



# Holy Family Parish

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C)

7<sup>th</sup> April 2019



## **FIRST READING : Isaiah 43:16-21;**

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 125(126);**

*℟. The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.*

*When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. ℟.*

*The heathens themselves said: "what marvels the Lord worked for them!" what marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. ℟.*

*Deliver us O Lord from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. ℟.*

*They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: They come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. ℟.*

## **SECOND READING : Philipians 3:8-14;**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ King of endless Glory!*

## **GOSPEL : John 8:1-11;**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

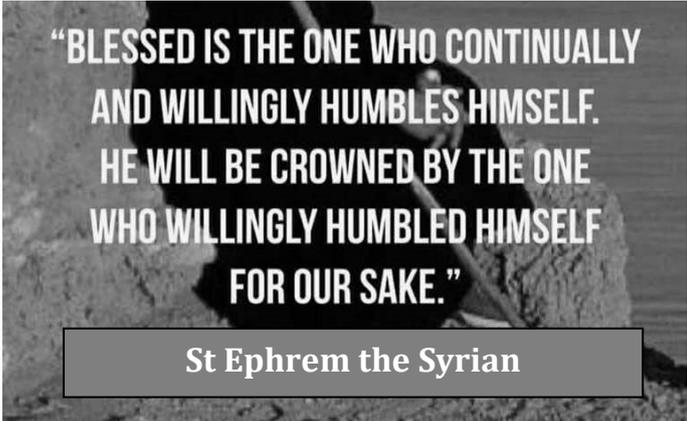
In the sorrows we experience is concealed the mercy of God.  
How the Lord arranges our life is incomprehensible for us.

~ St. Nikon of Optina



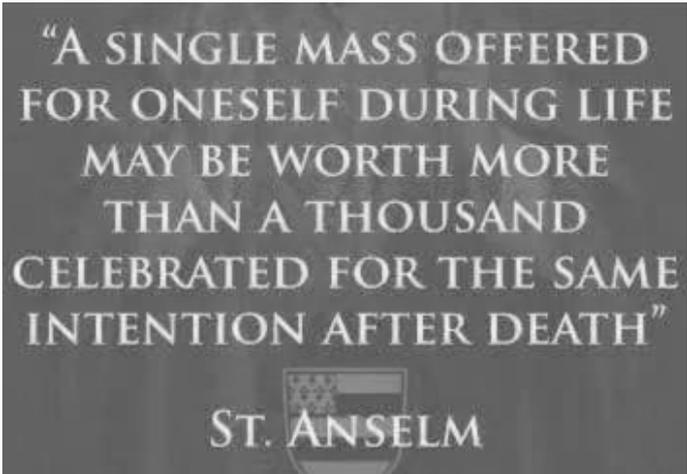
"A single Blessed be God!  
when things go wrong,  
is of more value than  
a thousand acts  
of thanksgiving when  
things are to our liking."

St John of Avila



"BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO CONTINUALLY  
AND WILLINGLY HUMBLING HIMSELF.  
HE WILL BE CROWNED BY THE ONE  
WHO WILLINGLY HUMBLED HIMSELF  
FOR OUR SAKE."

St Ephrem the Syrian

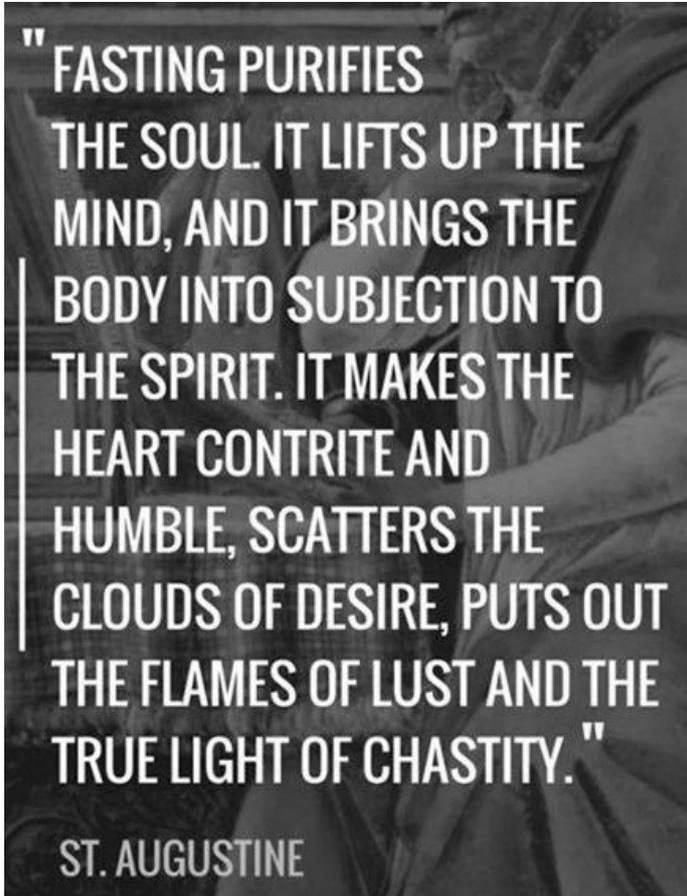


"A SINGLE MASS OFFERED  
FOR ONESELF DURING LIFE  
MAY BE WORTH MORE  
THAN A THOUSAND  
CELEBRATED FOR THE SAME  
INTENTION AFTER DEATH"

ST. ANSELM

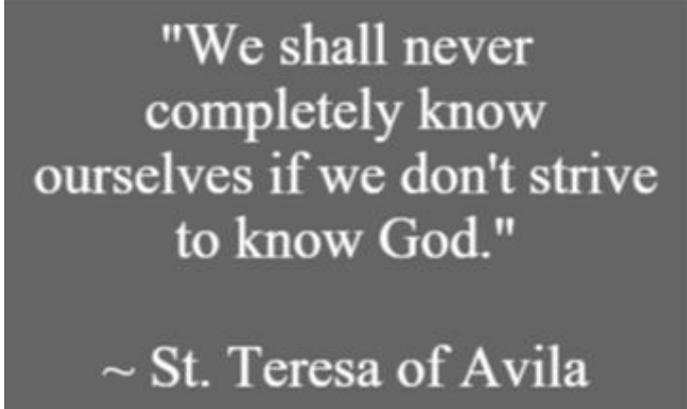
"Do not think that you live in this world to have fun,  
to become rich, to eat, drink and sleep. The end for  
which you were created in the first place is infinitely  
more noble and sublime; and it is this: to love and  
serve God in this life, and that way save your soul.

-Saint John Bosco



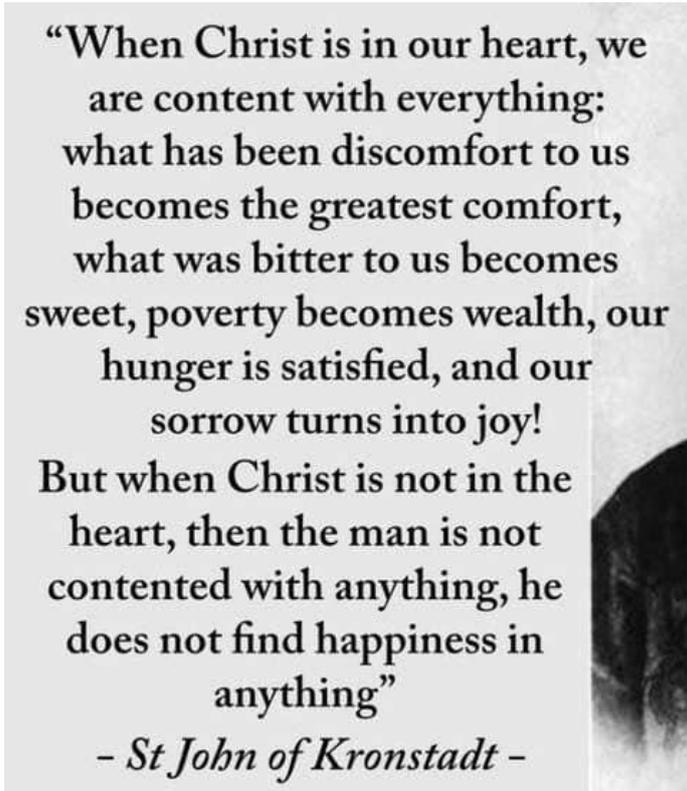
"FASTING PURIFIES  
THE SOUL. IT LIFTS UP THE  
MIND, AND IT BRINGS THE  
BODY INTO SUBJECTION TO  
THE SPIRIT. IT MAKES THE  
HEART CONTRITE AND  
HUMBLE, SCATTERS THE  
CLOUDS OF DESIRE, PUTS OUT  
THE FLAMES OF LUST AND THE  
TRUE LIGHT OF CHASTITY."

ST. AUGUSTINE



"We shall never  
completely know  
ourselves if we don't strive  
to know God."

~ St. Teresa of Avila



"When Christ is in our heart, we  
are content with everything:  
what has been discomfort to us  
becomes the greatest comfort,  
what was bitter to us becomes  
sweet, poverty becomes wealth, our  
hunger is satisfied, and our  
sorrow turns into joy!  
But when Christ is not in the  
heart, then the man is not  
contented with anything, he  
does not find happiness in  
anything"

- St John of Kronstadt -

Your **HARD JOB**  
is the dream of every  
**UNEMPLOYED**

Your **ANNOYING CHILD**  
is the dream of every  
**INFERTILE**

Your **SMALL HOME**  
is the dream of every  
**HOMELESS**

Your **LITTLE MONEY**  
is the dream of every  
**DEBTORS**

Your **SMILE**  
is the dream of every  
**DEPRESSED**

So, always  
**THANK GOD**  
for whatever your  
**SITUATION**

God only gave men ten Commandments, and one of the ten has for its sole object the reverence due to His Name. . . . Yet is there anything nowadays that is treated with less respect than the Sacred Name?

*St. John Vianney*

**Lay bare your wound to the healer. Only through shame can you be freed from shame. Tell him, and do not be ashamed. 'This is my wound, Father; this is my injury. It happened because of my negligence and not from any other cause...' He who exposes every serpent shows the reality of his faith, while he who hides them still walks the trackless wastes.**

**-John Climacus**

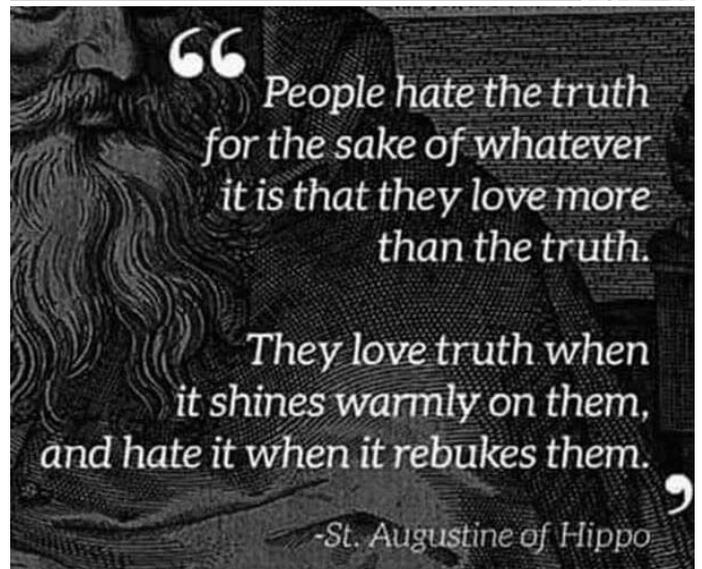
"Every Christian should find for himself the imperative and incentive to become holy. If you live without struggle and without hope of becoming holy, then you are Christians only in name and not in essence."

- St Philaret of Moscow

**"NEGLECT  
OF PRIVATE PRAYER  
IS THE LOCUST**

**— WHICH —  
DEVOURS  
THE STRENGTH  
OF THE CHURCH."**

Charles Spurgeon



“ People hate the truth  
for the sake of whatever  
it is that they love more  
than the truth.

They love truth when  
it shines warmly on them,  
and hate it when it rebukes them.

-St. Augustine of Hippo

“Even when alone,  
be cheerful,  
remembering always  
that you are in the  
sight of angels.”

-St. Therese of Lisieux

“You complain because the same trials are constantly returning. But look here, what have you to fear? Are you afraid of the divine craftsman who wants to perfect His masterpiece in this way? Would you like to come from the hands of such a magnificent Artist as a mere sketch and no more?” ~ St. Padre Pio

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

When I survey the wondrous Cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the cross of Christ, my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

God of Mercy and Compassion,  
Look with pity upon me,  
Father let me call Thee Father,  
'Tis thy child returns to Thee.

Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy; let me not  
implore in vain; All my sins,  
I now detest them, never will I sin again.

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying, on the  
cross of Calvary; To that cross my sins  
have nail'd Him, yet he bleeds and dies  
for me.

Even if I had committed  
every possible crime,  
forever would I have the same  
confidence, because I know that this  
multitude of offences is but a drop of  
water thrown into a blazing fire,  
is but a drop of water thrown into a  
blazing fire.

Oh how I need a heart  
burning with tenderness,  
On whom I can rely with no turning back  
who loves me as I am and even my  
weakness, and who will leave me not  
throughout both day and night,  
and who will leave me not  
throughout both day and night.

I was not able to find any other living  
creature who loved me in this way  
and who would never die,  
because I need a God who makes Himself  
like me, whom I can call a brother, and  
who can suffer too,  
whom I can call a brother and who can  
suffer too.

Oh yes I know this well, that all our acts  
of justice do not have in your eyes  
the slightest worth at all, and so to give a  
price to all my sacrifices, I want to throw  
them all into your heart divine. I want to  
throw them all into your heart divine.

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

My loving saviour how have you  
offended, that such a hate from us on  
You descended?  
Both mocked and scorned,  
You suffered our rejection, in deep  
affliction.

It was my guilt brought all these things  
upon You, Through all my sins was this  
injustice done You.  
Lord Jesus, it was I that did deny You,  
and crucify You.

So now the Shepherd for the  
sheep is offered,  
Mankind is guilty, but the Son has  
suffered, for our atonement which we  
never heeded, God interceded.

For us dear Jesus was Your incarnation,  
Your bitter death and shameful  
crucifixion, Your burial and Your  
glorious resurrection, for our salvation.

Although good Jesus, we cannot repay  
You, We shall adore you and forever  
praise You, For all Your kindness and  
Your love unswerving, not our  
deserving.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,  
Guide of the wand'rer here below;  
Thrown on life's surge,  
we claim thy care:  
Save us from peril and from woe  
Mother of Christ, star of the sea.  
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through  
thee; Remind thy son that he has paid  
The price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, start of the sea,  
Prayer for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,  
To thee, blest advocate, we cry:  
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,  
And soothe with hope our misery.  
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,  
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to him who reigns above,  
In Godhead One, in Persons Three,  
The source of life, of grace, of love.  
Homage we pay on bended knee.  
Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,  
Pray for the children, pray for me.

**A reminder to keep a respectful  
silence in the Church before and  
after Mass, especially on Sundays.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
  
Every Friday  
during Lent  
at 7pm

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Palm Sunday (Yr C)**

*Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23: 56;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** A. Leifi, C.Tagiilima  
**Gospel Readers:** R. Hall, S. Shaw  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** R. Cardoza  
**Offertory:** Hatzaw Family  
**Special Ministers:** P. Vernon

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Lucas/Andrew Families

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

School Holidays

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 7 Apr:** Josefa Belich, Dawn Bolton
- 8 Apr:** Clare Sharkey, Johanna Verbieson
- 9 Apr:** William Hennah, John Williams
- 10 Apr:** Constance Wallen, Chris Johnson, David Wallen
- 12 Apr:** Phyllis Simcock, Argus Maitland, Jero Mihaljevich

**HOLY FAMILY NEWS**

**Altar Server Practice Next Saturday:**  
from 11am till 12:30pm

- **Youth Group** - meeting Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April in the Bugler Centre after Stations of the Cross.
- **Pledge Envelopes and Receipts** - Are ready for collection this weekend.
- **End of Life Choice Bill - PLEASE SIGN PETITION TODAY!** The Euthanasia bill is about to get its Second Reading and Vote in parliament. *Let your MP know your opposition to this Bill by signing a petition before or After Mass today!*

**Holy Week**  
~ **HOLY THURSDAY** ~  
**18<sup>th</sup> April**  
The Mass of the Last Supper **7pm**  
*Adoration till 12am (Midnight)*

~ **GOOD FRIDAY** ~  
**19<sup>th</sup> April**  
The Passion of Christ  
Veneration of the Holy Cross  
**11am (Stations of the Cross)**  
**3pm (Veneration of the Holy Cross)**

~ **HOLY SATURDAY** ~  
**20<sup>th</sup> April**  
Vigil of Light **8pm**  
*Please bring:*  
*a bell to ring during the Gloria*  
*and a bottle for Holy Water*  
**We are providing candles.**

~ **EASTER SUNDAY** ~  
**21<sup>st</sup> April**  
The Resurrection of the Lord  
**8:00am** Low Latin Mass  
**\*10:00am** English Mass  
**\*Please note: there is a change in Mass time for Easter Sunday Only.**

~ **EASTER WEEK** ~  
**Monday to Saturday**  
**All Masses at 9:00am**