

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

— *Philippians 3:8*



GOD'S ACTIONS NOW

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

8:00 am

Tuesday

8:00 am

Wednesday

8:00 am

7:00 pm

Thursday

8:00 am

Friday

8:00 am

7:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am

4:30 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

April 8

† Manuel Scerri

April 9

† Dick S. Visperas

April 10

Communal Service

† Vincent Gagliardo Sr.

† Maria and † Giuseppe

Mazafferro

April 11

† Eva Boggeri

April 12

† Jessie Borg

Stations of the Cross

April 13

† Frank De Luca

Palm Sunday Vigil

April 14

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

Sunday Collection March 31, 2019

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$
Over/Under	\$
Missionary Co-op	\$

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check.

This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

Calling all Church Ministers:

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, CCD teachers, Baptismal Preparation, Choir Members, Altar Servers, Ushers and Youth Ministers are requested to be present at the Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30 pm during which you will be invited to renew your commitment to your ministries. Please come and sit in the first 3 or 4 pews.

Bring your Bells: You are invited to bring your bells on Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil. It is a Catholic tradition to ring the bells as we sing the Gloria at both of these liturgies.

Easter Flowers: We are asking parishioners to please donate Easter Lilies for Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, please bring the flowers to the **Rectory** during office hours April 15-18th or the **Church** April 19-20th

Formed Family

Free Registration at : stelizabethsf.formed.org

Recommendations for Easter Season:

Movies to watch: Saints of History such as "Ignatius of Loyola", "St Patrick", "Don Bosco" Modern Day Saints: "Pope John Paul II", "Mother Theresa" Apologetics: Listen: National Conference: ("Faith and Science", Dr. Stacy Trasancos), ("Why Science cannot eliminate God": (Karlo Brouard) ("Science & Scripture": Jimmy Akin) **Youth** (Click movies "Youth Category")

The Maltese Society will have their next meeting on Wednesday April 10th at 6:30 pm in Cantwell Hall, meeting room number one.

There **will not** be 1000 Hail Mary's, Adoration and Benediction in the rectory on Holy Saturday, April 20th.

Lenten Season Schedule

April 11th - Thursday

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 5:30 pm

Everyone is invited to join.

April 12th - Friday

Stations of the Cross in various languages.

St. Elizabeth Church 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited to participate.

Every Wednesday of Lent from 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Confession

7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Mass

Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday – April 18th

8:00 am Morning Prayer and Meditation

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper

Adoration at the Altar of Repose Until 11:00 pm

Good Friday- April 19th

8:00 a.m. Individual Meditation

12:00 noon-3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross, Seven Last Words,

Lord's Passion, Communion and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 20th

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Reflection.

Confession 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 21st

Masses:

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

The Parish office will be closed on Good Friday and will be closed on Monday, April 22nd for the Easter Holiday.

Good Friday Parking

Please note that parking **WILL** be available on Good Friday in Alta Vista Schoolyard.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Please be Generous!