

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2015
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

SCRIPTURE THEME:

RAISED UP BY THE MESSIAH

Last week, when Jesus referred to the destruction of the temple, the account from today's first reading is what would have come to the minds of his listeners. But, as Jesus was speaking on a deeper level, so does today's first reading. In the first paragraph we hear that Israel had, in effect, "fallen" already through its infidelity to the covenant. Lest we get too cozy, this account reminds us that God, though just, loving, and merciful, is capable of punishing sin when that sin is unrepentant. But we are also reminded that God, rich in mercy, anoints individuals to be vessels of salvation as well (in Hebrew, King Cyrus of Persia is called "messiah"). In the Gospel reading, we hear of another Messiah being "lifted up" for our salvation in one of the best-known passages from the New Testament. As Lent concludes and we enter Holy Week, we need to keep our gaze steadfast upon the cross of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to raise us who had fallen.

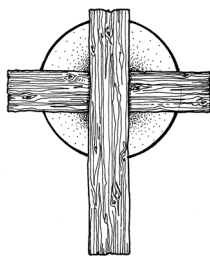


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LENTEN REMINDERS:

Abstinence: All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, unless a very serious reason excuses us on a particular Friday (excepting Good Friday, which must be observed always.)

Lenten Devotions: During Lent why not attend Mass every day. This could be the beginning of a very good habit. Daily Mass here at the Cathedral is at 12:10 P.M. Also, as is customary, the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each Friday afternoon at 5:15 P.M. Please make a special effort to attend.



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SPECIAL COLLECTION:

There will be a special collection taken up at all the Masses today for Catholic Relief Services.

MUSIC AND INSPIRATION WITH CATHOLIC EVANGELIST—KITTY CLEVELAND:

Please join us for an evening of music and inspiration with Catholic evangelist, Kitty Cleveland on Thursday, March 26 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church~6300 McKenna Dr. Sponsored by Catholic Social Services.

Mass Intentions

Week Beginning Sunday, March 15, 2015

Sunday	8:00 AM	Marion Hazan
March 15	10:30 AM	Parishioners
Monday	12:10 PM	Vernon Sullivan
March 16		
Tuesday	10:00 AM	St. Patrick's Day Mass
March 17		
Wednesday	12:10 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Cretaro Family
March 18		
Thursday	12:10 PM	Edna Easton
March 19		
Friday	12:10 PM	John R. Cavanaugh
March 20		
Saturday	8:00 AM	Beatrice Shelton
March 21	4:30 PM	Deceased Members of McGill Family

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations last week-end of \$1,913.89. Thank you. The special collection for Easter decorations was \$330.00. Thank you.



PARISH MEETINGS:

Cathedral Altar Society:

The Altar Society meets the third **Thursday**, of each month at 6:00 PM in the Portier House.

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

This group meets on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 PM in the Allen Memorial Home located at 735 S. Washington Avenue.

Knights of Columbus

The Cathedral Parish Council of the Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Rectory.

RCIA CLASSES

RCIA CLASSES ARE HELD EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:00 PM IN THE CATHEDRAL RECTORY BALLROOM.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice is held each Thursday beginning at 7:00 PM in the choir room of the Cathedral Rectory. New members welcome contact Mr. Paul Hanebuth at 434-1573.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please call the prayer request line at (251) 434-8291 and leave your prayer request. It will be forwarded to the Prayer Network.