

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, April 8

Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Tuesday, April 9

Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Presentation of the Lord's Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 10

Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, April 11

Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Friday, April 12

Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Day of Abstinence

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

Saturday, April 13

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Adult Faith Formation Meeting at 11:30am

Operation Rice Bowl

Encounter Ona

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices affect others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,230.68
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,851.91
Coffers	\$ 599.91
Holy Day Collection	\$ 226.00
Total	\$ 10,908.50



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.) this 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.

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



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Holy Thursday Collection

In addition to the regular monetary collection, our parish family generally finds a worthy cause to contribute material goods for their programs. Our **Outreach Ministry** works with the homeless community through a successfully partnership with the "Project Hi'ehi'e" shower trailer. We are asking for: **men's & women's clothing, BVD's & panties (all sizes,) undershirts & bras, shoes, slippers & men's socks, jackets and hats.** Please bring your donations up as you present your offering on Holy Thursday. Mahalo plenty for your continued support. Contact the office for further information.

April 7, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Imagine what it would be like to be with Jesus in the reading from the Gospel according to John. Are you one of the people coming to be taught by Jesus, or like the scribe or Pharisee bringing forth the woman who has sinned, or like the older people leaving the scene first? Could you be the woman herself? Many different people in this passage are given the same opportunity: choose conversion and in doing so be reconciled to God.

New paths open before us all the time, perhaps not as dramatically as God opening a way in the sea or a path in mighty waters as we hear in the reading from Isaiah. Nevertheless, God leads us every moment of our lives, making a way for his people to follow him. The great things God has done not only lead the returning exiles to sing of his great deeds in Psalm 126, but also invite us into deeper reflection and gratitude.

It is not too late. Even with one week left in our Lenten journey, now is a new moment, an invitation down a new path. The slate is wiped clean; our lives are refreshed. Indeed, God's reconciling love is at hand.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion"

*With Procession Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 | Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 |
Philippians 2:6-11 | Luke 22:14 - 23:56 or Luke 23:1-49*

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

"He saved my life!" Imagine the thrill and joy of being rescued from death. Think of the deep gratitude that one should have for the person responsible for this. This was the situation that the woman in today's gospel found herself in. Without Jesus' intervention, she would have likely been executed. As Jesus saves her, he teaches us some powerful lessons about salvation.

We are reminded that God saves us from slavery to our past. All of us have made mistakes which still haunt us today. We have a hard time forgiving ourselves. We find it difficult to forgive others for their previous misdeeds. But God invites us to "Remember not the events of the past". Instead, God challenges us to focus on what lies ahead. The past is only important to the extent that it helps us to live in the present with hope for the future.

God calls us to recognize that the precepts of the law have no power to save us apart from our relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. While knowing the law can be helpful, really knowing Christ is so important. The woman caught in adultery was saved because of a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. True religion is not primarily about rules; it is about a relationship with God that guides our relationships with others.

Finally, we are asked to see that there is a difference between hating sin and loving the sinner. When Jesus saved the woman's life in the gospel, he did not save her from recognizing the wrong that she had been engaged in. He told her: "Go, and from now on do not sin any more". We have to be willing to judge right from wrong and be able to name sin for what it is. But we need to do that in a spirit of love and genuine concern for ourselves and others.

Whether we realize it or not, Jesus has saved our lives by his death and resurrection. He continues to save us as we are freed from our past, live our relationship with him, and are willing to hate the sin but love the sinner.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector