

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14, 2021

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE. Today's Gospel refers to an event that occurred as the people of Israel sojourned in the desert after escaping the slavery of Egypt and before they entered the Promised Land. The people, weary from the hardship of their travel, complain bitterly against God and against Moses. It was a time darkness for them. As Jesus tells Nicodemus, "The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." What darkness needs to encounter the light in your family? Dealing with strained relationships? Sickness? Lack of support and communication? Allow Christ, the light of the world, to be your light of hope and lead you out of darkness.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed twice weekly: on Friday's in English at 6:30 p.m., followed by Mass and Holy Hour and Benediction and on Sunday's at 2:00 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Franciscans were responsible for promoting the Stations of the Cross for Christians who could not travel to the Holy Land and walk the Via Dolorosa, the last footsteps of Jesus in Jerusalem, from his condemnation by Pontius Pilate to his Crucifixion and Death on Calvary and his burial in the tomb. Join us for the special Lenten devotion and unite yourself spiritually with the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, our Savior.

THE WISDOM OF THE FATHERS. St. John Chrysostom, the Golden Mouth, Patriarch of Constantinople, lived in the late 4th and early 5th century. He wrote on the importance of fasting for Great Lent. "Fasting is a medicine. But medicine, as beneficial as it is, becomes useless because of the inexperience of the user. He has to know the appropriate time that the medicine should be taken and the right amount of medicine and the condition of the body which is to take it." But what advantage is it if we have gone through the fast devoid of works? If another says "I have fasted the whole of Lent" you should say, "I had an enemy, but I was reconciled. I had a custom of evil speaking, but I put a stop to it. I had a custom of swearing, but I have broken through this evil."

Fasting can be neither too easy nor too difficult. Fasting alone is not enough. Its fruit should be seen in our actions. St. John Chrysostom basically says there is no advantage or benefit to fasting if a change of heart does not move us to imitate Jesus our Savior and strive for greater holiness in our thoughts, words, and actions. Fasting empties us of our earthly cares, to be replaced by the grace of God.

Today's Psalm Response:

Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you.

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,307.00

Church Needs: \$25 in memory of Milka Skale from Jože & Silva Ramšak, \$100 in memory of Tony Mihelich from Dolores Mihelich & Family

Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!

THINK ABOUT IT. The devil wouldn't be attacking you so hard if there wasn't something valuable inside of you. Thieves don't break into empty houses. **READ THAT AGAIN SLOWLY.**

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY ON THE CRUCIFIXION NARRATIVES will be on Tuesday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to participate, please contact Marie Kushner at 440-257-7799 or e-mail at mjkushner@att.net.

ST. JOSEPH KSKJ LODGE #169 will have its annual Communion Breakfast next Sunday, March 21st. Mass for the intention of all St. Joseph members will be at 10:00 a.m., followed by a socially distanced breakfast in the parish hall. All St. Joseph members and their families are welcome to attend, especially in this Year of St. Joseph.

KROFE ORDERS are being taken for the Saturday before Palm Sunday. Because of the Fish Fry, krofe will be made on Saturday, March 27th, instead of Friday. Orders are necessary and may be placed by calling Tillie Spehar at 440-585-2299.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES are by all the entrances of the church. Please feel free to use them if you wish to make a donation in memory of your loved ones.

FISH FRY TIME!! With changes in the governor's health orders for opening banquet facilities, we will be having Fish Fries again here at St. Mary's. Fish Fry will be available for carry-out or for socially distanced indoor dining from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 19th, March 26th, and also after Easter on April 9th and April 16th. As in past years, we will be serving baked cod, fried ocean perch, shrimp, crab cakes and combo meals. There will also be homemade macaroni & cheese dinners. We could really use the help of our 8th grade and high school students to help with carrying trays and cleaning and sanitizing tables. If you could help, please contact Fr. Kumse at 216-731-7740.



Masses for the Week of March 15-21, 2021

Monday:	(3/15) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Carol Kausek (30 Day)
Tuesday:	(3/16) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
Wednesday:	(3/17) ST. PATRICK (Bishop)
7:45 a.m.	Valeria Cekada (Lou & Judith Jerkich)
Thursday:	(3/18) ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM (Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
7:45 a.m.	Deceased Members of Štirn & Slovša Families (Mary Miklavčič)
Friday:	(3/19) ST. JOSEPH (Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
7:45 a.m.	Josephine Stinziano (Christine Nemeč)
7:00 p.m.	Ivan & Frances Rigler (Daughter Mary Ann)
Saturday:	(3/20) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Frank Zernic (Jake & Nancy Tarr)
5:00 p.m.	Tony Peskar (Wife Elaine & Family)
Sunday:	(3/21) FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	KSKJ St. Joseph Lodge #169
12:00 noon	Milka Skale (Mary Celestina)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Rev. William Jerse, Tom McNulty, Brenda Prebevsek, Robert Menart, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Veronika Udovič, Terezija Zelko, Milena Ferkul

May They Rest in God's Peace:

+ Steve Stefancic
+ Ana Kosir



ČAS ZA VEČERJE Z RIBAMI. Z guvernerjevo spremembo zdravstvenih ukazov za odprtje prostorov za bankete, bomo mi imeli spet večerje z ribami tukaj pri Mariji vnebovzeti. Večerje bodo na voljo vzeti domov ali v dvorani z mizami na razdaljo od 3:00 do 7:00 ure zvečer v petek 19. marca in 26. marca in tudi po Veliki noči 9. aprila in 16. aprila. Kot prejšnja leta bomo imeli pečene in ocvrte ribe, shrimp, crab cakes in combo večerje in testenine s sirom. Potrebovali bomo naše študente 8. razreda in višje šole za pomoč nositi večerje, čistiti in razkužiti mize. Če lahko pomagate prosimo pokličite g. Kumšeta na 216-761-7740.

KROFE NAROČILA prejemamo za soboto pred Cvetno nedeljo zaradi večerje z ribami v petek 26. marca, bodo krofi v soboto 27. marca. Za naročila kličite Tillie Spehar na 440-585-2299.

ZOOM ŠTUDIJ SV. PISMA NA PRIPOVED KRIŽANJA, bo v torek 16. marca in v torek 23. marca ob 7:00 zvečer. Če želite sodelovati, prosimo kličite Marie Kushner na 440-257-7799, ali e-mail mjkushner@att.net.

KUVERTE ZA VELIKONOČNO CVETJE so pri vseh vhodih v cerkev. Vzemite jih če želite darovati cvetje v spomin vaših pokojnih.

DANES JE ČETRTRA POSTNA NEDELJA.

DRUŽINSKA PERSPEKTIVA. Danes Evangelij nanaša na dogodek, ki se je zgodil, ko so Izraelci šli skozi puščavo v begu iz suženjstva Egipta, in predno so prišli v obljubljeni deželo. Ljudstvo utrujeno od težav potovanja so godrnjali proti Bogu in Mojzesu. Bil je to čas teme za njih. Kot Jezus reče Nikodemu "luč je prišla na svet, toda ljudstvo ima rajši temo kot luč." Kaj tema potrebuje, da sreča luč v vaši družini? Ukvarjanje z napornimi odnosi? Boleznijo? Pomankanjem podpore in razgovora? Pustite Kristusu, luč sveta, da bo vaša luč upanja, da vas vodi ven iz teme.

POMISLITE O TEM. Satan ne bi napadal vas tako močno, če ne bi bilo nekaj dragocenega v vaši notrajnosti. Tatovi ne vdirajo v prazne hiše. **Berite to še enkrat počasi. MODROST OČETOV.** Sv. Janez, Zlatousti, patriarh Carigrada je živel v zadnjem 4. in zgodnjem 5. stoletju. On je napisal na pomembnost posta, za Veliki Post. "Postiti se, je medicina. Toda ker je medicina korist, kot je, postane nekoristna zaradi neiskušnje uporabnika. On mora vedeti primeren čas kdaj se medicina vzame in pravo količino medicine ter kondicijo telesa, kateri jo vzame. Ampak kakšna korist je, če smo se postili brez dobrih dejanj? Če drugi reče, "jaz sem se postil celoten Post" ti moraš reči, "jaz sem imel sovražnika, toda sem spravljen. Jaz sem imel navado hudobno govoriti, toda sem to prenehal. Jaz sem imel navado preklinjati, toda sem prelomil to hudobnost." Post ne sme biti prelahak ali pretežek. Post sam ni dovolj. Ta uspeh se mora videti v naših dejanjih. Sv. Janez Zlatousti osnovno govori, da ni koristi ali dobro se postiti če sprememba srca ne premakne nas posnemati Jezusa našega Odrešenika in prizadevati se za večjo svetost v naših mislih, besedah in dejanjih. Post izprazni nas naših zemeljskih skrbi, da bodo nadomeščene z Božjo milostjo.

KRIŽEV POT, molimo dvakrat v tednu, ob petkih v angleščini ob 6:30 zvečer, sledi maša in sv. ura in ob nedeljah v slovenščini ob 2:00 popoldan z blagoslovom. Frančiškani so bili odgovorni za pospeševanje Križevega pota za kristjane, kateri niso mogli potovati v Sveto deželo in romanju na Via Dolorosa, zadnje stopinje Jezusa v Jeruzalemu, po Pilatovi obsodbi na njegovo križanje in smrt na Kalvariji in njegov pogreb. Pridružite se nam za pomembne postne pobožnosti in se duhovno združite s trpljenjem, smrtjo in vstajenjem Jezusa našega Odrešenika.

KSKJ DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA #169, ima svoje vsakoletno skupno obhajilo v nedeljo 21. marca z mašo ob 10:00 uri za vse člane društva sv. Jožefa. Sledi zajtrk z družabno razdaljo v župnijski dvorani. Vsi člani društva in njihove družine so lepo vabljeni, posebno zdaj v tem Letu sv. Jožefa.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
GORJE MI, ČE SE TE NE BOM SPOMINJAL.**