April 7, 2019

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Reading 1**
Is 43:16–21

**Reading 2**
Phil 3:8–14

**Gospel**
Jn 8:1–11

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RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION - SATURDAY, 3:30 PM

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Mass Schedule
Horario de Misas

MONDAY TO FRIDAY:
7:30 AM

SATURDAY:
8:30 AM
5:00 PM VIGIL
7:00 PM SPANISH

SUNDAY
Morning Mass Schedule:
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

Afternoon & Evening Mass Schedule
1:00 PM
7:00 PM

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Jesus Comes to Our Defense

Today’s drawing places the viewer outside the Gospel scene looking in. We’re behind the darkened figures standing at a door. We see Jesus in full view, standing in the light blocking the accusers’ way toward the woman. He’s clearly coming to her defense as he listens, unmoved by their story.

Oftentimes we may feel that Jesus stands more as an accuser than a savior. He’s there to point out what we should do in the future, didn’t do in the past, or aren’t doing in the present. This isn’t the Jesus the Gospel presents. He stands to defend the sinner before her accusers. Even to those who so blatantly hurt him, Jesus said “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

Sometimes it is hard to let go of an erring view of God. It can be comforting to have someone to blame or fear. Look at St. Paul: He was a zealous persecutor of Christians. Yet, having found Christ, he let go of his erroneous view of God and let Jesus come to his defense. He let go of the guilt of his sinful past and his desire to save himself through his own works. He considered it all trash to be discarded and forgotten as he held on to faith in Jesus.

We need to leave our evil deeds in his merciful heart and forget them there. The sacrament of reconciliation offers the best opportunity to do so. Let him stand at the door of your heart, defending you from those sinister accusers of your past who would haul you back into the darkness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

“For Reflection
Do negative thoughts about myself or my past limit my experience of God’s love?
When have I truly known the redemption of Christ?
Remember that moment of mercy and take strength from it.

Piece: Christ and the Sinner, 1911
Artist: Max Beckmann
Location: Vatican Museums

“Has no one condemned you?”….Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more.”
John 8:10–11

El dibujo de hoy coloca al espectador fuera de la escena del Evangelio mirando hacia adentro. Estamos detrás de las figuras oscuras que están de pie frente a una puerta. Vemos a Jesús a la vista, parados en la luz que bloquea el camino de los acusadores hacia la mujer. Claramente está acudiendo en su defensa mientras escucha, sin inmutarse por su historia. Muchas veces podemos sentir que Jesús es más un acusador que un salvador. Él está allí para señalar lo que deberíamos hacer en el futuro, lo que no hicimos en el pasado o lo que no estamos haciendo en el presente. Este no es el Jesús que el Evangelio presenta. Él defiende al pecador ante sus acusadores. Incluso a aquellos que lo lastimaron tan flagrantemente, Jesús dijo: “Padre, perdónalos, no saben lo que hacen” (Lucas 23:34). A veces es difícil dejar de lado una visión errónea de Dios. Puede ser reconfortante tener a alguien a quien culpar o temer. Mira a San Pablo: fue un celoso perseguidor de los cristianos. Sin embargo, al encontrar a Cristo, dejó de lado su errónea visión de Dios y dejó que Jesús saliera en su defensa. Soltó la culpa de su pasado pecaminoso y su deseo. Salvarse a sí mismo a través de sus propias obras. Consideró que toda la basura era desechada y olvidada mientras mantenía la fe en Jesús. Necesitamos dejar nuestras malas obras en su corazón misericordioso y olvidarlas allí. El sacramento de la reconciliación ofrece la mejor oportunidad para hacerlo. Deja que se pare en la puerta de tu corazón, defendiéndote de esos siniestros acusadores de tu pasado que te arrastrarían de vuelta a la oscuridad.
Incense in church irritates my eyes. Is it really needed?

Some churches, for example, limit incensation to only the sanctuary to minimize discomfort by those with allergies in the congregation.

Although incense is optional at Mass (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 276), and therefore isn’t “needed” per se, the question of its occasional use is more than a mere necessity issue.

The US Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy writes, “Since worship engages Christians fully, in every aspect of their being, they worship God with their bodies and feelings as well as their minds and spirits, with their hands and feet as well as their eyes and ears. The non-verbal elements of the Liturgy can express what cannot be articulated in words and, at times, can reinforce the spoken word” (Introduction to the Order of the Mass, 27).

Incense is a powerful, solemn expression of prayer, purification, and reverence that reinforces the spoken word in worship and praise. It “suggests both the otherness of the transcendent God and the cloud that symbolized God’s glory and presence in the midst of the Israelites” (Introduction to the Order of Mass, 58). The fragrance is intended to awaken our senses and the rising swirl of smoke represents our lifted hearts in prayer. “The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel” (Revelation 8:4).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus…taught that the true battlefield, where violence and peace meet, is the human heart….When he stopped her accusers from stoning the woman caught in adultery, and when, on the night before he died, he told Peter to put away his sword, Jesus marked out the path of nonviolence.

—World Day of Peace, January 1, 2017

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The long awaited All Saints Catholic School’s annual Fun and Color Run is underway. The students kicked off the two week event with a high energy Pep Rally on Monday, April 1st and will run their laps on Friday, April 12th.

The Fun and Color Run is a multi-day fitness and pledge-based fundraiser where students get pledges for the number of laps they run on April 12th. During this two week period leading up to the Fun Run, students will gather pledges for every lap they run and earn individual and class prizes.

The students, families, and staff are working together to raise $30,000 for an interactive science and technology program for all grades!

We want to thank the following community businesses for their generosity in sponsoring the 200+ Fun Run shirts for EVERY student.

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**Seniors “Busy Bees” Activities**

These events are not just for Seniors. Everyone is invited to participate.

**Call: FRANCES LEGG:**
(510) 846-5300

For more information

We are looking for people to join our Thursday group. We socialize, pray together, enjoy a meal and play bingo. We also have guest speakers. We would love to have you join us.

**Thurs, April 11** - Noon - Potluck followed by Bingo. Dessert provided by center.

**Thurs, April 18** - Noon - Potluck followed by Bingo. Dessert provided by center.

**Thurs, April 25** - Noon - Potluck followed by Bingo. Dessert provided by center.

**NEED HELP HEARING THE MASS?**

All Saints is fortunate to have assisted listening devices for those who have problems hearing the Mass. Please ask one of the ushers to show you where the easy-to-use devices are located. We want everyone to hear the Word of God.

Todos los Santos está afortunado de tener dispositivos para los que tienen problemas de audición de escuchar la Misa. Por favor, pregunte a uno de los ushers que le muestre donde están los dispositivos ubicados. Queremos que todos escuchen la Palabra de Dios.
Beginning July 1, 2019
Mass Times will change as follows:

Morning Mass - Monday through Friday - **8:30 a.m.**
in the Chapel
Saturdays - 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Sundays - 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., **1:00 p.m. - Spanish**; 7:00 p.m.

**Church office hours:**
NEW OFFICE HOURS - Effective April 1, 2019
MON-THURS - 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CLOSED FRIDAYS
SAT & SUN - 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Horas de oficina de la Iglesia:
8:00 am - 4:00 pm Lunes - Jueves
CERRADO - VIERNES
9:00 am-5:00 pm Sábado & Domingo

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**LENTEN EVENTS - EVENTOS DURANTE LA CUARESMA**

Join us on Friday Evenings during Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 6pm in the church followed by supper in the Senior Center and our Lenten Program -- The Bible and the Virgin Mary—Journey through Scripture.

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Acompáñenos los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 6 pm para el Vía Crucis en la iglesia y sopa en el Senior Center y nuestro Programa de Cuaresma - La Biblia y la Virgen María - Viaje a través de las Escrituras.

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If you are planning on attending the Friday Soup Suppers (after Stations of the Cross) please bring a reusable bowl, utensils, cup & napkin. Thank you!