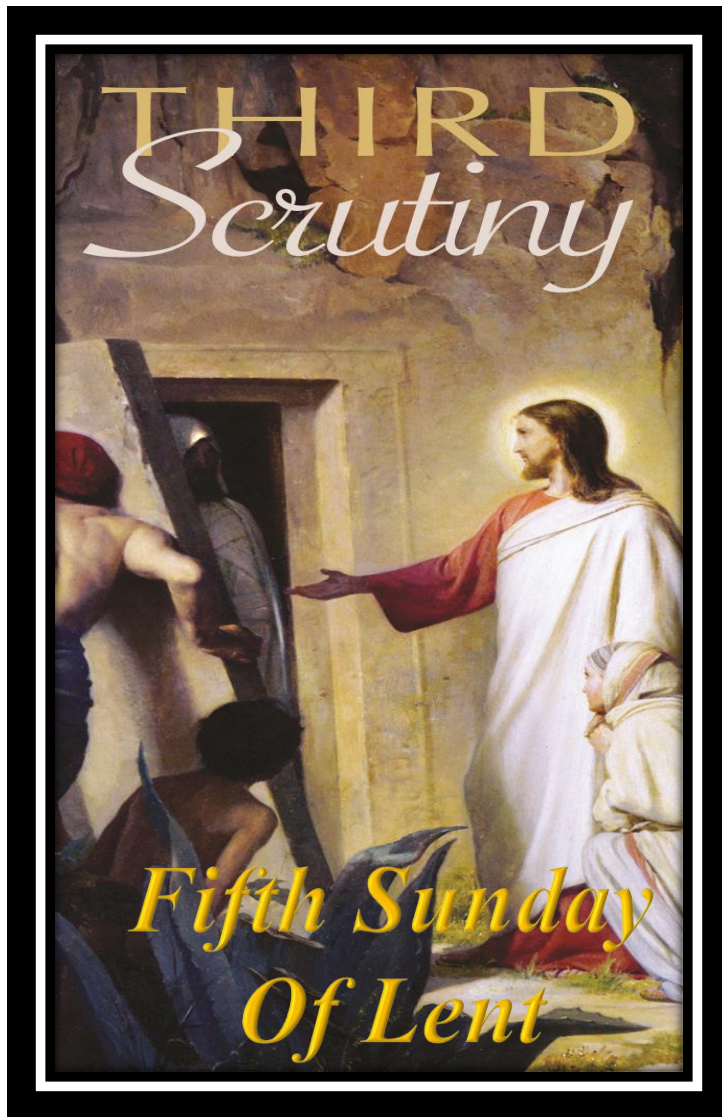


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Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 7, 2019

“With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.”

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD.

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

Have you ever thought of Confession when you've heard these words of Psalm 130 that are included in today's (Year A) readings? We can add to what the Psalmist writes, "with the Lord in Confession there is mercy and fullness of redemption". It is in this sacrament (also called

Reconciliation or Penance) that we “cry to you, O Lord” and that the Lord hears our voice. How important it is to voice our sins to the Lord so that we name them, claim them, and give them to Him! And, then, even more importantly, He voices His forgiveness through His priest.

We want to give you an opportunity to voice your sins to the Lord and hear His voice of forgiveness at a **Lenten Penance Service this Tuesday night, April 9, at 7 pm**. We will have two visiting (and merciful) priests to offer confessions along with me. The following examination of conscience from www.patheos.com/blogs/kathyschiffer will help you to name and claim your sins. Many of you have found this helpful. It uses the seven deadly sins and the four cardinal virtues as a guide.

Feel free to bring this into the confessional at the Penance Service on Tuesday along with the “Confession” pamphlet on the rack in the vestibule. See you there!

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr Greg

Have I practiced the virtue of Chastity? For example:

- Have I permitted myself to watch movies or daytime television shows which are not edifying, which depict sexual scenarios, or which advocate for cohabitation or homosexual relationships?

Have I practiced the virtue of Temperance? For example:

- Have I indulged my love of sweets or snack foods, to the detriment of my health?
- Have I continued to smoke heavily, or to consume alcoholic beverages excessively?
- Have I been immoderate in any activity, such as watching too much TV?

Have I practiced the virtue of Charity? For example:

- Have I been a “busybody,” unkind to a neighbor either by my thoughts or by my actions?

- Have I had a smile for a family member or loved one, or was I critical, hurting someone's feelings?

Have I practiced the virtue of Diligence? For example:

- Have I used my physical limitations as an excuse for laziness?
- Have I neglected prayer, ignored my friend's birthday, sat around the house when I might have helped with the dishes?
- Have I exercised my responsibility to become familiar with the issues, and to vote (by absentee ballot, if necessary) for the candidates who will best protect the values I hold dear?

Have I practiced the virtue of Patience? For example:

- Was I unkind (or downright rude) to a telephone caller, impatient with a visitor, crabby when things didn't go just the way I wanted?
- Did I complain if someone took me to a restaurant or public place, because we had to wait for service?
- Did I criticize my doctor, my caretaker, my child, for not serving me better?

Have I practiced the virtue of Kindness? For example:

- Was I jealous of the attention paid to someone else, wanting everyone to notice me instead?
- Did I feel angry because someone else had more money, or better health, or because my grown children did not have enough time to spend with me?
- Did I compliment someone who looked good, or did I only have harsh words to say?

Have I practiced the virtue of Humility? For example:

- Did I accept a compliment graciously but then move on, refusing to keep the attention turned toward myself?
- Was I willing to let someone else be the center of attention?
- Did I feel grateful for the kindness of my family and others, and appreciative of my caregiver's efforts?
- Did I believe that I had no need of confession, because I never even leave the house?

Lord, help us to recognize the times that we have failed to live a virtuous life—and grant us the grace of true contrition and a resolve to do Your will. Amen.

Healing Prayers for: Eunice Richmond, Antainette Johnson, Wanda Harris, Sidney Martin Sr., Kathleen Holly, Edward Briscoe, Dolores Abrams, Barbara Williams, Juanita Watkins, Brenda Ross, Mary James, Dorothy Barlow, Corrina Murray, George Thomas, Yvonne Lesesne, Burdell Thomas, Frederick McNeil, James Anthony Murphy, Earnest Ingram.Jr., John Howard, Iris Best, Dorothy Hollis, Calvin Best Gisele Best, Lezeal Rorie, Lillian Taylor, Veronica Brown, Deacon McBurnett Smith, Marsha Carlson-Meyers, Dr. Dee Jones Adams, Barry Robella, Father Dan Vitz, Eleonora Best, Jane Rhyne, Faye Lyon, Abby Fargo, Mildred Selmar, Heather Wooten-Rollins, Brenda Newman, Courtney Barlow, , Benjamin Davis, Ronald Horton, Veronica Harris, Teresa Wilkinson, Dorothy Sylvester, Darlene Jones, Audrey Saunders, Pauline Johnson, June Murphy
Our Homebound Parishioners: Corinne Bachiller, Sybil Depeazer, Louvenia Gray, Fr. Charles Green, Pauline Johnson, Barbara Thompson, Yvonne Samuel, Audrey Saunders, Joan Shields, Viola Walker

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK- April 7, 2019

We are all sinners, and we all need mercy. If met with sincerity and true repentance of heart, an encounter with God's unconditional and all-forgiving love will lead to true conversion and a new life of grace. There is no point to condemnation or excessive punishment. We do not need to wag fingers or make people feel inferior. Jesus met the woman caught in adultery with compassion. He did not condemn her. People have not always been faithful to God. We have not always been faithful to God. Yet, God waits for us to return and trusts that His seeds of forgiveness and mercy will take root. We do not know if the woman left Jesus and sinned no more. It's not important. *Source LPI*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



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| Monday: | Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Jn 8:12-20 |
| Tuesday: | Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30 |
| Wednesday: | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42 |
| Thursday: | Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59 |
| Friday | Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42 |
| Saturday: | Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56 |
| Next Sunday: | Lk 19:28-40 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14—23:56 |

MASS INTENTIONS

+ =Deceased AD=Anniversary of Death BD=Birthday OMM=One Month Memorial



Announcements

Eucharistic Adoration “Come Let Us Adore Him”. Could you commit to one hour per week? Transform your spiritual life and your relationship with Our Lord by committing to spend more time with Him. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer. (St. Alphonsus Ligouri) We have Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.

To All Our Visitors Welcome to Assumption Catholic Church. We are glad that you are here! To become registered parishioners, please obtain a registration form, from one of our ushers.

Penance Service announcement

We will have a **Lenten Penance Service** on Tuesday, April 9, 7 pm, in the Church. Two priests will join Fr. Greg in offering individual confessions. Every Catholic should go to Confession during Lent!

Next Sunday is Community Sunday

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and we will have Community Sunday. The Lectors will sponsor Community this month

Just a Reminder

If you would like to have a family member in Memory of/ In Honor of posted in the church bulletin, please have your offering into the church office by April 14th, Palm Sunday 2019. Thank you.

5th SUNDAY OF LENT



Assumption Catholic Church

Holy Week and Easter 2019 Schedule

Holy Thursday April 18, 2019

No 12:10 PM Mass
Mass 7:00 PM
The Lord's Supper

Good Friday April 19, 2019

No 12:10 PM Mass
Confession Noon to 3:00 PM
Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM
Confession after Stations of the Cross
Passion of the Lord 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday April 20, 2019

No 12:10 PM Mass
Vigil Mass 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday April 21, 2019

Mass 10:00 AM

