

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

4th Sunday Lent: **The Repentant Son and the Merciful Father** [Lk 15:1-3, 11-32](#)

In the Parable of the Prodigal Son, a father has two sons, and the younger son claims his inheritance in advance, contrary to Jewish custom. Because by right, the first-born son should inherit most of the wealth, and the younger son has no right to demand his inheritance.

Based on the cultural standards of the time, the older son is the picture of an ideal son. He is obedient and works hard even though he rightly shares most of the inheritance. *But he shall acknowledge the first son by giving him a double portion of all that he owns; for he is the first fruits of his strength, the right of the first-born is his (Dt. 21:17).*

What the younger son did was not right, selfish, and insulting to the father. When he asked for an early distribution of inheritance, he insulted and disrespected his honor and authority. His desire for independence brought dishonor and showed a total lack of sensitivity toward the aging father.

After receiving his share, he proceeds to squander everything on a life of debauchery in another country. The parable shows the sad reality of a family coming from the same roots, like the brothers, but growing to have different values and life directions. *From the same dirt, produce fruits of every kind.*

Most parents try their best to raise good and God-fearing children. Parents, *do your best and leave the rest to God.* A wise priest once said: *No matter what or who the children will turn out, keep the mind and the spirit of the loving father in the parable, and you will have no regrets.* Do not fault parents for loving much and loving more. A reflection of the extraordinary mercy of God the father portrays in the parable shows how his compassion moves the prodigal son to conversion. This story has become a classic model of a change of heart (*metanoia*). The heart journeys from the dryness of the spirit caused by a wasteful life to the joy of the soul forgiven and restored by God. Like the joy of the household in the parable: *I say to you, there shall be joy like this in Heaven over one sinner who returns home, more than the ninety-nine righteous ones who do not need a homecoming (Lk. 15:7).*

The parable shows the father never losing hope and never stops loving the younger son and believing in his inner goodness. A good reminder to all of us to never stop trusting that anyone can change/convert, that goodness begets goodness, and that love begets love in His own time. Yes! Everything is possible in God: *In His time - He makes all things beautiful in His time.*

The parable also presents several elements of loving. The first element of love is respect. By asking for his inheritance early, the younger son disrespected the honor of the patriarch. The second is trust. The son distrusts the generosity of the father by advancing his share. And the last element of love is gratitude. The ungrateful son gets his share of the wealth, leaves unmindful of the hurt he caused, and squanders everything. He leaves, showing a lack of concern for the father's well-being.

The love of the father shows us what real love is. First, he still respects the son when he welcomes him back with much love and compassion. He orders the servants to do likewise. Second, he welcomes him back, restores his trust and confidence, and embraces him back into the fold. Third, in an unbelievable act, the father displays his gratitude to God because the son returns and gives a big feast serving the fattened calf as a thanksgiving because his son is back. *Because the brother was dead and had come to life, he was lost and now found.*

It is also a parable of hope. Jesus understands our weaknesses, reluctance, and hesitation to repent because of our pride, insecurity, or hopelessness. He never gives up. Like the loving Father, He waits for us to turn around and welcomes us back without conditions, ready to show mercy and restore us to our dignity of being His sons and daughters. Our God is loving, merciful, and ever-compassionate.





Sunday March 30, 2025

- 9:00 am RE Class Grades 1 –5
- 5:00 pm Stations Rehearsal

Monday, March 31, 2025

- 7:00 pm Troop 432 Meeting

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

- 8:30 am Adult Bible Study
- 6:00 am CDA Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

- 8:30 am SVDP
- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet/OLPH
- 4:30 pm RE Classes Grades 1– 5
- 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday, April 3, 2025

- 10:00 am WOSR Meeting
- 5:00 pm La Pieta Prayer Group
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Friday, April 4, 2025

- 5:30 am Men’s Ministry
- 5:00 pm KOC Fish Fry
- 5:00 pm Vespers
- 5:30 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 5, 2025

- 9:00 am Reconciliation Retreat

FASTING

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are recommended days of abstinence.

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday	7:30 am
Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri.	12:15 pm
Wednesday Evening	6:00 pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 7:25 am
Wednesday	5:15 pm - 5:45 pm
Saturday	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday - Saturday	6:55 am
Sunday	6:25 am, 8:25 am, 10:25 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Closed 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 2 pm - 3 pm for Staff Meetings

PASTORAL STAFF

PASTOR, Fr. Bing Colasito
PAROCHIAL VICAR, Fr. Charles Ouemenga
PRIEST IN RESIDENCY, Fr. Joy Vargas
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Music & Media Director, Matt Ficarra	Ext. 106
Maintenance/Custodian, Ray Lopez	

MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

WEEKEND MASS

Sunday	9:00 am
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RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Sunday	8:30 am
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ADORATION - Thursdays

7:00 am

*This Week's
Worship Aide*



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 30th

- 7:00 am † Sue Ecqui
9:00 am G Kendall Hunsaker (Thanksgiving)
9:00 am † Bob Gordon
11:00 am † Robert Beeman
4:00 pm † Liam Kosciolek

Monday, March 31st

- 7:30 am † Deceased Members of Banach Family
12:15 pm Michael Gonzales (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, April 1st

- 7:30 am † Lauren Boray
12:15 pm † Dewitt Allison

Wednesday, April 2nd

- 7:30 am † Bernard Zapp
6:00 pm † Nelson John Guerzon

Thursday, April 3rd

- 7:30 am † Mike Banach
12:15 pm Fr. Bing (Thanksgiving)

Friday, April 4th

- 7:30 am † Judy Shogren
5:30 pm Fr. Joy (Thanksgiving)

Saturday, April 5th

- 7:30am Charles Hunn (Thanksgiving)
4:00 pm † John Ravita



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A graphic for Easter Sunday Mass Times. At the top, the word "Easter" is written in a large, golden, serif font. To the right of the word is a small, pink, cartoonish bunny. Below the word "Easter" is a horizontal line. Underneath the line, the text "EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES" is written in a green, sans-serif font. Below this, the times "7:00 am", "9:00 am", and "11:00 am" are listed in a pink, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "Good Shepherd Mission" is written in a green, sans-serif font, followed by "9:00 am" in a pink, sans-serif font. The background of the graphic is a light yellow and green gradient.

St. Vincent de Paul Open House

Please join us after Mass the weekend of April 5th & 6th. We would like to show you our beautiful Pantry that your financial contributions help to support. There will be Vincentians on hand to explain all the ways we assist Neighbors in our community. For an added bonus, we will be serving cookies!

Thank you for your continued support.

St. Vincent de Paul – 5th Sunday Collection

March 29th & 30th

Vincentians in their blue vests will be in the back of the church after Mass to accept your donations. Your financial support helps us continue to aid families in need.

*..for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty
and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger
you welcomed me.*

Matt. 25:35

LENT

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE Monday, April 7th

Confession is a Sacrament of the Church, and all the Sacraments are an experience of God's LOVE in a very real and personal way. Confession is a personal encounter with God through the Priest. God takes on human flesh so that you can see in the face of the Priest, the compassion of God. Join us for your encounter with forgiveness!!

FRIDAY NIGHT LENT SCHEDULE

5:00 pm Vespers
Benediction
5:30 pm Mass
6:00 pm Stations of the
Cross



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April 4th & April 11th

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Fridays during the Fish Fry

Pick-up or Eat-in
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

APRIL 4TH - SVDP

APRIL 11TH - YOUTH MINISTRY

FRIDAY'S AT 6:00 PM

GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION

FRIDAYS : MARCH 7TH - APRIL 11TH
AT 7:00 PM



RSVP for Fr. Joy's Celebration

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please join us for dinner as we
celebrate Fr. Joy!

Friday, April 25th at 6:00 PM
Parish Office

RSVP within the Flocknote

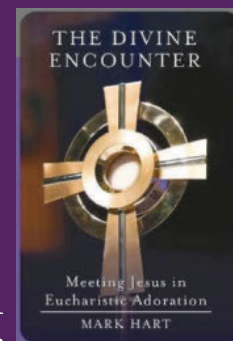
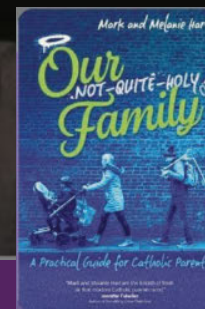
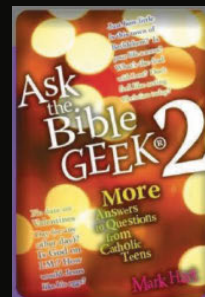
Kindly RSVP by Friday, April 11th

A Note on Gifts

We are accepting **monetary gifts** for Fr. Joy's
upcoming trip home.

If you would like to contribute, please bring your gift
to the **Parish Office** and leave it with **Cheyenne**.





Please Join us for a special Lenten Event
with **MARK HART!**
Sunday April 13th
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