

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 31

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, April 1

Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Tuesday, April 2

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Lenten Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 3

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, April 4

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Friday, April 5

Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Day of Abstinence

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm

Saturday, April 6

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, April 7

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Third Scrutiny at 9:00am

Young Adult Meeting at 1:00pm

Operation Rice Bowl

Encounter Kumba

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,161.74
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,978.84
Coffers	\$ 513.29
Holy Day Collection	\$ 706.00
Total	\$ 10,359.87



Young Adult Ministry

Young Adults ages 18 – 39 will now be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please join us for lunch, fellowship, and a discussion on abortion at the Rectory after the noon Mass (1:00 p.m.) next Sunday. Meet at the Cathedral Gallery.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation will have a guest speaker to discuss “Death and Resurrection of Christ” and movie viewing of “The Passion of Christ” on Sunday, April 14th at 11:30am. Contact Dcn. Joe and Easter at Easter.Almuena@gmail.com

Lenten Rosary

A great opportunity to increase your prayer life during this Holy Season of Lent. Immediately following the Saturday Noon Mass at 12:30pm, the Saints Damien and Marianne Devotional Group will pray the Lenten Rosary. You and your family are invited to pray with us. We meet in Church at the section near the Saint's Relic.

Respect Life Ministry

Come join the Respect Life Ministry as we go out to see the movie “Unplanned”, the conversion story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood manager, on its opening weekend, Friday, March 29th at 6:30 pm at Regal Dole Theaters nearby. Plan on meeting there at 5:00pm. This gathering will take place of our First Sunday Respect Life Meeting, so we will not be meeting on April 7th. For more information or if you need a ride please call Lisa at (808) 469-5470 or Teresa at (808) 203-3874.

Leave a Legacy

There are several ways to name the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace as a beneficiary of your will or living trust. A specific bequest is the most common and typically it is a dollar amount like \$25,000 or some other specific asset like appreciated stock. A residuary bequest gives all or a specific percentage of assets remaining in the estate after all debts, taxes, expenses and other bequests have been paid. Please call (808) 585-3357 for more information and to receive a copy of the Cathedral's Planned Giving Guide.

March 31, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Year A: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. | Ephesians 5:8-14 | John 9:1-41

Year C: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 | Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7. | 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 | Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Having a friend forgive a wrong we have done is a great relief. When someone pardons us after we've hurt them, it brings peace and healing. How much greater is the release we feel when God forgives our failings! Jesus' suffering and death and the promise of new life through the Resurrection are the heart of our Lenten journey.

Jesus came to save and reconcile us with God the Father through his death on the cross. Through Jesus, the Father offers us something we could never accomplish ourselves. Only God could conceive so gracious an act of justice and mercy.

But God also extends to us the invitation to share the message of his graciousness and goodness. By reconciling us in such a radical and generous way, God invites our reflection on how we have been forgiven. Then God entrusts us to give the same gracious and generous forgiveness to others, to those who have offended us or caused us pain. By becoming God's ambassadors of reconciliation, we transform the world into a new creation.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Fifth Sunday of Lent"

Year A: Ezekiel 37:12-14 | Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. | Romans 8:8-11 | John 11:1-45

Year C: Isaiah 43:16-21 | Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6. | Philippians 3:8-14 | John 8:1-11

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Lent is a time to review the essential teaching of the Christian life. Today's gospel parable provides one of these essential teachings (Prodigal Son) since it teaches the nature of God's love; God who is love. What do we learn about God's love?

We learn that God's love is freely given so that we can choose freely and experience the dignity of our human freedom. The inheritance is freely given, without coercion. This free giving was what the elder brother could not understand. He thought he had to earn his father's love. God will never force us to do anything. He loves us too much to ever do that. He wants us to accept and share love, but God wants us to want it.

We learn that having a relationship with God and realizing the importance of that relationship is essential. The younger son takes the inheritance and denies his relationship with his father. The elder son, always physically present, didn't appreciate his father's presence and relationship. He worked hard, but it seems that he didn't love his father. It was more important for him to be right than in relationship. Through it all the father never stops loving both his sons and goes out to both of them. He is concerned with restoration of the relationship and not restitution.

We learn that, while we can never earn God love and forgiveness, there is something that we need to do to receive it. We need to turn to God, ask for it, and accept it. The younger son did this. The elder son didn't think he needed to.

Let us pray that we will learn these lessons and put them into practice.

In Christ's love,

Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.

Rector