God has done for us.

That brings us back to the question about salvation: it is not something we do or say. It is what God does for us. Our response of faith is also his gift. So when we recognize all that God has done for us and believe in his Son Jesus, the Spirit will guide us to live that faith and share it with others.

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Into the Light of Christ

We all understand the burden of a dark secret. Knowing we have done something wrong or shameful, as well as the effort to keep it secret, can weigh us down like a rock on our backs. If we are finally able to disclose it to someone else, we often find that the release is far greater than we could have expected. Saint Paul tells us in today's second reading that even when we are "dead in our transgressions" we can be "brought . . . to life with Christ" (Ephesians 2:5). It may take a long time for the healing to be complete, but somehow, when things are in the open they lose their hold over a person's mind and soul. For the last twenty-five years Mary Ann McNeil has helped burdened people find the light of Christ. She is the founder of a ministry called PATH in Atlanta, Georgia, which serves people grieving an abortion. Mary Ann knows the steep price many have paid for their dark secret. Some have blamed themselves for decades, convinced that their families, their church community, and God would find them unforgivable. Many have fallen prey to depression, physical illness, or risky behaviors. Mary Ann and her trained volunteers provide a carefully designed combination of mentoring, prayer, scripture study, and sharing of experiences with others who have travelled the same road. This enables the women and men who are suffering to know they are not alone, and that they are forgiven. They can rise up with renewed faith and strength to embrace their lost children in the light of Christ. Light and life are very closely interwoven: the dawn heralds a new day, a new creation. The light of Christ flowing into our souls brings with it life—a life that can even raise us from the dead.

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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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Treasures From Our Tradition

Over the years, our tradition has come to see this Sunday as a transition, a midpoint, an oasis in the middle of six long weeks of preparation for Easter. The key is the Latin word *Lae-tare*, or "Rejoice," which was for centuries the first word sung in the Mass for this Sunday. In southern Europe, the first roses of springtime are appearing now, and there used to be a custom of honoring those to be baptized at Easter with roses on this Sunday. Long ago, this was also seen as a day for celebrating the ordination of priests. Many parishes retain the custom of using rose-colored vestments on this day. Normally flowers are banned from worship in the restrained season of Lent, but here, midway, these signposts of festivity pointing to the renewal of Easter springtime sometimes make a quiet appearance. A project for today would be to plant a few paperwhite or narcissus bulbs in a water bowl filled with river rocks. Like those elect who will soon be bathed in baptismal waters, they will come to full stature in the Easter season.

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Feast of Faith

Postures of the Mass

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshiping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.

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Not Enough

It is not enough for me to love God, if my neighbor does not love God.

~ St. Vincent de Paul

Communal Responsibility

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

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What God Wants

What would really satisfy us would be a God who said of anything we happened to like doing, "What does it matter as long as they are contented?" We want, in fact, not so much Father in Heaven as a grandfather in heaven - a senile benevolence who, as they say, "liked to see young people enjoying themselves," and whose plan for the universe was simply that it might be said at the end of each day, "a good time was had by all." Not many people, I admit, would formulate a theology in precisely those terms: but a conception not very different lurks at the back of many minds. I do not claim to be an exception: I should very much like to live in a universe which was governed on such lines. But since it is abundantly clear that I don't, and since I have reason to believe, nevertheless, that God is Love, I conclude that my conception of love needs correction.

Lord Jesus Christ, help me to accept you as you really are.

from *Mere Christianity* ~ C. S. Lewis

Salvation

Salvation is all but unimaginable. It is unconditional, unfettered, no-strings-attached love. It is a love no one can earn. It is a boon, freely given, reserved for lovers. It is powerful, powerful enough to bring life out of death.

Comment

The reading from 2 Chronicles highlights the faithfulness of God, even though God's people were unfaithful. In faithful love, God sent messengers and prophets to warn Israel, to call the people to faithfulness, and to love God in return. These overtures were spurned. Because of Israel's infidelity and lack of love, Jerusalem was destroyed, the people lost their home, and the nation was taken into captivity.

Still, God remains faithful and loving. In their suffering, the people recognize this. God's anger abates, and God extends salvation from a totally unexpected source—through Cyrus, a foreign conqueror. The promise of a new Jerusalem and a rebuilt temple is given. Salvation comes from the loving hand of God and the people are brought home safe.

In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul reemphasizes God's faithfulness and abiding love. Even in the face of our sins, God loves us and rescues us through the suffering and death of Christ. Paul stresses that we are alive because of Christ; salvation is sure if we have faith in him.

John's Gospel rounds out this Sunday's treatise on the salvation that comes to us through the love of God. The evangelist makes it abundantly clear that it is through the Son of God, the firstfruit of God's love, that the light of salvation is now ours. At the same time, John warns us that we must not flee the light, but embrace it. God's love seeks the response of acting in the light and living in truth. Only by such living do we recognize the salvation that God extends to us in our lives, in the sacraments, in the Church. Only then will we come to live secure in God's saving light, safe at home at last.

Reflection

Some dramatists deal with the meaning of life by giving us a glimpse of it from the side of death. In the classic play by Thornton Wilder, *Our Town*, dead characters speak to one another about the meaning of life. When a young woman who has died in childbirth joins their number and voices her desire to return to visit the living, her deceased companions counsel her not to do so. In spite of their advice, the young woman returns to the scene of her life. She discovers that the living really do not prize the gifts of life at all. She returns to her companions in death, who do understand and appreciate life's worth.

We need not succumb to physical death to recognize the meaning and import of life. Rather, as today's readings remind us, we need but die to old ways of living and accept the gift of salvation that God offers us. This means recognizing that salvation—new life—is not something that comes after this life or something that is divorced or isolated from life. Rather, it is intrinsically linked to life, to real, everyday, even humdrum life. Salvation does not happen somewhere "beyond" the pale of physical life or apart from the mundane. It happens here and now. That's the whole meaning of the Incarnation, isn't it? All things are God-touched, packed with salvation, gifts waiting for our acceptance, our treasuring, our enjoyment, and our sharing with others.

If we believe God loves us and loves us first, what a difference that "truth" will make in our lives and what "light" that truth will bring to our lives! The God we dare to believe in loves us no matter what. The God we dare to believe in rends the heavens with a divine and loving invitation to come home. All we need do is respond to the call and come live with God in Christ, safe at home forever.

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The Inner Word: What's in your Heart?

The consequences of disbelief are devastating. When the ancient people refused to follow God, their own way took them to destruction. But God is rich in mercy and has worked throughout history to save even the unfaithful. Believing in Jesus means following his ways.

- How has God brought me to life even when I was dead in my transgressions?
- What exactly is the faith that saves me?
- In what ways do I still prefer the darkness and avoid the light of Christ?
- How has God's love for me turned me away from my sins?

Applying the Word: By grace we have been saved!

The writer of Ephesians interrupts his own good news about the new life to be had in Christ with an exclamation of joy: By grace you have been saved! We can imagine he is reminding his audience of a stock catechetical phrase or the refrain of a popular hymn. It may seem to us a rather Charismatic-sounding yelp of involuntary theology, and if so, why not? Worse ideas have made it into the knee-jerk pop religion lexicon than this one: that salvation comes not from hard work or the perfection of our behavior or any other divine bribe, but from God's free and generous choice to save us. If it still seems suspiciously Protestant, remember the faith-works war is over and Catholics signed a truce with the Lutherans some years back. Grace is radically free, an Exodus without the desert loitering. God is rich in mercy, and the verdict of love comes down in our favor. If it still sounds too easy, repeat, "By grace we have been saved," early and often. ~ Alice Camille

Scripture links

Expulsion: Gen. 3:1-24; Rom. 5:12-21; Rev. 22:2, 14

Exodus: See the Book of Exodus; Jer. 2:6-21; Acts 7:30-41; Heb. 9:15-22

Exile: Jer. 7:1-15; 10:17-22; 13:18-19; 16:14-15; 21:1-10; Acts 7:42-43

Kingdom of priests, a holy people: Exod. 19:5-6; Isa. 61:6; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:6

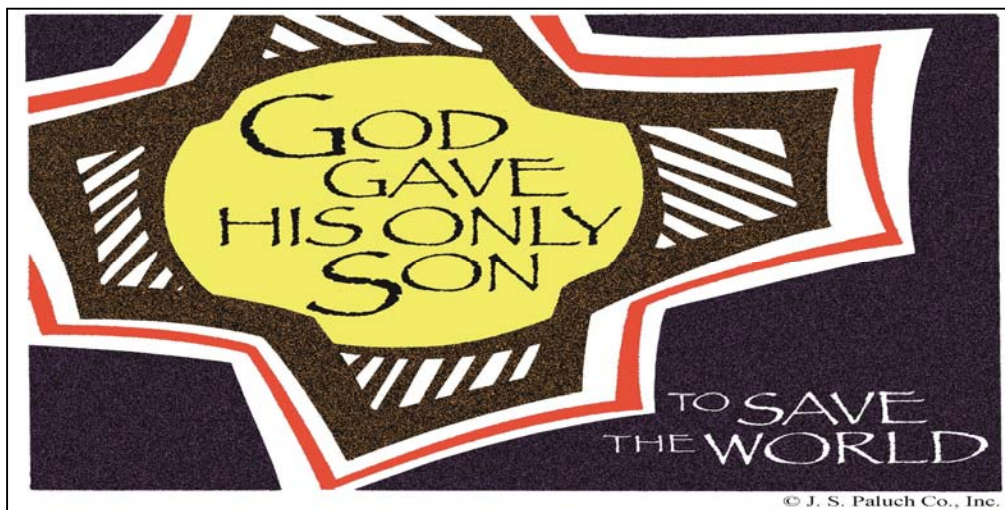
Catechism links

(Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph numbers)

Expulsion: CCC 385-389; 396-412; 1006-1009; 1846-1851

Grace: CCC 1996-2005

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Divine Rescue

It was the purse Lucy's mother had given her for Christmas the year before she died, and it was the most precious thing in the world to her. What was she thinking when she left it on the bus? Now it was gone forever, along with her wallet, her credit cards, her glasses, her keys, and everything. The ride from downtown had been a struggle to sort out the many things a working mother had to do care for her family and provide income to keep the wolf from the door. Losing the purse just meant more hassle and more money out the window. But it was the purse, the memory of her mother in the smell of the fine leather, the precision of the stitches and the shine of the brass that broke Lucy's heart.

Now at home, she just cried and was wiping the tears from her eyes as she answered the doorbell. The woman on the other side of the screen wore a vaguely familiar gray uniform and was holding Lucy's purse. "A passenger turned it in to me," she said as she handed Lucy's treasure back to her. "I got your address from your license and thought I'd drop it off on the way home."

The bus driver didn't know Lucy, but loved her enough to spend a little time and effort doing something good for her. Imagine how much more God loves his own handiwork and will sacrifice everything to restore what was lost and rescue his treasures from the eternal bus ride of death.

~ Father Paul Boudreau



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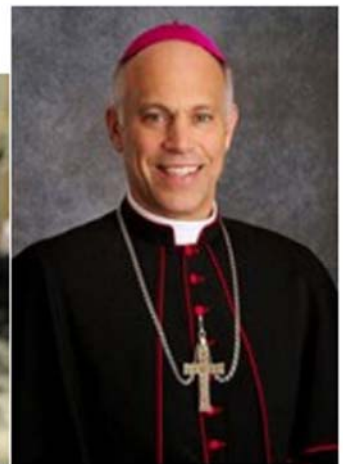
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Monday 11	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Eleanor Lawsin † Jordan Chavez SI Dan & Annie Lacap
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Wednesday 13	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong † Jordan Chavez SI Tita Labaria
Thursday 14	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Jun & Emy Pasion † Jordan Chavez SI Catalina Mariano
Friday 15	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Joseph, Joshua, Jordan & Liam † Jordan Chavez SI Evelyn Sabucdalao Perdue
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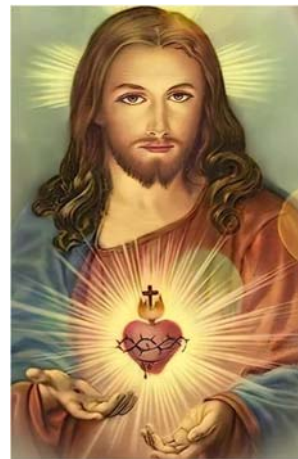
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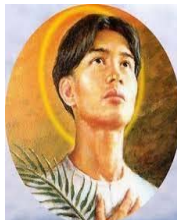
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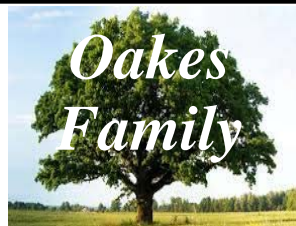
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