



# Lent

Fourth Sunday of Lent + March 6, 2016

Jos 5:9a, 10-12 + 2 Cor 5:17-21 + Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## Monday

MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

## Tuesday

MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

## Wednesday

MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

## Thursday

MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

## Friday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

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

## Saturday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

## Sunday

MARCH 13

Fifth Sunday

of Lent

Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

One of the deep meanings of this Gospel reading is signaled in verse 2: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Last Sunday, Jesus challenged the people to realize they were no better than those they condemned. The Pharisees and scribes had trouble with that lesson. They felt morally superior and more entitled to God's favor than those whose lives they questioned. Jesus turned that attitude on its head, showing time and again that God seeks out the sinner and the lost, particularly those who recognize that they are sinners and lost. As long as the Pharisees and scribes did not see themselves that way, Jesus could not help them.

*Dictionary.com Unabridged* says *prodigal* means "wastefully or recklessly extravagant," so someone who is prodigal is lavish, a spendthrift. According to the Pharisees, Jesus was prodigal, for they considered his welcome of sinners as wildly wasteful, frittering away time and resources on people they thought were unworthy. But Jesus simply was showing them, and all of us, what God's love is like. God is extravagant in his love for saints and sinners alike. To some it might seem pointless or unjust to love and care for sinners and enemies, but God finds no one unworthy or unlovable—even those who reject him and oppress others.

Lent is a time to accept our sinfulness, our lost condition, and return home to the Father. Like the father of the prodigal son, God waits for that warm embrace, willing to give us everything. Hurry now.

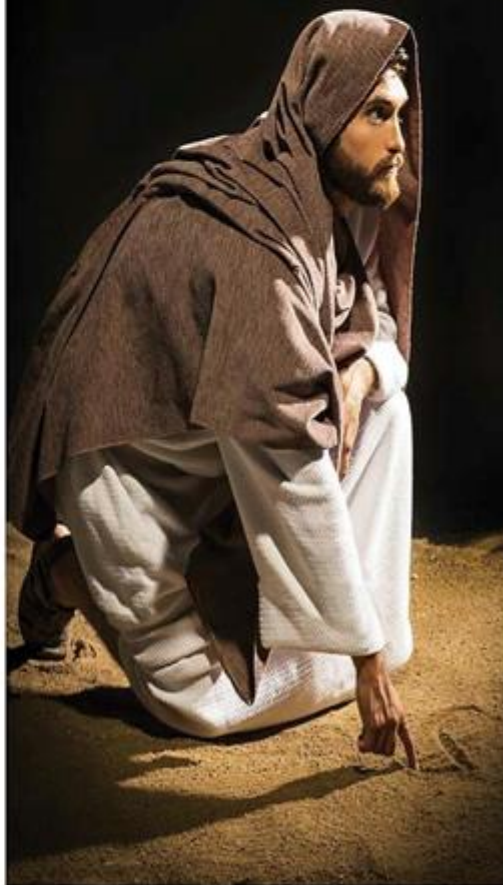
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### A Word From Pope Francis

"What is God's plan? It is to make of us all a single family of his children, in which each person feels that God is close and feels loved by him."

—General Audience, May 29, 2013





# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Lent

*March 6, 2016*



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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.  
to 9:30 a.m.  
**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**  
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

*Mass Schedule for this Week*  
*Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule*  
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family  
*St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions*  
Sat 4:00 pm Judy Duhon  
Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am +Erma Fretz  
Tues 8:00 am +Mr & Mrs David Boe  
Wed 6:00 pm +Mr & Mrs David Boe  
Thu 8:00am Benefactors  
Fri 8:00 am Benefactors

## *From Father Khoa's Desk...*

### *Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

This Sunday's Gospel, the Prodigal Son, reveals God's great love for us. In this parable Jesus emphasizes that God the Father is rich in mercy, always ready to forgive. In the Gospel Jesus reaches out to those who are sinners and the Scribes and Pharisees, who are also sinners, but did not realize it!

In the Gospel, the loving father is God. The younger son is the sinner and his older brother is likened to the Scribes who were sinners. God the Father called both sons to rejoice. He said his son was dead but had come back to life. His brother could not believe the father's forgiveness. He refused to forgive his younger brother. The fruit of the parable is very deep. The ring that the younger son was given was always saved for the older son. The cloak that was put on the younger son was always saved for the eldest son who would inherit his father's land and goods. The sandals were also saved for the eldest son to show his value, and the fatted calf was saved for the celebration of the chosen son. All this went to the younger son to show he was dead and had come back to life.

The older brother could not forgive his brother. He couldn't understand his father's love and forgiveness, very much like the Scribes and the Pharisees who are self-righteous and judgmental. They can see that other people sin, but they cannot see that they themselves also sin by their failure to forgive and love. Will they accept the invitation that God offers them an invitation to the Kingdom of God, or will they fail to repent and thereby refuse the invitation? God is calling all of us to repent during this season of Lent. God the

Father reaches out to us with a loving invitation.

This Lent, let us undertake a very candid and honest examination of our consciences, and address our own sin and weaknesses. We all have them! There is absolutely nothing to fear in approaching the sacrament of reconciliation for the reception of the mercy of our unconditionally loving Lord! A new Springtime is in store for us all this Season of Lent and this approaching Easter Season! May we draw ever nearer our God Who is calling and inviting us!

*Have a great week! May God bless all of us!*

**...Fr. Khoa**

***Lenten Penance Reconciliation Service***  
*St Ann on Wednesday March 16 at 6:30 pm.*

**Catholic Sharing Appeal 2016** Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. So far, OL Chartres reached **61%** and St Ann **21%**. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, it is not too late to help St Ann and OL of Chartres families meet our goal. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

**Lenten Fish Fry:** Every Friday during Lent, from 4 to 7 p.m. we serve Buffet. Please come, support us, and share foods and fellowship with us.

**Friday Stations of the Cross** Please join us each Friday evening during Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 6:00p.m.

**Knights of Columbus:** Meet **this Sunday March 6.**

**Altar Society:** meet **next Sunday March 13.**

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GIFT B.</b>
Sat Mar 05 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta, Sharon Ladner, Richard Dunlap	Austin Scarengoas	Doug August	Ira Necaise
Mar 06 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Mar 06 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Dale Babin , Carolyn Brewer , Kim Wood	Keegan Conner	Robert David	Lester Palmer Family
Sat Mar 12 5pm	Richard Dunlap	Mike West, Ellen West, Doris Snowden	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Ira Necaise	Patricia Lizana
Mar 13 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Mar 13 9am	Jason Necaise	Henrietta , WC King , Lennell King	Carson Nick	Robert Jimmy	Jason & Lisa Necaise Family

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\***

**87Identifiable: \$1,315.00; Loose: \$1,768.00;  
Total: \$3,023.00; Children: \$24.00.**

**OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:**

Identifiable: \$115.00; Loose: \$214.00; Total:  
**\$329.00.**

**\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.**

**CYO:** meet every other week on Sunday  
6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO contact  
**Katelyn Moran** and **Danielle Ladner** or on  
the website  
**www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo.**

**Bereavement Committee:** Please contact  
**Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green  
salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the  
funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

**Church Cleaning:** Thank you David Bass for  
cleaning the church on Feb 28 and Mar 6. The  
Van Pelt will clean the church on Mar 13 and  
20Thank you.

**MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:** You can  
have Masses offered for the deceased as well  
as for living family and friends. Mass cards and  
envelopes are available at the office.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE**

***Church regulations require at least six  
months of preparation for a wedding.*** Our  
advice is to call well in advance of that time if  
you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive  
info: one's own parish clergy are expected to  
supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation  
and to officiate at the wedding.

**RCIA:** For the next two weeks, at the 9am mass on  
Sunday, the RCIA candidates will have the Rite of  
Scrutiny. Please contact **Henrietta Ladner.**

**Bible Study:** We study **the Encounter.** Please  
join us. Classes are on **Tues at 9am and Wed  
at 6:30pm.** For more information, please  
contact **Ruth and Henrietta.**

**Lizana Light:** For more info, please contact  
Doris or Diane. Thank you

**PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:**

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack  
Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley,  
Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley,  
Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia  
Perronne, John Moran, Jerry Rutland,  
Elizabeth Necaise, Regina Franke, Dalwin  
Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry  
Shruff, Andrew Fillengame, and Melissa  
Peterson, Madison Phelps, Monroe Holland, and  
Breanna Ladner.