

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

APRIL 2

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

APRIL 3

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

Friday

APRIL 5

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

APRIL 6

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

APRIL 7

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

Dear Padre,

Going to confession has lost its meaning for me. I wish I could get more out of this sacrament.

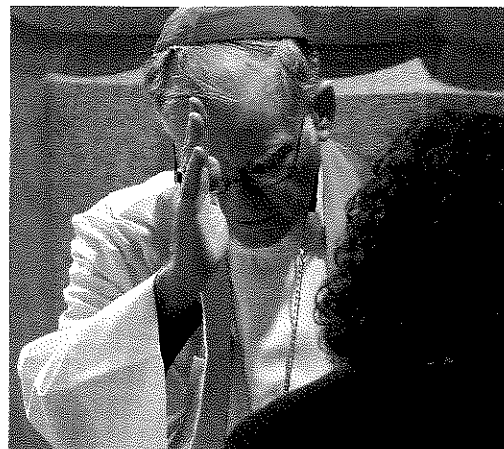
The Catholic Church has always treasured the sacrament of reconciliation. But as adults we need to center on the spiritual depth of this sacrament and gain a new appreciation of it.

Reconciliation is a healing sacrament, meant to mend the rift created between ourselves and God and ourselves and others by our sins. God does the healing; we seek to open ourselves to God's power by asking forgiveness from God and from others. It can be a powerful experience to receive the words of forgiveness, spoken by the priest, as the very words of Jesus healing us and sending us forth to live a more loving life.

This sacrament helps us confront weakness and malice in our life. We all do some shameful things. Sometimes we think, "If others only knew what I think or what I have done, they would not accept me!" When we come to confession with sorrow for our sins and a desire to amend our lives, we are assured of God's complete pardon and acceptance no matter what the sin. If God accepts and loves us, surely we can accept and love ourselves.

Reconciliation also is a beacon to help keep our life on a straight course. We all have faults centering on gossip, selfishness, impatience, and anger. At penance time we take stock of our direction in life and, with God's help, recommit to a more loving path. I hope you can fully unite yourself with the forgiving Jesus and the forgiving Church and receive the grace of the sacrament this Lent.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR
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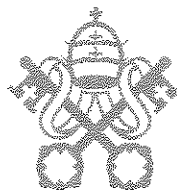
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Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

For more than fifty years, Redemptorists have ministered compassionately with those struggling with scrupulosity.

For more information and to sign up for our

free monthly newsletter, visit:
ScrupulousAnonymous.org



A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus takes from us our diseased humanity and we take from him his sound and healing humanity. This happens each time we receive a sacrament with faith: the Lord Jesus "touches" us and grants us his grace....We think especially of the sacrament of reconciliation, which heals us from the leprosy of sin.

—Angelus, February 15, 2015



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

Jos 5:9a, 10-12

2 Cor 5:17-21

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Living, Loving in the Here and Now

It is good that we are here—joined in community for Sunday worship, here, in this moment of prayer.

Our lives are so hectic and fast-paced that it's often hard to enjoy just being in the present moment with God. It's not just the pressure of work, but the added responsibilities of home. You know the routine...getting the kids to school; getting to work on time; leaving from work; running a few errands; preparing dinner; going back out to pick up the kids from practice; then back home for dinner, dishes, laundry, homework; and then finally to bed on time so you can get up early and start again.

But just stop! Take the time to enjoy the grace of the Eucharist, to rejoice in one another and savor Christ who reveals his love to you. Give yourself this gift. Each moment has power, poetry, and grace. Each instant is a gift from God, and each moment is an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ. It's an occasion to return within ourselves and turn back to our Father who is eagerly waiting for us.

It's good to be here—not somewhere else, not in another time when we were happier, healthier, or life was easier and simpler. Right here, right now, right where God has you is where he is revealing his love. It may not be easy, but this is where God is, and it's good to reflect on the graces each moment presents.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

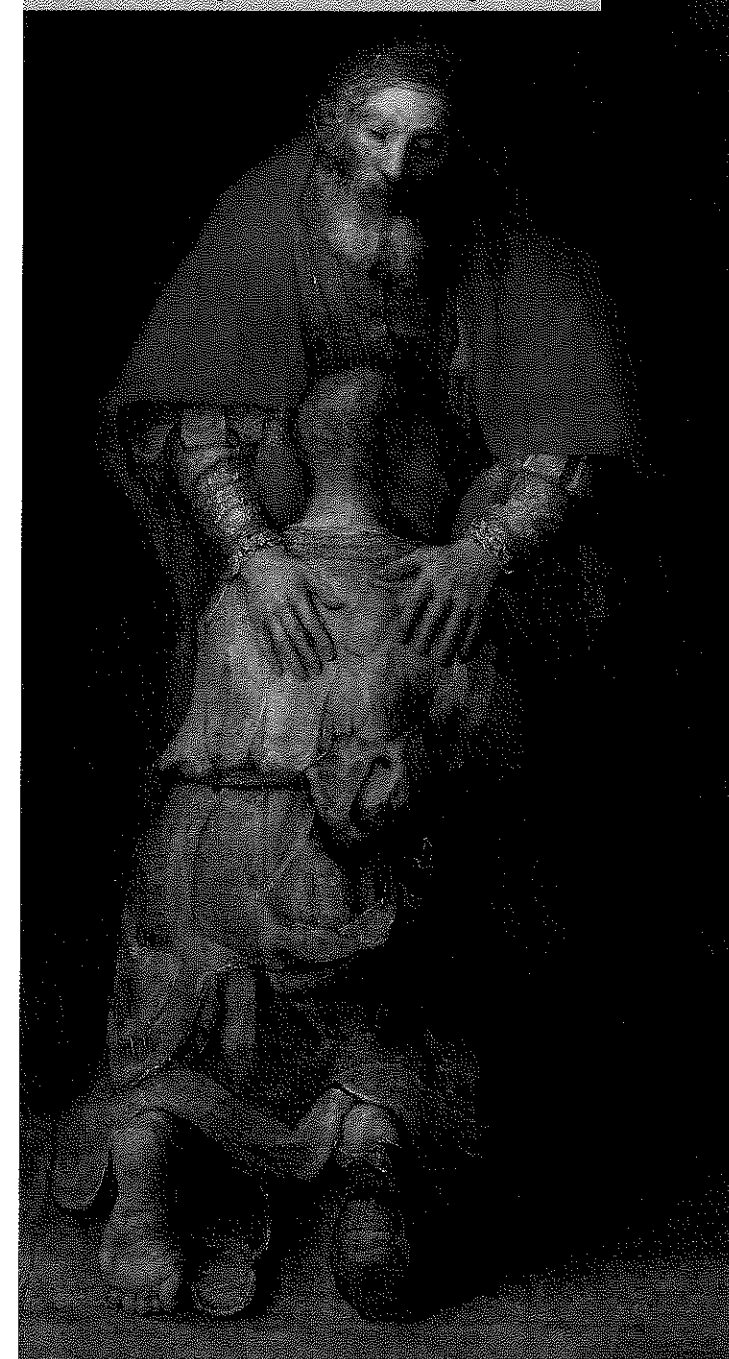
Can I let go of the past and set aside worries of the future to find God in the only place he can be found—in the present moment?

If not, how about asking Christ for that grace today?

[Jesus said,] "Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Luke 15:32

Piece: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* (detail), 1662-1669
Artist: Rembrandt van Rijn
Location: Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg



REMBRANDT VAN RIJN/RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON/GOOGLE ART PROJECT/WIKIPEDIA

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Horas De Oficina

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm
 Friday 9:00am-2:00pm
 Cyndi in office Tues & Friday
 10-2pm & by appointments.
 Patty in office Tues-Fri 9-2
 Carol in office Tues-Thurs 2-6
Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm Tues-
 Fri before daily Mass 7:30-7:45am
Confessions: in GS Lometa
 Sunday 7:30-7:55am
Kitchen Hours/ Horas de Cocina:
 Tues- Fri 6:00-11:00am
Food Pantry/Despensa de Comida:
 Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30am
Shared Blessing:
 Wed & Fri 9:30am-2:00pm
Baptismal Class
 Call the office for date.
Clase de Bautismo
 Llamar la oficina para la fecha.
Adoration: Every Wednesday after 8:00am
 Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour
 after the 6pm Spanish Mass.
Adoración: Todos los miércoles después de
la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los
jueves después de la misa de las 6:30pm

For Those Who Have Died

Espiririon Moreno, Robert Maldonado,
 Mike Medina, Mario Gill, Josephine Valadez,
 Nick Hull, Mike Valles, Edna Deanda,
 William Clayton, Joe Wittenburg,
 Bobby Dyer, Helen Kiley, José Torrez,
 Adela Garrison, Leslie Salazar, Silvano Sanchez,

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday/Lunes, April 1
 8:00am Communion Service
Tuesday/Martes, April 2
 8:00am: Ernest Brewer Birthday
Wednesday/Miércoles, April 3
 8:00am: †Juan Gabriel Torrez
Thursday/Jueves, April 4
 8:00am: (GS) Christopher Buckley
 6:00pm: †Mike y Margarita Medina
Friday/Viernes, April 5
 8:00am: †Mario Gill
Saturday/Sábado, April 6
 5:30pm: †Fermin & Rosa Valadez
Sunday/Domingo April 7
 8:00am: (GS) Trinity Jimenez
 10:00am: †Leslie Salazar
 †Jimmy Maynard
 12:15pm: †Robert DeLaCruz

Sacrificial Giving: March 23/24

1st Collection: \$2677.87
 Children's Collection: \$40.81

Counters: April 2
 George Gondorchin
 Alex Gill

LECTORS March 30/31

Sat 5:30pm: Teresa Swift
 Sun 10:00am: Jess &
 Rebecca Ramos
Dom 12:15pm: Eugenia y
 Kelly Ruperto
April 6/7
 Sat 5:30pm:
 Sun 10:00am: Jess & Rebecca Ramos
 Dom 12:15pm: Estela Montiel y
 Maria Rafael
EMHC March 30/31
 Sun 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros
 Carmen Coonrod
Sun 10:00am: Berna Buenker
 Lily Olivarez
Dom 12:15pm: Edwin Rivas
 Nancy Miranda
April 6/7
 Sat 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros
 Carmen Coonrod
Sun 10:00am: Lily Olivarez
 Charlie Ybarra
Dom 12:15pm: Eduardo y
 Rosa Arevalo

Those Who Serve Our Country

Mark Argo, Jose Argo, Colton Currier,
 Luke Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus
 Garcia, Trenton Cavness, Dyran Self,
 Brandon Crawford, Graham Hibbert,
 Edwin Rivas-Miranda

For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos

Pete Castillo, John Michael Maldonado, Trinidad Rangel, Noah Garcia, Julia Aguilar, Teresa Velasquez John Tracey, Cindy Sawyer,
 Ed Reigle, Jason Moreno, Shannon Barnett, Anthony Ray Torrez, Fred Bartell, Willie Nuñez, Mary Tobin, Dorthy Jeter, Gilbert &
 Rudy Lozano, Teresa Gronau, Louis Torres, Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Adrian & Solomon
 Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mary G Cortez, Tom Rogers, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe
 Rodriguez, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard & Dallia
 Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez,
 David Hernandez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Annabel
 Salazar, Marie Berger, Juan Torres, Elizabeth Harrington, Donna Brewer, Lupe Rodriguez, Oliva Garcia,
Prayer: All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick
 today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who
 have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this
 through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and
 ever. Amen.

St. Mary Announcements

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fridays during Lent @ 6:00pm in English
 and @ 7:00pm in Spanish

VIA CRUCIS:

Cada Viernes durante la Cuaresma
 a las 6:00pm en Inglés y a las 7:00pm en Español

FOOD PANTRY: The collection bin for the Food Pantry
 will be available at the church entrance every weekend
 during Lent. Please consider bringing a few items for our
 neighbors in need. In addition to canned or boxed food, we
 welcome healthy beverages as well as individually-
 packaged hygiene products (soap, toothpaste, Kleenex,
 deodorant, shampoo, etc.) THANK YOU

Proyecto de Cuaresma por la Despensa de Alimentos,
Cada Domingo de la Cuaresma. Por favor considere traer
algunos artículos para nuestros vecinos necesitados.
Además de alimentos enlatados o en caja, aceptamos
bebidas saludables y productos de higiene envasados
individualmentela (jabon, pasta de dientes, Kleenex,
desodorante, champú). GRACIAS! La canasta de
recolección esta en la entrada de la iglesia.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY:

Lenten Fish Fry, starting at 5:30pm-8:00pm
 Every Friday during Lent, at St Mary Cafeteria
 \$8.00 a plate with all the trimmings

EASTER LILIES:

Lily plants in memory of a loved one will be for sale
 \$15.00 for each name. Please fill out the form that is at the
 back of the church, you may drop it of at church office, or
 mail it in. Deadline to place an order is April 12th.

SUBSCRIBE TO PARISH UPDATES:

If you would like to receive parish updates, St. Mary
 parishioners on your cell phone text **Lampasas to 84576** to
 subscribe.

No Greater Love: continues to meet in cafeteria
 Thursdays @ 7:00 pm

The Bible Timeline: Meets in the cafeteria on
 Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Lifetouch Directories: Will be taking pictures of our
 families for St. Mary Directory May 2nd thru the 4th You
 can sign up for date & time at this link https://booknow-
 lifetouch.appointment-plus.com or in the foyer of our
 church.

EIM Workshop in English:

April 13 from 10:00am-12:00pm in the cafeteria
EASTER EGG HUNT: On Easter Sunday, April 21
 @ 11:30am. Donations will be greatly accepted. Call
 Sarah Rivera @512-525-4571 for more information.

MOVIE NIGHT: Second Sunday movie night, "RISEN"
 April 14 @ 5:00pm

Catholic Social Teaching Corner:

Today's Gospel is that of the Prodigal Son, whose father
 welcomes him home with mercy and forgiveness. Who are
 the people in your life who need mercy and forgiveness?
 How can you welcome them home?
El Evangelio de you nos habla sobre el Hijo Pródigo, cuyo
padre le da la bienvenida al hogar con misericordia y
perdón. Quiénes son las personas en su vida que necesitan
misericordia y perdón? Cómo puede usted darles la
bienvenida a casa?

Lenten Reconciliation Services:

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| <i>St Mary's/San Saba</i> | <i>Tues. April 2 @6:30pm</i> |
| <i>St Joseph/Mason</i> | <i>Wed. April 3 @5:30pm</i> |
| <i>St John the Evangelist/Marble Falls</i> | <i>Wed. April 3 @10:00am</i> |
| | <i>Thurs. April 4 @ 6:30pm</i> |
| <i>St Peter/ Goldthwaite</i> | <i>Wed. April 10 @ 5:00pm</i> |

TEXTING SCAM:

We have been notified by several parishes of an active
 texting scam targeting pastors and parishioners. In the
 fraudulent texts, the pastor, mentioned by name, asks for
 donations of gift cards. Please be aware that this is a
 SCAM and do not respond. The Diocese of Austin and
 our priests will not solicit donations in this way.

ESTAFA de MENSAJES de TEXTO:

Varia parroquias nos han notificado de una estafa de
 mensajes de texto dirigida a pastores y feligreses. En los
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 esta manera.

GOOD SHEPHERD Announcements

Lectors: Steve Burke

Altar Society: Rebecca Britton

Flowers: Monica Ivey

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: Please join us Thursdays at 4:15
 in the Family Life Center

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Join us for Stations of the Cross
 Lenten Fridays @ 6:00pm, the church will be open at 5:00pm for
 an hour of adoration before Stations of the Cross.

5th SUNDAY ADORATION: TODAY after Mass. Benediction at
 3:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Thursday, April 4, @ 8:00am

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SACRAFIAL GIVING:

Weekly Offering: for March 24 \$703.00