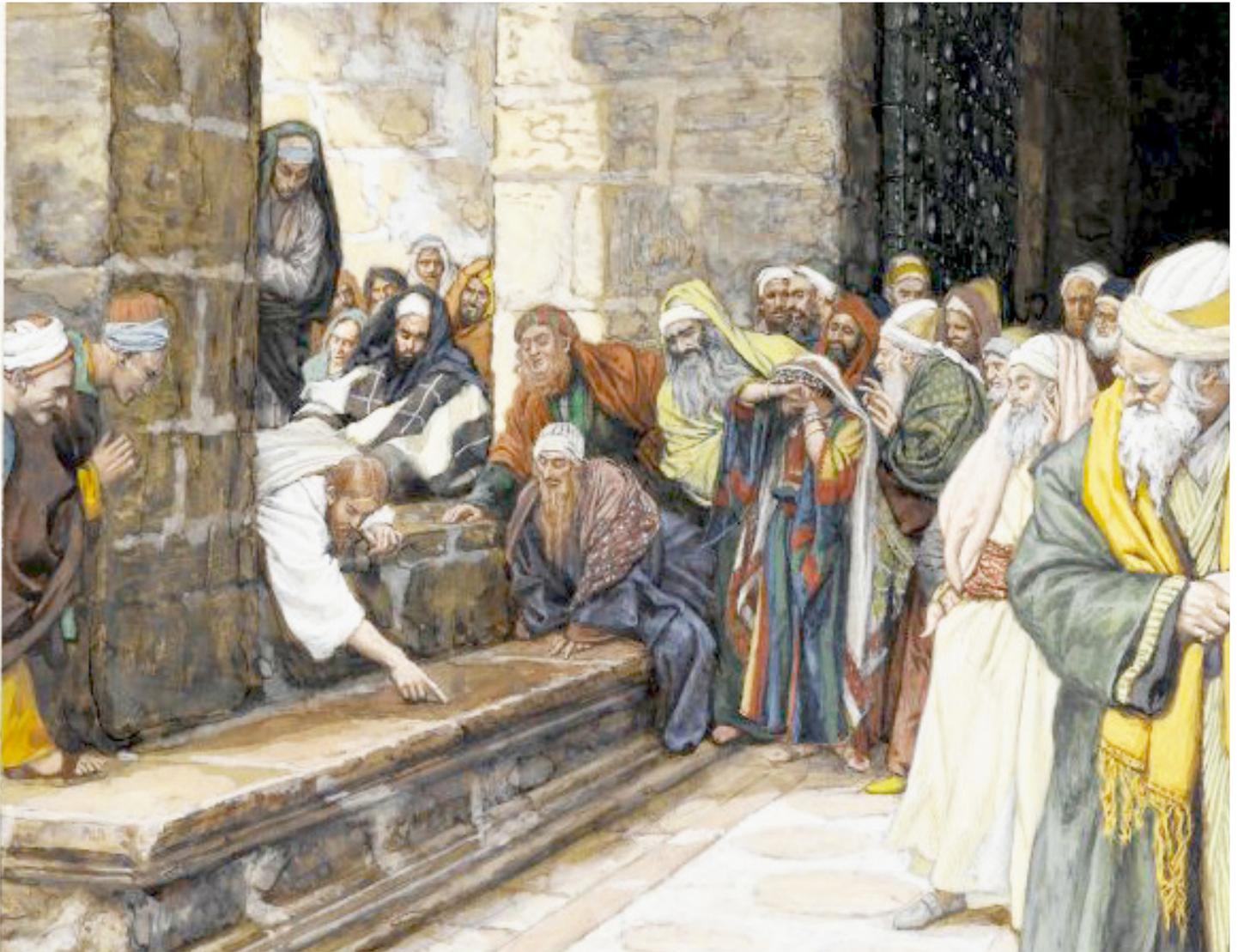


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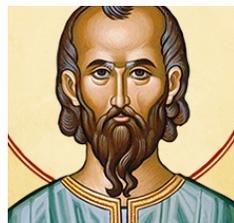
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The Fifth Sunday of Lent



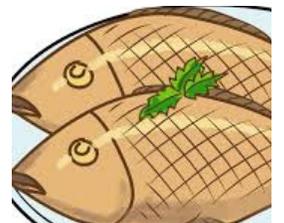
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St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor  
of the Church



April 05 -  
St. Vincent Ferrer



April 07 -  
St. John Baptist de la Salle



April 08 -  
Abstinence



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today, at the 9:30am Mass, we will celebrate the last of the Scrutinies for those who will receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The Gospel for the Scrutinies is the story of the Raising of Lazarus. This miracle is a pre-figurement of the Lord's Resurrection which we are preparing to celebrate anew at Easter. It was through the Lord's victory over death that we are redeemed and enabled to receive the gift of new life through the Sacrament of Baptism, which is inextricably linked with the Easter Mysteries. Please keep our Catechumens and Candidates in your prayers at this time as they make final preparations to receive the Sacraments.

The Gospel for today continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of St. Luke. Today, we hear the report from the Gospel of St. John of an encounter between Jesus and a woman caught in adultery who was brought to Jesus by the Scribes and the Pharisees. They do this as an attempt to entrap Jesus and thereby expose him as a false teacher. The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, execution was reserved to the state. In order to answer the Pharisees question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses, or contrary to Roman Law. Jesus avoids the trap by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Gradually, after reading what Jesus wrote, the Elders and the Pharisees slip quietly away. The scriptures present a very negative image of the Elders and the Pharisees. Today we might give them some credit for their response to the Lord's action. In this response, they do not claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgement. Left alone with the woman, Jesus sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgement on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgement of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace. Pope Francis reiterates this truth frequently and continually reminds us of the perennial challenge to implement the call of the Gospels in our everyday lives. We should pray for the grace to be equal to that challenge.

Please keep the changing situation in Ukraine and the dangers posed by the pandemic in your prayers. Our Christian Faith assures us that the Lord is with us always.

"I do not condemn you. Go and do not sin any more." John 8:11

- Fr. Des

## Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into  
my soul. Since I cannot at this  
moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my  
heart. I embrace You as if You were  
already there and unite myself wholly  
to You. Never permit me to be  
separated from You. Amen.

## PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX



*St. Francis prayed this prayer before  
the crucifix in the little church of San  
Damiano in 1205/1206 in the early  
days of his conversion.*



**M**ost High, glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of  
my heart and give me true  
faith, certain hope, and  
perfect charity, sense and  
knowledge, **L**ord, that  
I may carry out Your holy  
and true command.

## The Memorare Prayer



Remember, O most gracious Virgin  
Mary, that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to your  
protection, implored your help  
or sought your intercession  
was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,  
I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins,  
my Mother. To you I come, before  
you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions,  
but in your mercy  
hear and answer me.  
Amen.

**I**N DEEDS AND WORDS, LOOK UPON JESUS AS YOUR MODEL. DO SO WHETHER YOU ARE ALONE OR WITH OTHERS. HE IS PERFECT, AND THUS YOU WILL BE NOT ONLY IRREPREHENSIBLE, BUT PRAISEWORTHY.

-SAINT BONAVENTURE



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*The Franciscans have been closely identified with this devotion since 1342, when the Franciscan friars were given custody of the holy sites in the Holy Land.*



*Franciscus*

**FROM THE MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS FOR LENT 2022 (PT 3)**

2. "Let us not grow tired of doing good"

Christ's resurrection enlivens earthly hopes with the "great hope" of eternal life, planting the seed of salvation in our present time (cf. BENEDICT XVI, Spe Salvi, 3; 7). Bitter disappointment at shattered dreams, deep concern for the challenges ahead and discouragement at the poverty of our resources, can make us tempted to seek refuge in self-centredness and indifference to the suffering of others... The Lenten season calls us to place our faith and hope in the Lord (cf. 1 Pet 1:21), since only if we fix our gaze on the risen Christ (cf. Heb 12:2) will we be able to respond to the Apostle's appeal, "Let us never grow tired of doing good" (Gal 6:9).

*(continues next week, or see <https://bit.ly/3w4rX06>)*

**FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**



**Abstinence from Meat** is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all of the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

**Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics 18 to 59 years old. The traditional norm for fasting is to eat only one full meal. Smaller meals throughout the day, if all added up, should not be more than one full meal.

**A  
MOMENT  
WITH**



**IL POVERELLO  
FOR LENT**

Brother Francis, a man of little account and of weakness, your little servant, salutes you in him who has redeemed us and washed us in his precious Blood, in him whom, when you hear his name, you should adore with reverent fear, prostrate upon the ground. Jesus Christ the Lord, Son of the Most High, in his name, who is blessed forever and ever. Amen.

- St. Francis of Assisi (*Letter to the Whole Order*)

**HOLY WEEK** is the most important time of year for us as Christians. This year some pandemic restrictions are in place which require some limitations. **Seating for the services in the church will be limited; masks are required. As usual, a service on each day of Holy Week will be live streamed (see <https://bit.ly/37XEFk3>).**

*Following is the schedule of Holy Week liturgies:*

**Sunday, April 10 - PALM SUNDAY**

**Mass at 5:15 on Saturday, 7:30am and 9:30am on Sunday**  
Palms will be distributed at the entrance to the church  
9:30am Mass will be live-streamed (<https://bit.ly/37XEFk3>), and overflow seating will be available in Brunsman Hall. To follow the reading of The Passion you may download: <https://bit.ly/36nT7oI>

**Thursday, April 14 - HOLY THURSDAY**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00pm in the church**  
This Mass will be live-streamed (<https://bit.ly/37XEFk3>)

**Friday, April 15 - GOOD FRIDAY**

**Service of the Passion of the Lord: 12:10pm & 7:00pm in the church**  
These Services will be live-streamed (<https://bit.ly/37XEFk3>), and overflow seating will be available in Brunsman Hall for both services. To follow the reading of the Passion: [bit.ly/3JwJl1F](https://bit.ly/3JwJl1F)

**Livestream Stations Of The Cross: streamed at 3:00pm (<https://bit.ly/37XEFk3>)**

**Saturday, April 16 - EASTER VIGIL**

**Mass of the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: 8:00pm in the church**  
This Mass will be live-streamed (<https://bit.ly/37XEFk3>)

**Sunday, April 17 - EASTER SUNDAY**

**Mass at 7:30am and 9:30am in the church**  
The 9:30am Mass will be live-streamed (<https://bit.ly/37XEFk3>), with overflow seating available in Brunsman Hall

**WEEKLY READINGS**

Sun: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11  
Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20  
Tue: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
Thur: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
Sat: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56  
Sun: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

**St. Francis Homecoming Gala 2022**



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**Our second Donation Days weekend will be:**

April 2 – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

April 3 – 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

(under the tent in the church/school parking lot)

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**St Francis of Assisi Parish and Elementary School Lenten Food Drive**

The **St Francis of Assisi Parish and Elementary School** are coordinating a food donation drive at all Masses during Lent (March 5 & 6, 11 & 12, 19 & 20, 27, April 2 & 3, and 9 & 10).

Donations will be given to the **Central Downtown Food Basket** which began its mission to feed the elderly and low-income in 1983. Today, the CDFB feeds over 3,700 households in the greater Sacramento area [www.cdfb.org](http://www.cdfb.org).

Suggested Items:

**Personal-Size Toiletries:** Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Hand Sanitizer, Deodorant, Soap. Lotion, Shampoo

**Canned Goods:** Beans, Tuna, Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Fruit

**Dried Goods:** Pasta, Beans, Rice, Macaroni and Cheese, Cup of Noodles, Cereal, Soft Breakfast Bars, Oatmeal

Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council volunteers will be ready after each of the weekend Masses. Thank you for your generosity! Questions? Call or text Melba Hinojosa if you would like to help collect the donations after Masses or if you have other questions: 916-997-3319.

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
April 2-3, 2022

## Gathering:

## Lenten Entrance Rite

Paul French, Alan Hommerding

**INTROIT**

*Cantor, Then All*  
Give just - ice, res - cue me! You are my safe - ty Lord.  
Scrutiny Mass (9:30) De - liv - er me from death, so I may walk in light.

**HYMN**

1. When we self - right - eous - ly con - demn\_ Though all of us\_ have  
(9:30) 1. Our graves split o - pen, bring us back\_ Your pro - mise to\_ pro -  
2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty\_ Your voice speaks deep\_ with -  
sinned\_ You show us mer - cy's heal - ing touch; New life in you\_ be - gins.\_  
claim;\_ To dark - ened tombs\_ call out, "A - rise!" And glo - ri - fy\_ your name.\_  
in,\_ Re - turn - ing us\_ to ways of truth And turn - ing us\_ from sin.\_

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## Penitential Rite:

## Mass of Remembrance

Marty Haugen

1. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.\_\_\_\_  
2. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.\_\_\_\_  
3. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.\_\_\_\_

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## Psalm: Psalm 126: "God Has Done Great Things"

Jaime Cortez

God has done\_ great things\_ for us,\_ we are filled\_ with glad - ness and  
joy.\_\_\_\_\_ we are filled\_ with glad - ness and joy.\_\_\_\_\_

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## Scrutiny Psalm (9:30): Psalm 130: "Out of the depths..."

Paul Melley

Out\_ of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.\_\_\_\_\_

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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Lenten Gospel Acclamation:

Curtis Stephen

Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ! \_\_\_\_\_  
Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ! \_\_\_\_\_

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## APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. AMEN+

## Prayers of the Faithful:

Bob Hurd

O God, hear us; hear our prayer. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Dismissal of Catechumens:

## Blessing of St. Clare

Cathy Tisel Nelson

**May you always be with God wherever you may be and may God be with you always.**

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## Preparation of Gifts:

## Here I Am

Tom Booth

**REFRAIN**  
Here I am, stand-ing right be-side you... Here I am, do not be a -  
fraid. Here I am, wait-ing like a lov-er... I am here: here I am.

Do not fear when the tempter calls you. Do not fear even though you fall.  
Do not fear, I have conquered evil. Do not fear, never be afraid. **(Refrain)**

I am here in the face of ev'ry child. I am here in ev'ry warm embrace.  
I am here with tenderness and mercy. Here I am; I am here. **(Refrain)**

I am here in the midst of ev'ry trial. I am here in the face of despair.  
I am here when pardoning your brother. Here I am, I am here. **(Refrain)**

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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Liturgy of the Eucharist:

## **Mass of Remembrance**

Marty Haugen

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## Communion:

## **I Am the Bread of Life**

Suzanne Toolan, RSM

I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;  
and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

**REFRAIN**

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever. **(Refrain)**

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. **(Refrain)**

I am the Resurrection, I am the life.

If you believe in me, even though you die you shall live forever. **(Refrain)**

Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,

The Son of God, who have come into the world. **(Refrain)**

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## Sending Forth:

## **Lead Me, Lord**

John D. Becker

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their God, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.

Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world. **(Refrain)**

**REFRAIN**

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek and to find  
the nar-row way. Be my way; be my truth;  
be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to - day.

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.

Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied. **(Refrain)**

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