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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: C

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love. The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God.

TODAY IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY

LIVING THE GOSPEL LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD

"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they are invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**" ~ Cardinal Thomas Collins

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2019

PALM SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DELLE PALME ~ APR. 14

8:30 am - **9:45 am** - 11:00 am - Regular Mass Schedule
Procession, with palms, at all Masses as well as the Saturday evening Mass. Due to an extended Mass, the 9:30 am Italian Mass will be celebrated at 9:45 am.

HOLY THURSDAY ~ GIOVEDÌ SANTO ~ APR. 18

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
10:00 pm Holy Hour and Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY ~ VENERDÌ SANTO ~ APR. 19

11:00 am Stations of the Cross on the streets
1:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Italian)
 Adorazione della Croce e Comunione
3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English)
 Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
 Children's Liturgy (Church Hall)
6:00 pm Passion Play and Procession

HOLY SATURDAY ~ SABATO SANTO ~ APR. 20

11:00 am Solemn Rosary and Marian Meditation
8:30 pm Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DI PASQUA ~ APR. 21

8:30 am - 9:30 am - 11:00 am - Regular Mass Schedule

EASTER MONDAY ~ PASQUETTA ~ APR. 22

9:00 am Holy Mass (Chapel)

THE SEASON OF LENT 2019

PURPLE LENTEN BAG PROGRAM

This year, we continue with the Purple Lenten Bag Program. It is a symbol of our sacrifice and self-denial in order to help those in need. Please consider adding a daily monetary value into your Lenten bag. **All proceeds will go towards our Out of the Cold Program.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: EVERY FRIDAY

Please join us every **Friday evening at 7:00 pm**, throughout the Lenten season as we pray the Stations of the Cross in both English and Italian in our Church.

The next service will be held on Friday, April 5th.

CONFESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER

Confessions for the Parish community will be taking place on **Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: GOOD FRIDAY

We invite children to attend the Good Friday Liturgy on **Friday, April 19th at 3:00 pm** in the Church hall.

GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION

Please join us on **Friday, April 19th at 6:00 pm** at the Church as we celebrate the **30th year** of gathering together as a community and celebrating the production of The Good Friday Passion Play & Procession.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CANCER DOCU-SERIES

On **Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:45 pm in the Church Hall** Fr. Carlos Sierra will be presenting the sixth video of the nine part doc-series on the Truth about Cancer. **Participation is free! All are welcome.**

**ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR
 NEXT REHEARSAL DATES: APRIL 6 & 13**

The next rehearsal dates for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir will take place on **Saturday, April 6th & 13th from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the Church.**

ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The St. Brigid's Children Choir practices every Saturday at 4:00 pm followed by singing at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass. The next practice and Mass will take place on **Saturday, April 6th**. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to register your child (ages 7 to 14).

CONFIRMATION RESCUE COURSE

The final class for the Confirmation Rescue Course will take place on **Saturday, April 6th from 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon**. **The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, April 27th during the 5:00 pm Mass.**

2019 SACRAMENT DATES

Reconciliation: Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 pm
Holy Communion: Saturday, May 4th at 12:00 pm
Confirmation: Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00 pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending March 24th was **\$3,763.30**. Please remember **St. Brigid's Parish in your last will and testament**. Don't forget to ask us about **Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)**.

IV DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA: C

Un padre attende il ritorno del figlio. La parabola del vangelo odierno mette di fronte tre protagonisti che potrebbero contendersi il titolo del brano: il padre misericordioso, il figlio prodigo, il figlio maggiore. Forse impropriamente è stata chiamata come «parabola del figlio prodigo»; in realtà il primo prodigo è il padre, talmente «prodigo nell'amore» da scandalizzare il figlio maggiore. Proprio per i presunti giusti, impersonati dal primogenito, Gesù delinea una sconcertante immagine di Dio. Un Dio la cui paternità valica i limiti del «buon senso» e le ragioni dei «benpensanti» (scribi e farisei) al punto da suscitare la loro irritazione e da metterne a nudo l'intolleranza. In Gesù che accoglie i peccatori, gli stranieri, le donne di strada, gli esclusi, in Gesù che siede a mensa con gente disprezzata e impura si manifesta un Dio che a tutti offre la sua ospitalità, il suo perdono e la capacità di rinnovarsi perché tutti sono da lui amati. Se dunque nella parabola c'è un rimprovero, esso è rivolto al primogenito e a chi come lui pensa che l'osservanza esteriore della legge sia fonte di merito e autorizzi il disprezzo nei confronti dei fratelli peccatori.

OGGI È DOMENICA DI SHARELIFE

IL VANGELO SI VIVE LOCALMENTE ED INTORNO AL MONDO

“È importante continuare a sostenere la campagna ShareLife per aiutare gli emarginati, sia nella nostra comunità che nel mondo. Talvolta, i risultati si vedono alla luce del sole, altre volte rimangono invisibili ma producono sempre una differenza tangibile nella vita delle persone che aiutiamo. Per favore considera nella preghiera come puoi meglio sostenere questa raccolta fondi oggi, domenica di ShareLife.” ~ Thomas Cardinale Collins

STAZIONI DELLA CROCE: OGNI VENERDÌ

Vi invitiamo a partecipare con noi alla celebrazione delle Stazioni della Croce ogni Venerdì di Quaresima alle 7:00 pm nella chiesa.

CONFESSIONI IN PREPARAZIONE PER LA PASQUA: GIOVEDÌ, IL 11 APRILE

Tutti i parrocchiani sono invitati a partecipare alle confessioni per la comunità che avranno luogo nella chiesa il **Giovedì, il 11 Aprile** alle ore **7:00 pm**.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 24 Marzo e' stata **\$3,763.30**. **Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia può' essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 30th

- 9:00 a.m. For All the Deceased Members of the Parish Community
- 11:00 a.m. **World Day of Prayer Service**
- 5:00 p.m. +Una McAndrew, req. by Margaret & Michael McAndrew
+Lucy McAndrew, req. by Margaret & Michael McAndrew

Sunday, March 31st ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
- 9:30 a.m. Per Tutti I Defunti Abandonati, req. by Maria Caggianiello
+Carmelo Grosso, req. by Concetta Romagnuolo
+Giovanni Granata, req. by Tina Morlando
+Agnese Tuccinardi, req. by Tina Morlando
+Giuseppina Napoli, req. by Paladino Families
+Franco & Antonio Gennuso, req. by the Family
+Emanuele Infanti, req. by the Parish
+Dora Turco Richichi, req. by the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Monica Nicholson, req. by Karen Hawke
+Benjamin, Melq & Chellian, req. by Puspa & Family

Monday, April 1st

- 12:00 p.m. +Vito & Maria Totino, req. by Anna Totino

Tuesday, April 2nd ~ St. Francis of Paola

- 12:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of the Parish Community
- 7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Nicola, Corrado & Nicolina Messina

Wednesday, April 3rd

- 12:00 p.m. +Michele & Giuseppina Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande
- 6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Meditation, Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours
- 7:00 p.m. **Novena Mass:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday, April 4th ~ St. Isidore

- 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
- 12:00 p.m. +Angelo & Giuseppe Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia
+Rosemarie Flynn, req. by Monica Donovan
- 7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Dora Turco Richichi, req. by the Family

Friday, April 5th ~ St. Vincent Ferrer

- 12:00 p.m. In Honour of St. Vincenzo Ferrere, req. by Maria Valentini
+Marisa Romano, req. by the Family
- 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross / Stazione Della Croce**

Saturday, April 6th

- 9:00 a.m. For All the Deceased Members of the Parish Community
- 12:00 p.m. **Wedding Mass:** Rosario Lorefice & Nancy Pugliese
- 5:00 p.m. +Don Marren, req. by the Parish

Please pray for all our parishioners, friends and family suffering with illnesses, especially, Bishop Robert Kasun, Nelda Montesa, Paul Crawford, Marta Delle Fave, Ethan Shoot, Robert Edward James, Peter Buchner, Eva Cioffi, Thomas Richardson, Fred van Velsen and Maria Distasio.

Reasons to become involved with stewardship: It is Biblical, fruitful, realistic, comprehensive, continuous, and proactive and it addresses the engagement dilemma. "Stewardship calls for nothing less than both individual and communal conversion, rooted in faith and fruitful in action." Cardinal Thomas Collins

Saint Francis of Paola, O.M. was an Italian mendicant friar and the founder of the Roman Catholic Order of Minims. Unlike the majority of founders of men's religious orders, and like his patron saint, Francis was never ordained a priest.


St. Vincent Ferrer is the patron saint of builders because of his fame for "building up" and strengthening the Church: through his preaching, missionary work, in his teachings, as confessor and adviser.

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