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**Gifts to God and Parish**

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Romans 5:12-19

What One Can Do

One person can do a lot of damage. As we begin Lent we remember the story of Adam and the origin of human sin. But we all know how much damage any one person can do, because we have experienced it in our own sinful lives. One person can say and do things that hurt. Such things hurt another person, but they also hurt the very person who commits the offense. In addition, one person’s offense may tarnish others—the family, the profession, or the church. One person can do a lot of damage.

At the beginning of Lent it is tempting to wallow in sin. This season will indeed turn our attention to our offenses. But there is more to Lent than sin. There is grace.

St. Paul told the Romans that death came into the world through one person’s transgression, but “how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.”

One person can do a lot of good. The kindness we perform for another person can bring unexpected joy. By the death and rising of Christ, sinners are made right.

Yes, reflect on sin this Lent, but remember also the grace. Jesus brings life to the world, and to you.


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**LITURGICAL ROLES AND SERVICES**

February 22 and 23

**LECTORS**

5:00 p.m.  
Ann Seibolt, Liana Kilgore
8:00 a.m.  
April Riley, Janice Motla

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

5:00 p.m.  
Dan Zaner
8:00 a.m.  
Cathy Vogel  
Homebound
Cathy Vogel

**SERVERS**

5:00 p.m.  
Zander Peck, Tavin Glass
8:00 a.m.  
Wyatt Newman, John Glaesemann

**ROSSARY LEADERS**

5:00 p.m.  
Bill Kennedy
8:00 a.m.  
Bob and Shirley Baldwin

**SACRISTANS**

5:00 p.m.  
Ed Medock and Rita Pilcher
8:00 a.m.  
Don and Cathy Vogel

**USHERS**

5:00 p.m.  
TBA
8:00 a.m.  
Breitbach, Thomsberry

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Feb. 22  
Don’s Team

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

Feb. 29  
Donna’s Team

**CANTORS AND ACCOMPANISTS**

5:00 p.m.  
Kaitlin Long with Judy Wolf
8:00 a.m.  
Kaitlin Long with Daniel Yung

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**REFLECTION: BEING MISUNDERSTOOD**

We are called to be saints. And if we walk down that road, we will be called to live heroic virtue. Heroic virtue will not always be understood by others. In fact, in the opinion of worldly wisdom, heroic and holy virtue is foolishness. But we must not allow the opinions of worldly “wisdom” to confuse us, tempt us or distract us from the road of true virtue (See Diary #126).

Are you misunderstood, at times, because you are striving to live a holy life? Do others give you this or that bit of advice which seems to be in contradiction to the voice of God in your own conscience? Reflect upon the road of virtue God is calling you down. The world does not understand the road of virtue, mercy and forgiveness that we are called to embrace. The world does not understand that we must accept injustice at times in silence and trust. The world does not understand the joy we have when we suffer for the sake of Christ. Keep your eyes on the voice of God as He speaks to you in your conscience and do not let the opinions of others or the world lead you astray.

Lord, help me to walk the road of heroic virtue. At times, this road will leave me misunderstood. And, at times, others will tempt me to turn away from Your divine voice. Help me, at all times, dear Lord, to hear only You and to be obedient only to Your most holy Will. Give me wisdom, strength and courage to always follow Your divine ways of mercy.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Lent begins this upcoming Wednesday. We should have our Lenten practices determined by now that we will observe faithfully for the 40 days of Lent out of love for our Lord Jesus Christ. As we will hear from Ash Wednesday’s Gospel, we are to focus on the areas of prayer, fasting (the life of penance), and almsgiving.

The Gospel text for this weekend can help us to examine ourselves in how we approach injustice and being misunderstood. Look at the Divine Mercy reflection in this same bulletin. It is short and sweet, and it hits home for us all no matter what our walk of life may be, and you can see it’s connection to this weekend’s Gospel.

All too often, when an injustice has been done to us and/or we have been misunderstood, we live out the Old Testament Scripture of getting even, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” Our Lord is telling us to live a radically different life in the New Covenant that has been ratified in His Blood on the Cross that we encounter in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

He tells us today to not have a knee jerk reaction when we are misunderstood or have an injustice incurred upon us. Instead of a reaction, He is telling us to lead to a conversion of heart. “But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil.”

Remember we are to be sons of our heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.”

To think of all of the major injustices and misunderstandings that we want to get even? If yes, why? So that we feel better? Think of all of the major injustices and misunderstandings that our Lord faced as He lived through His Passion and Death on the Cross. He had more rights than any soul in existence to have a knee jerk reaction because everything He said and did was true and justified. How many times, after an injustice or misunderstanding happened to us, have we thought we were in the right? Once enough time passes, we see the bigger picture and realize we were not as right as we once thought.

As we begin this Season of Lent, consider if this is a particular area you need to foster out of love for our Lord so as to help you draw closer to Him, help you grow in becoming a saint, and helping you on the path to heaven.

Father Vogel

Lent begins this week!

What will you do for Lent?

2020 SECOND COLLECTIONS

Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday
March 1: DREAM Fund
March 22: Catholic Relief Service
April 5: DREAM Fund
April 10: (Good Friday): Holy Land
May 3: DREAM Fund
May 17: Tomorrow’s Priests: Vocation Fund
May 31: Peter’s Pence
June 7: DREAM Fund
June 21: Communications
July 5: DREAM Fund
Aug. 2: DREAM Fund
Aug. 15: THE ASSUMPTION (not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2020)
Aug. 16: Diocesan Life & Justice
Sept. 6: DREAM Fund
Sept. 20: Church in Latin America
Oct. 4: DREAM Fund
Oct. 18: Mission Sunday
Nov. 1: ALL SAINTS DAY
Nov. 1: DREAM Fund
Dec. 6: DREAM Fund
Dec. 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Dec. 13: Religious Retirement
Dec. 25: CHRISTMAS
**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Saturday, February 22**
5:00 p.m. † Phillip Pilcher by Altar and Rosary Society

**Sunday, February 23**
No Mass

**Monday, February 24**
No Mass

**Tuesday, February 25**
8:00 a.m. † Kathryn Kennedy by Kennedy Family

**Wednesday, February 26** * Ash Wednesday *
9:00 a.m. † Robert and Frances Murphy

**Thursday, February 27**
5:25 p.m. † Father Robert Stewart

**Friday, February 28**
No Mass

**Saturday, February 29**
5:00 p.m. † Father Evan Harkins

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**ENTRANCE ANTHONY**
Ps 13 (12): 6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.

*My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me. *

**COMMUNION ANTHONY**
Ps 9: 2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

**JAS 3:13**
You are merciful to all, O Lord, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.

**JOEL 2:12**
You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and under his wings you will trust.

† Deceased
Confessions prior to weekday and Sunday Masses; Rosary prayed 30 minutes prior to weekend Masses; Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed prior to Tuesday morning

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**FAST AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence from meat for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection (http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/litururgical-year/lent/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence.cfm).

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**ROYALS QUILT RAFFLE**
The Altar Society is having a raffle of a handmade Royals-themed quilt. Tickets will be sold at all fish fries during Lent (February 28th, March 13th and March 27th) as well as after Masses starting February 29th. The drawing will be at the March 27th fish fry. The cost is $5/ticket or $20/5 tickets.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**

**LITURGICAL ROLES AND SERVICES**

**LECTORS**
9:00 a.m. Chris Porter, Rita Jones
7:00 p.m. Laura Long, Greg Dustman

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**
9:00 a.m. Mary Adams
7:00 p.m. Charleen Dale, Ross Dale, Tim Long

**SERVERS**
9:00 a.m. TBA
7:00 p.m. Curtis and Ryan Schaller

**SACRAMENTS**
9:00 a.m. Stephanie Lewis and Mary Ann Balliner
7:00 p.m. Tim Long

**USHERS**
TBA

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**COMAGING EVENTS**

**Saturday, February 22**
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, February 23**
7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Confession
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
6:00 p.m. EDGE Middle School Youth Group

**Monday, February 24**
No Mass

**Tuesday, February 25**
8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. Confessions
8:25 a.m. Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, February 26**
9:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass
5:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass

**Friday, February 28**
No Mass

**Saturday, February 29**
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, March 1**
7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Confession
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
6:00 p.m. EDGE Middle School Youth Group

**Coming up:**

**Thursday, March 5**
7:30 p.m. K. of C. Texas Hold ‘Em Poker Party