



God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
—John 3:17

Collections

March 4, 2018	
Adults	678.00
Plate	5.00
Children	
Candles	8.00
Haiti	168.00
Diocese Appeal	225.00
	1084.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be on Wednesday at 6:15 during Lent. All are welcome to come.

FAITH FORMATION

March 14, 2018—Elem Snack: Vesta; High School Meal:

March 21—Elem Snack: Fote; High School: Attend Penance Service

March 28—Elem—No Class; High School: Cleaning of the Church

PENANCE SERVICE—St. Patrick's—March 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

BREAKFAST—we will be having an Irish breakfast next Sunday after Mass, March 18th. Everyone is welcome.

DIOCESE APPEAL—We are in need of donations to pay our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our Goal is \$5,232.00. We have collected \$4,615.00. We still need to collect: \$1,107.00. Our deadline to pay our appeal is June 1, 2018. All donations and pledges are appreciated.

I CONFESS TO ALMITY GOD

These are the first words of a prayer that we say at the beginning of the Mass to prepare ourselves to hear the Word of God and to receive the Body of Christ. In this prayer, we recognize that we are sinners and we ask the saints and our brothers and sisters in the church to pray for us to Lord our God.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

When the Deacon or Priest says, "Let us offer each other the sign of peace," we turn to those near us and, while shaking their hands (or by giving a kiss if they are very close to us, like family), we say, "Please be with you." In saying these words, we are letting go of anything that may divide us from one another and forgiving anything that may divide us from one another and forgiving whatever hurts may be there. This is an important preparation for Holy Communion, which unites us all in the Body and Blood in Christ. As Jesus put it, "if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gifts there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23).

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, March 11

Rosary: Jan Spurgin

Lector: Tania Fox

EM: Kim & Betsy Elder, Nancy Durr

Greeters: Dave Schimonitz family

Gifts: Dave & Pattie Perlinger

Servers: Bennett Perlinger & Jared Fox

Sunday, March 18

Rosary: Barb Gartrell

Lector: Faith Formation

EM: Bob & Rae Ellen Gifford, Geri Dack

Greeters: Faith Formation

Gifts: Faith Formation

Servers: Mason Schimonitz, Tanner Baltzell

Please find a substitute if you are not able to keep your assignment.

COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY



The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) *or* Psalm 23.

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday
St. Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: Saint Patrick

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

NOT ENOUGH

It is not enough for me to love God, if my neighbor does not love God. —St. Vincent de Paul

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please have items for the Bulletin in by Thursday morning at the church office 386-4300. Email: sacredheart@gpcom.net.

PRAYER CHAIN—Please call Ardis Engler 239-4334 or Marge Perlinger 239-4425 to get it started.