

PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, as we ask your help
for our brothers and sisters who are ill,
we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place.
May your love touch others through us,
and may I help all people to live in peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
St. Frances of Assisi

JESUS SPEAKS TO US

“Coming to his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger.
I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.’”
So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.
Luke 15:17-20

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
LENT—MARCH 27th**

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of Joshua, 5:9, 10-12. Today's reading recounts the celebration of the Passover in the Promised Land by Joshua and those who had sojourned with him in the desert for 40 years.

The **Second Reading** is from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, 5:17-21. The reconciliation of mankind with God has been brought about by Christ's death on the cross. Jesus, who is like men in all things "yet without sinning" bore the sins of men and offered himself on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for all those sins, thereby reconciling men to God; through this sacrifice we became the righteousness of God.

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. This reading recounts the parable of the Prodigal Son, one of Jesus' most beautiful parables. It teaches us once more that God is a kind and understanding Father. The son who asks for his part of the inheritance is a symbol of the person who cuts himself off from

God through sin. "Although the word 'mercy' does not appear, [this parable] nevertheless expresses the essence of the divine mercy in a particularly clear way" (John Paul II, *Dives in misericordia*, 5).

Mercy — as Christ has presented it in the parable of the prodigal son — has *the interior form of the love* that in the New Testament is called *agape*. This love is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery, and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and 'restored to value'. The father first and foremost expresses to him his joy, that he has been 'found again' and that he has 'returned to life'. This joy indicates a good that has remained intact: even if he is a prodigal, a son does not cease to be truly his father's son; it also indicates a good that has been found again, which in the case of the prodigal son was his return to the truth about himself" (*Dives in misericordia*, 6).

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In Loving Memory of
Larry & Olga Martinez,
One Day at a Time. ✝

Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday — 7:00 a.m.
Saturday — 8:00 a.m.
Saturday — 5:00 p.m.
Sunday — 10:00 a.m.
Holy Day -- see bulletin

Confessions:

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.—6:50 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.— noon
Saturday 4:00 p.m.—4:50 p.m.
Office Hours:
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
10:00 a.m. — 3 :00 p.m.

FATHER BART'S CORNER

My sisters and brothers:

Seven Deadly Sins—Envy

There is a picture of envy in the First Book of Samuel: Upon David's return from slaying Goliath, the women sing a song praising him. Saul should rejoice with all Israel but instead he is resentful and envies David: *Saul was very angry and resentful of the song, for he thought, "They give David ten thousands, but only thousands to me. All that remains for him is the kingship." And from that day on, Saul looked upon David with a glaring eye. Saul discussed his intention of killing David with his son Jonathan and with all his servants (1 Sam 18:6-9). Saul's reaction is way over the top; this is what envy does.*

Envy is diabolical. St. Augustine called envy the diabolical sin (*De catechizandis rudibus* 4,8:PL 40, 315-316) because it seeks to minimize, end, or destroy what is good. Scripture says, *By the envy of the Devil, death entered the world (Wis 2:24).* Seeing the excellence that Adam and Eve (made in the image of God) had, and possibly knowing of plans for the incarnation, the Devil envied Adam and Eve. Their glory lessened his—or so he thought—and so he set out to destroy the goodness in them. Envy is ugly and it is diabolical.

St. Thomas lists the “daughters” of Envy are: tale-bearing, detraction, schadenfreude (joy at the misfortune of others), hatred. By these things we seek to denigrate others or reduce the esteem which they are owed. In effect I dismiss the good and destroy its influence.

Virtues that overcome envy - The proper response to observing goodness or excellence in another is joy and zeal. We should rejoice that they are blessed, because when they are blessed, we are blessed. Further, we should respond with a zeal that seeks to imitate (where possible) their goodness or excellence. Perhaps we can learn from them or from their good example.

With prayers and love,

Fr. Bart, S.V.D

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, March 28

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 29

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 30

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Adoration 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Confessions 6:00 p.m.—6:50 p.m.

Thursday, March 31

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Weekday Confessions thirty minutes before morning Mass.

Friday, April 1

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Adoration 8:00 a.m.—noon

Confessions 9:00 a.m.—noon

Adoration 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross and Confessions 7:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 2

Live Stream Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Confessions 4:00 p.m.—4:50 p.m.

Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 3

Live Stream Mass: 10:00 a.m.

Vocation View

God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God.

Divine Word Vocation Office
1-800-553-3321
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Weekly Readings

3/28—IS 65:17-21; JN 4:43-54

3/29—EZ 47:1-9, 12; JN 5:1-16

3/30—IS 49:8-15; JN 5:17-30

3/31—EX 32:7-14; JN 5:31-47

4/1—WIS 2:1a, 12-22; JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

4/2—JER 11:18-20; JN 7:40-53

4/3—IS 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; JN 8:1-11

PARISH CORNER

The Annunciation

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Today is the halfway mark of Lent. This Sunday is known as **Laetare Sunday** for the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon *laetare* (rejoice); it is a Sunday of joy. The celebrant has the option to wear rose colored vestments. This is also the Second Scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil.

Meditation on the Liturgy

This Sunday has a place apart amongst the Sundays of Lent. As in Advent we had *Gaudete* Sunday, so in Lent we have a Sunday commonly called *Laetare* Sunday. The whole week, with its wealth of liturgical significance, is intensely interesting. This Sunday *in vigesimal* is in imitation of Byzantine custom, a Sunday in honor of Our Saviour's Cross, for which reason the Station is at Holy-Cross-in-Jerusalem, a great devotional center in Rome, especially during Passiontide. The great part of the Mass is inspired by this choice.

Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near. This Sunday is our foretaste of Easter joy. Knowing the ebb and flow of intensity even in our best efforts, God deals with us tenderly in rhythms of consolation and desertion. So today, thoughts of freedom and joy come in the middle of Lent. But the joy does more than cushion our failing energies and needle our lagging spirits. It is a positive, meaningful joy, born of our fruitful life in Christ and of our sweet freedom as His purchased children. The Eucharistic banquet of heavenly Bread, foreshadowed by the multiplied loaves and fishes and become now the Bread of Life for the whole Christian world, adds to our Laetare joy the quiet gladness of every festive meal.

Being aware of traditions and customs assists us in celebrating the beauty of our faith. As you can see, there is much associated with even a nondescript day like the Fourth Sunday of Lent — not to mention the rest of the season, or the 50 days of Easter and beyond. Take advantage of the richness of our Catholic traditions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD 2021-2023

We are proud to announce that Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church has been selected by the Diocese of Fort Worth to participate in the 2021-2023 Synod on Synodality.

As a selected parish, we are required to have a parish level listening session. The date for OMM's listening session is **Saturday, April 02 at 10 am - 11:30 am at the Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.** Diocesan Synod member and parishioner, Howard J Rattliff, Jr will moderate the listening session.

If you are interested in being a part of the listening session, contact the office at 817-335-1695 and give your name and contact information. Our listening group should be a cross representation of OMM's full congregation. Attendance will be limited to a maximum of 25 parishioners. We encourage everyone to offer prayer offerings and intentions for the success of the Synod. The prayer request can be found on the church's website: www.omomftworth.org.

Help!

We would appreciate your help in making sure that nothing other than toilet paper be put in the toilets. Recently we had 2 toilets that were stopped up.

We don't need to be spending money for a plumber. Please treat our toilets as you would at home. Your collaboration in this matter is truly appreciated.



Everyone involved in any ministry at any Catholic Church or school is required to attend a Safe and Sacred/Environment class every 2 years. Please create a profile under Virtus.org. and then it will prompt you to sign up for a class. You can pick a location, time and date convenient to your schedule.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SEVEN PETITIONS

"Hallowed be Thy Name"

2814 The sanctification of his name among the nations depends inseparably on our life and our prayer:

We ask God to hallow his name, which by its own holiness saves and makes holy all creation It is this name that gives salvation to a lost world. But we ask that this name of God should be hallowed in us through our actions. For God's name is blessed when we live well, but is blasphemed when we live wickedly. As the Apostle says: "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you." We ask then that, just as the name of God is holy, so we may obtain his holiness in our souls.⁸²

When we say "hallowed be thy name," we ask that it should be hallowed in us, who are in him; but also in others whom God's grace still awaits, that we may obey the precept that obliges us to pray for everyone, even our enemies. That is why we do not say expressly "hallowed be thy name 'in us,'" for we ask that it be so in all men.⁸³

2815 This petition embodies all the others. Like the six petitions that follow, it is fulfilled by the prayer of Christ. Prayer to our Father is our prayer, if it is prayed in the name of Jesus.⁸⁴ In his priestly prayer, Jesus asks: "Holy Father, protect in your name those whom you have given me."⁸⁵

82 St. Peter Chrysologus, Sermo 71, 4: PL 52:402A; cf. Rom 2:24; Ezek 36:20-22.

83 Tertullian, De orat. 3: PL 1:1157A.

84 Cf. Jn 14:13; 15:16; 16:24, 26.

85 Jn 17:11.

That we trust that God will provide all that we need.
