



## JUSTIFICATION AND REDEMPTION

After the Fall, man was not abandoned by God. Throughout the ages, God has constantly called man to turn back to Himself and heralded His coming victory over evil and man's restoration from the Fall.

In the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross, this victory is gained. Man is reborn to new life in Jesus Christ through Baptism and nourished throughout his life in the Sacraments. Filled with the Holy Spirit and nourished by God's grace, man **cooperates** with God through an **assent of faith** in Jesus Christ and **acts of charity** prompted by the Holy Spirit.

*cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, Para. 1987-1995*

### FALLEN

#### Born in Sin

"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Ps 51:5)

#### Children of Wrath

"...we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind." (Eph 2:3)

#### Dead in Adam

"For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man..." (Rom 5:17)

### RISEN

#### Reborn in Spirit

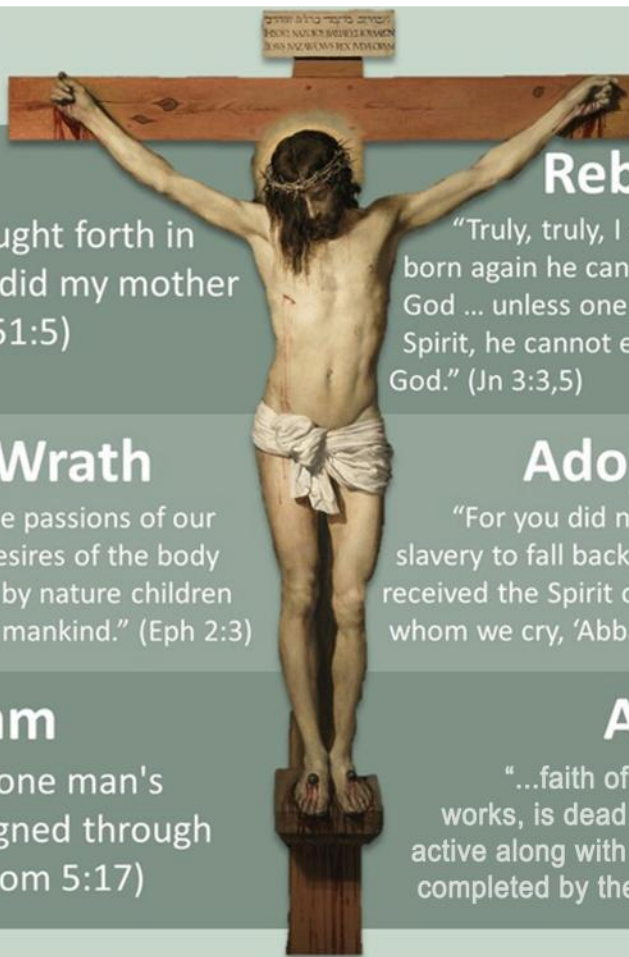
"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God ... unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." (Jn 3:3,5)

#### Adopted by God

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'" (Rom 8:15)

#### Alive in Jesus

"...faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead... You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by the works." (James 2:17,22)



"Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous." (Rom 5:18-19)

### LENT PARISH MISSION - MON., APRIL 4TH - WED., APRIL 6TH - 7-8 PM

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 26**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

**Sunday, March 27**

**- Fourth Sunday of Lent -**

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Dale & Alice Pearson  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Sue Meyer +

**Monday, March 28**

*No Public Mass*

**Tuesday, March 29**

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration  
8:00 a.m. Anthony Christie +  
8:30 a.m. Confessions

**Wednesday, March 30**

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Abe & McKenna Herr

**Thursday, March 31**

8:00 a.m. George O. Witwer +  
**Friday, April 1**

8:30 a.m. Dan Runyon +  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00 p.m. Mass  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

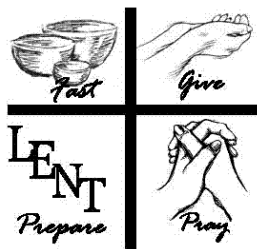
**Saturday, April 2**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

**Sunday, April 3**

**- Fifth Sunday of Lent -**

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Jean Steele +



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, March 28 - Lenten Weekday - Is**

65:17-21/ Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday, March 29 - Lenten Weekday - Ez**

47:1-9,12/ Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday, March 30 - Lenten Weekday - Is**

49:8-15/ Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday, March 31 - Lenten Weekday - Ex**

32:7-14/ Jn 5:31-47

**Friday, April 1 - Lenten Weekday - Wis**

2:1a,12-22/ Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

**Saturday, April 2 - Lenten Weekday - St.**

**Francis of Paola, Hermit - Jer 11:18-20/ Jn 7:40-53**

**Sunday, April 3 - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Is**

43:16-21/ Phil 3:8-14/ Jn 8:1-11

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 27, 2022

*A special "Thank You!" to our **Knights of Columbus** for their hard work on the Lenten Fish Fry this past Friday. This year saw another record-breaking year! Thanks to the hard work and fundraising of both the **Knights of Columbus** and our **G.I.R.L's Night Out** (and your generous support), we are on schedule to install our new parish playground this coming July.*

This weekend, the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, also known as **Laetare Sunday**. This name is taken from the beginning of our entrance antiphon, "**Laetare Jerusalem**" or "Rejoice, Jerusalem." Marking the halfway point of **Lent**, we are reminded of why we walk these forty days: Every penitential season always gives way to a season of joy. Just as Lent will give way to Easter Sunday, so too does the Crucifixion give way to the Resurrection.

Though we celebrate our coming joy, we do keep in mind that it is not yet here. Similar to the Transfiguration, the Church gives us this moment of joy to prepare us for what is to come. Just as Peter, James, and John come down the mount of the Transfiguration, they do so that they then might walk towards Mount Calvary and our Lord's Passion. We, in turn, will move from **Laetare Sunday** this weekend into **Passiontide** next weekend, when the statues and images in the Church will be veiled.

These forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are meant to draw us closer to the Lord. We cannot approach the Resurrection without first walking the way of the Cross and joining our Lord on Mount Calvary. By walking these forty days do we begin to understand the true gift that is our salvation in Jesus Christ. If we have been lax or faltered in our Lenten disciplines, let us renew our efforts to walk with the Lord here and now. It is never too late to walk with the Lord, who is always rejoicing to welcome home His prodigal son (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32).

## LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Join us for our Parish's Lenten Mission on Monday, April 4th, through Wednesday, April 6th, at 7:00 PM each evening. On Monday, April 4th, we will welcome Fr. Dennis DiBenidetto, pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine in North Manchester, as he prepares us for the coming Holy Week and Paschal Triduum. On Tuesday, April 5th, we will have four priests available for our Lenten Penance Service. And, on Wednesday, April 6th, we will conclude with an evening Mass and extended homily.

## DID YOU KNOW? JUSTIFICATION IN ACTION

Continuing from our look at salvation last weekend (cf. *Did You Know?* The Church and Salvation), we now turn our attention to justification. As this is often a matter of great contention in inter-religious dialogue (seen in this erroneous view: "*Catholics think they are saved by good works*"), it is a topic that must be approached with much patience. Otherwise, we may become lost in discussion by simply talking past one another.

The Catechism defines justification as the gracious action of God which frees us from sin and communicates "the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ" (Romans 3:22). Justification is **not only** the remission of sins, **but also** the sanctification and renewal of the interior man. We receive this justification through Baptism, the sacrament of faith.

Through justification, the Holy Spirit bestows upon us the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love. These three things unite us perfectly to Christ. It is through these three virtues that we're able to do works which are pleasing to God. These works are pleasing to God not because they're good works, but because they are our faith being put into action through the virtue of charity. It is an example of us living in the Holy Spirit and allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us.

*Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David*



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Matt McFarren, Ryan Feedback, Dr. Doug Phillips, Gene Keys, Jeff Tillman, Marj Pogue and Matt Marshall.





### TRAINED SERVERS AND LECTORS!

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for Holy Week: (Palm Sunday Masses, Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Service, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday Masses). Please help minister at any of the Masses by signing your name on the line.

## G.I.R.L.'s night out



The G.I.R.L.'s Night Out Mardi Gras Committee would like to extend a **THANK YOU!** To everyone who supported the Mardi Gras Fundraiser on Saturday, February 26th.

Thanks to the hard work of the women of our parish family and the generosity of parishioners & community businesses, we raised **\$5,000.00** toward new playground equipment that our children and grandchildren will enjoy for years to come! Thank you!



### FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH

Stations of the Cross will be at 5:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Mass - 7:00 p.m.

Bishop Rhoades will be joining us for our Lenten Soup Supper!

Please sign up in the narthex if you are able to bring soup.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., March 26** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., March 27** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., March 27** - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break Continues.
- **Tues., March 29** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Tues., March 29** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- **Wed., March 30** - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., March 30** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., March 31** - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, April 1** - First Friday Adoration 9:00 a.m. (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) / Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- **Friday, April 1** - Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 2** - First Saturday Confession following 8:30 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., April 2** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 3** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., April 3** - Religious Education Class Resumes from 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., April 4** - Lenten Parish Mission - 7-8:00 p.m.
- **Tues., April 5** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Tues., April 5** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m.
- **Tues., April 5** - Lenten Parish Mission/Penance Service - 7-8:00 p.m. in the Church
- **Wed., April 6** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. to close our Lenten Parish Mission
- **Wed., April 6** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

### Weekend of April 2/3, 2022

	<b>5:00</b>	Nick Boratenski
	<b>7:30</b>	Mike Morrissey
	<b>10:00</b>	Marita Crawfis (Choir Mass)
	<b>5:00</b>	Stacey Coulardot
	<b>7:30</b>	Sarah McCorkle
	<b>10:00</b>	Knights of Columbus
	<b>5:00</b>	Volunteers
	<b>7:30</b>	Dale/Sarah McCorkle
	<b>10:00</b>	Knights of Columbus
	<b>5:00</b>	Alex/Audrey Mechling, Kari or Isiah Bedwell
	<b>7:30</b>	Jacquelyn/Phillip Mayer, Spencer McCorkle
	<b>10:00</b>	Knights of Columbus

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report March 19/20 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$2,217.00

Child Envelopes- \$0

Loose- \$46.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$655.25

Religious Ed. Fund- \$25.00

Easter Flowers- \$5.00

**Total- \$2,948.25**

### Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,115.60 ahead of our budget for the month of March.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$737.00

*Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!*

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### WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Lyndee Marlene, daughter of Eric and Sara Hemmelgarn, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through the waters of Baptism on Sunday, March 20, 2022 by Fr. David Violi.



### LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Join us for our three night Lenten Parish Mission.

On **Monday, April 4th**, join us at **7 PM** for a mission talk led by Fr. Dennis DiBenidetto, pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine in North Manchester.

On **Tuesday, April 5th**, join us at **7 PM** for our **Parish Penance Service**, begun with a brief mission reflection followed by an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession.

On **Wednesday, April 6th**, join us for a Holy Hour from **6-7 PM** followed by Mass at **7 PM** to close our Lenten Parish Mission

### FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Edward Smith, husband of Kathleen Smith, and father of David (Teresa) Smith and Kathy (Tim) Pedro, who passed away Saturday, March 19, 2022.

May God welcome Edward home, fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.



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n - is it necessary?  
k - is it kind?

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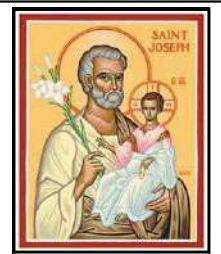


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