

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's First Reading, God forgives "the reproach" of the generations who grumbled against Him after the Exodus. On the threshold of the promised land, Israel can with a clean heart celebrate the Passover, the feast of God's firstborn son.

Reconciliation is also at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today's Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer.

In Baptism, we're given a divine birthright, made "a new creation," as Paul puts it in today's Epistle. But when we sin, we're like the Prodigal Son, quitting our Father's house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him.

Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses, make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does.

But only He can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us—like the Prodigal Son—to see God not as our Father but as our master, One we serve as slaves.

God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today's Gospel, He longs to call each of us "My son," to share His life with us, to tell us: "Everything I have is yours."

The Father's words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls "the ministry of reconciliation" entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church.

Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father calls for His lost sons, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.

SHARELIFE

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday "Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." – Cardinal Thomas Collins. Our parish goal is \$22,000.00. Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday during the special collection or at sharelife.org.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS/VIA CRUCIS
Fridays/Venerdì at 7:00PM in English & Italian

DAY OF CONFESSION

Wednesday, April 6

8:30AM-10:30AM

12:30PM-4:00PM

7:00PM-8:30PM

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday mass and Holy Hour April 1 at 7 PM. Stations of the Cross and Confessions will be heard as well. All are welcome to come and spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

2022 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**PALM SUNDAY**

5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

8:00 a.m. Italian

9:30 a.m. English

11:00 a.m. Italian

12:30 p.m. English

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Mass English & Italian

ADORATION: Following Mass

ending at 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 noon English

3:00 p.m. Italian

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

(English & Italian)

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p.m.

(English & Italian)

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Italian

9:30 a.m. English

11:00 a.m. Italian

12:30 p.m. English

7:00 p.m. English

IV DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA

In passato era detta Domenica "Laetare": Invito a rallegrarsi perché il cammino della Quaresima ha superato la sua metà e la Pasqua è ormai vicina. Resta la domanda se abbiamo utilizzato bene la parte della Quaresima trascorsa e come meglio impiegare il tempo che rimane.

Finito il lungo peregrinare attraverso il deserto, gli Ebrei mettono piede sulla terra promessa. Altro periodo duro e difficile: la conquista! Sul momento prevale la gioia di aver raggiunto la meta.

Paolo dice che nei confronti di Cristo poco giova averlo conosciuto fisicamente o anche essergli parente. Conta il diventare nuovi, lasciarci riconciliare con Dio.

La parabola del figliol prodigo è promessa e garanzia di perdono da parte di Dio. Ed è anche altro: descrizione delle conseguenze del peccato, richiamo a fuggire un perbenismo che si fa accusatore del prossimo.

SHARELIFE

Questo fine settimana è la domenica ShareLife "I membri vulnerabili della nostra comunità si affidano a te e a noi per garantire il regolare accesso alle cure di cui hanno disperatamente bisogno. Per questo è fondamentale raggiungere l'obiettivo della nostra parrocchia di \$13,8 milioni. Possiamo riuscirci, ma solo se tutti facciamo la nostra parte." - Cardinale Thomas Collins

L'obiettivo della nostra parrocchia è \$22,000.00. Ti chiediamo di donare con generosità la domenica di ShareLife durante la raccolta speciale delle offerte, oppure sul sito sharelife.org.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE'

Please pray for the soul Andrea Montalbano whose funeral were celebrated during this past week in our Church.

BANNS FOR ORDINATION

Sergio Spadafora is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on June 18, 2022, at St. Michael's Cathedral. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

- 8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue
- 5:00PM Mass Association

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

- 8:00AM Clemente e Stella Barbieri
- 9:30AM Mary Phippard
- 11:00AM Luca Curalli, Luigi e Bruno Iantosca, Maria e Francesco Dinatolo, Giuseppe Prezzi, Marisa Dragonetti, Joe Presti, Concetta Prezzi, Luigi Presta
- 12:30PM Palladino Family

MONDAY, MARCH 28

- 8:00AM Elisabetta Rauti
- 12:05PM Ettore Mattei
- 7:00PM Salvatore Simonetta

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

- 8:00AM Intenzione Speciale
- 12:05PM David Prediger
- 7:00PM Francesco Di Poce

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

- 8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue
- 12:05PM Rosemary Barnard
- 7:00PM Annita Di Martino

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

- 8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue
- 12:05PM Thanksgiving Mass for Lucy Gonzaga For Her Birthday, For the Soul of Marina Stella Di Carlo

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 First Friday

- 8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue
- 12:05PM Mass Association
- 7:00PM Stations Of The Cross/Via Crucis

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

- 8:00AM Anna e Luigi Iannacci
- 5:00PM Mass Association

