

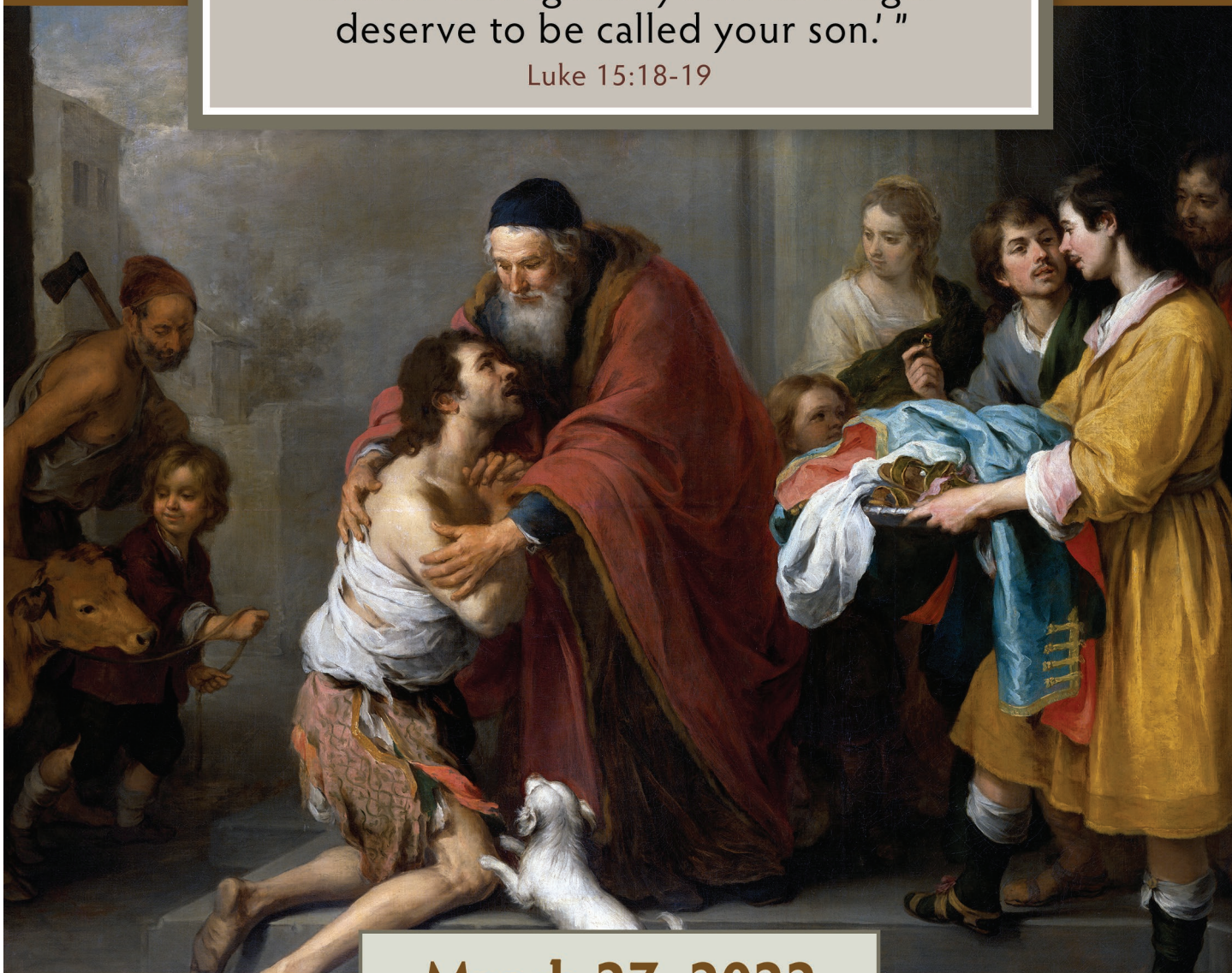


Saint Paul  
the Apostle

# Fourth Sunday of LENT

"I shall get up and go to my  
father and I shall say to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against  
heaven and against you. I no longer  
deserve to be called your son.'"

Luke 15:18-19



March 27, 2022



## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT- ALWAYS WELCOMED HOME

BY: MARY PENICH

I'd been busy organizing paperwork to prepare our tax returns. I usually rely on tax reporting software to get the job done. This year, however, selling and buying our homes has complicated matters. As a result, my husband and I have placed this task into our accountant's capable hands. Still, I had mounds of paperwork to organize before meeting with him. I'd declared myself "finished" until I realized I hadn't included a report we'd received via email a day earlier. I sifted through the stacks of paper to no avail. Because, I'd been multi-tasking, I checked our bed where I'd folded laundry. Nothing. I checked the garage where I'd thrown newspapers into the recycle bin. Nothing. Finally, I checked my desk where I'd printed that report. Still nothing! I was about to give up when I saw that paper lying on the floor in front of my bookshelf. "How in the world?" I asked. Before I heard an answer, a little red book caught my eye...

Two hours later, I finally stapled that report to the appropriate cover sheet. In the meantime, I'd reacquainted myself with that red book, *THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON* by Henri Nouwen\*. Nouwen scripted this work after a chance encounter with a poster of Rembrandt Van Rijn's painting, *Prodigal Son*. That print touched him so deeply that Nouwen found the museum that housed the original work. He spent days there studying it and drinking in every detail. When he'd tested the patience of the gallery staff to its limit, Nouwen gathered his notes and went home to write. What follows is the result of my preoccupation with Nouwen's work and the parable which have formed my understanding of God's love for every one of us.

Though I've known and loved the story of the Prodigal Son since childhood, I didn't realize the depth of the injury that the young man imposed upon his father until I read that book. Nouwen shared that when this son asked his father for his inheritance, he wounded his father deeply. In essence, he said, "Father, I can't wait for you to die to get what's mine, so behave as though you're dead already!" When his father complied, that young man deepened his father's injury by leaving home for a distant land. There, he wasted the fortune that once promised his secure future. It was only when he was starving and desperate enough to take a job tending pigs that the young man realized his wrongdoing.

Having lost almost everything of value, that son journeyed home to his father where he planned to offer himself as a servant. Rembrandt depicted the young man without the long hair which had symbolized his stature. His tattered shoes emphasized his poverty. The only remnant of his dignity was a small knife which hung at his side. Nouwen explained that the knife symbolized his sonship. Rembrandt painted that young man kneeling before his father where he leaned against the elderly man's body and received his embrace.



In the painting, the servants hidden in the shadows seem uncertain about this reunion. The elder son is shown standing in the glow of light which encircles his father and brother. In today's gospel (Luke 15:1-32), Jesus told the crowd that the elder son was reluctant to welcome his brother. He was angry that his father overlooked the sinfulness of that brother who had hurt him so deeply. Nonetheless, neither the artist and nor Jesus passed judgment on the elder brother. There was something far more important to consider. That "something" is the reason I take this parable to heart...

You see, the sinfulness of the prodigal son assures us of our ability to acquire God's forgiveness. Even when our sins reach beyond mediocrity, they'll likely not equal that of the prodigal son. Though he wounded his father deeply, he was forgiven! The welcome offered by that dad promises far more than I once might have hoped for upon my own passing into eternity. I can't help asking, "Is it true, Dear God, that you'll be as happy to see each one of us?" In the end, God nods and asks only that we become forgivers as well. When we opt not to distinguish between the worthiness of the sinful and the just, we see as God sees. As was the case with that wayward son, it may be our embrace which gives a sister or brother the courage to come home. As that prodigal son discovered, a single embrace can make all the difference in this world and in the next.

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\*Nouwen, Henri J.M., *THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON*; an Image Book, published by Doubleday, a division of Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group, Inc, New York, 1994

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## Worship

**Attention All Teens!**  
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INVITE ALL TEENS TO COME AND SING WITH US ON SUNDAY  
EVENINGS FOR THE 5:00 PM MASS. THE TIME COMMITMENT IS  
SMALL, ONLY PRACTICING THE HOUR BEFORE MASS BEGINS.**

**WE NEED MALE AND FEMALE SINGERS TO HELP MAKE  
OUR MUSIC AT MASS SOUND FULL & BLENDED.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US! WE REALLY NEED YOU!**  
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A TEEN WHO IS A GOOD GUITARIST.**

**IF INTERESTED, CONTACT  
RUTH PECK - DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

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***Come pray with us at two Lenten events in the church:***

**Tuesdays at 7:00PM - Lenten Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration**  
along with sung vespers (Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours)  
and benediction

**Fridays at 7:00PM - Stations of the Cross**





## *Faith Formation & Catechesis*

### **SPRED EASTER BASKET AND CANDY SALE APRIL 2-3**

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THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

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*Dear Students, Mrs. Russell and Parents,*

*The amazing turnout for the Annual Baby Shower 2022 was again remarkable and your enthusiasm and energy put into this project was truly a gift from God. All the items collected, separated, de-tagged, and itemized made it so helpful for us to put away in our office. You will recall the words of Jesus: "when you do it for the least of these, you do it for Me" and all the baby items will surely go to the 'least of these, the babies' and the families we help.*

*I am so proud of all of you and the parish support of your annual service project and Jesus and His Blessed Mother Mary are proud of you too. To begin this Lenten Time in such a fantastic way should put a smile on all our faces as we journey with our Lord in this Holy Season.*

*From the bottom of my heart, I thank you on behalf of all the families we care for and the volunteers who assist them. For Life,*

*Mrs. Carol Walsh  
Director, Aid for Women of Northern Lake County*



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## *Evangelization & Spritual Life*



The **First Saturday Prayer Group** has been meeting since April 2, 2005, which just also happens to be the death anniversary of Saint Pope John Paul II. The devotion which is also called the Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary was requested by the Virgin Mary according to Sister Lucia of Fatima in an apparition at Pontevedra Spain in December 10, 1925.

According to Servant of God Sister Lucia, the First Saturdays of reparation is for the atonement for the ways in which people offend the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- 1.) attacks upon the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 2.) attacks against her Perpetual Virginity
- 3.) attacks upon her Divine Maternity and the refusal to accept her as the Mother of all mankind
- 4.) for those who try to publicly implant in children's hearts indifference, contempt, and even hatred of the Immaculate Mother
- 5.) for those who insult her directly in her sacred images.

The group also offered their prayers for the forgiveness of the blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Blessed Trinity, and for the consecration of Russia. Christians have always honored the Blessed Virgin on Saturday because of her constant faith in Jesus on that first Holy Saturday before the Resurrection.

The group meets early in the afternoon and pray the Divine Mercy novena and all the mysteries of the rosary with meditation. The group also meets via zoom every Wednesday evening to pray the rosary. For more information kindly contact Catherine Karl at [ckarl@saintpaultheapostle.church](mailto:ckarl@saintpaultheapostle.church)



## Human Concerns

**We're Getting the Band Back Together!  
(Our band of knitters and crocheters, that is!) Join the  
Knit-Purl-Pray Ministry in its mission to bring comfort  
to the community through prayer shawls, blankets and more!**

The St. Paul the Apostle Knit-Purl-Pray Ministry (aka Prayer Shawl Ministry) welcomes parishioners to join the group for its upcoming in-person meeting on Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the lower level gathering space. This group of enthusiastic, caring and creative individuals knit and crochet handmade prayer shawls that are blessed and distributed to members of our church community who are ill, grieving or in need of comfort. But the group creates so much more than shawls! Pre-pandemic, the ministry made prayer shawls, baby blankets, shawls for St. Paul RCIA candidates, baby hats and more! All ideas are welcome!

Did you start learning how to knit or crochet during the pandemic? Come join us and put your new skills to work for a great cause! All ages and levels of experience are welcome. Absolute beginners interested in learning how to crochet or knit should consider attending. Yarn and pattern ideas are available to get you started on your first project.

**Questions? Contact Sue Allen**  
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**or Mary Todoric**  
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### YOU MADE THE DIFFERENCE! THANK YOU!!

Dear St. Paul Parishioners,

Please meet Alice. Alice is 75 years young. She and her mom lived together, until her mom passed away last year. Now, for the first time in a very long time, Alice is on her own. Alice contacted us for help with an unexpected, one-time expense... new glasses. After all the costs of moving after the passing of her mom, Alice could not afford the new glasses she so desperately needed. Medicare helped, but did not cover the full cost. Also, in speaking and working with Alice, we learned she was not turning on her heat. She was saving her money for her new glasses.

Thanks to your generous support of our Saint Vincent DePaul Conference here at St. Paul the Apostle, we were able to help Alice bridge to an affordable budget. Alice is now staying warm in her new apartment and looking forward to clearly seeing each new day.

We would not be able to help our neighbors through crises without your generosity. Thank you!!





## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022**

**5:00pm:** Thomas Guthrie | Dean Mauro | Alberto Miran

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022**

**7:30am:** Rosa Krissek | Charlotte V. Siegel

**9:30am:** Marcelino & Demetria Cabuay | Pam Lahey  
Ancelmo & Procopio Cabuay | Jaime & Isabel Gorospe

**11:30am:** Coleen Washburn | Darlene Ramig | Kathy Christians  
Blandina Saulyte | Raimonda Bucmys | Jesusa Cuasay

**5:00pm:** Charlie Washburn Sr. | Edward Gonzales

**MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022**

**7:30am:** The Casis & Garibay Family | Larry Connelly  
Winston Casis | Jaime & Isabel Gorospe

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022**

**7:30am:** Michael Kinahan | Eustacio Magpantay

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022**

**7:30am:** Alex Corros, Sr.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022**

**7:30am:** Liz Vigiletti

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022**

**7:30am:** Louis, Petrina & Joe Smetek | Ernie Domingo

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022**

**5:00pm:** Mary Roehl | Anselmo Cabuay  
Harold & Edna Maricle | Charles Suhling

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022**

**7:30am:** Victor Peccioli | The Casis Family

**9:30am:** Michael Kinahan | Robert Chester Buttrey  
Thomas R. Rajchel | Mark Ofenloch

**11:30am:** Mary King

**5:00pm:** For the Parish Family

## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32).

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Bush  
Vicki Shaffer  
Luke Laskowski  
Matthew Lutz  
Siegfried Lindo  
James Marson  
Doug Suhling  
Nancy Below  
Wyatt Woodward  
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Francisco Andrade  
Patrick Campbell  
Al Bruehl  
Roxanne Obey Avalos  
Sharon Felt  
Robert Felt  
Luz Angela Arboleda  
Jason Festenstein  
Babette Tilden  
Jose Torres  
Marife Lacson Bihasa  
Duke Wyatt Haraf  
Denise Perez

PLEASE KNOW THAT WE PRAY FOR ALL OF THE SICK AT EVERY MASS. HOWEVER, IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME OR THAT OF A SICK LOVED ONE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST ABOVE, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL KERI AT THE PARISH HOUSE.  
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“God's grace within me  
and God's strength  
behind me can  
overcome any hurdle  
ahead of me.”  
—Anonymous

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY:

Is 65:17-21  
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b  
Jn 4:43-54

### TUESDAY:

Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
Jn 5:1-16

### WEDNESDAY:

Is 49:8-15  
Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18  
Jn 5:17-30

### THURSDAY:

Ex 32:7-14  
Ps 106:19-23  
Jn 5:31-47

### FRIDAY:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22  
Ps 34:17-21, 23  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### SATURDAY:

Jer 11:18-20  
Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12  
Jn 7:40-53

### SUNDAY:

Is 43:16-21  
Ps 126:1-6  
Phil 3:8-14  
Jn 8:1-11



## Calendar of Events

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26

11:00AM RECONCILIATION

12:30PM BAPTISM

1:00PM BAPTISM

5:00PM MASS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 27

7:30AM MASS

9:00AM RCIA

9:30AM MASS

11:30AM MASS

1:00PM BAPTISM

4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:00PM MASS

### MONDAY, MARCH 28

7:30AM MASS

### TUESDAY, MARCH 29

7:30AM MASS

8:00AM ADORATION

2:00PM FAITH SHARING

7:00PM LENTEN HOLY HOUR

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

7:30AM MASS

6:30PM BIBLE STUDY

7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

### THURSDAY, MARCH 31

7:30AM MASS

8:00AM ADORATION

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

7:30AM MASS

7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN

11:00AM RECONCILIATION

1:00PM FIRST SATURDAY

PRAYER GROUP

5:00PM MASS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

7:30AM MASS

9:00AM RCIA

9:30AM MASS

11:30AM MASS

1:00PM BAPTISM

4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:00PM MASS

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

WEEKDAY MASS:  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
7:30AM

SATURDAY EVENING:  
5:00PM

SUNDAY:  
7:30 | 9:30 | 11:30AM | 5:00PM

## **ADORATION**

TUESDAY/THURSDAY MORNINGS  
8:00AM

## **RECONCILIATION**

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11:00AM



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