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March 26 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent





EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND MAS SCHEDULES

SATURDAY 3:15рм **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION** 3:30 PM - HOLY ROSARY 4:00 PM - HOLY MASS

SUNDAY 8:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 8:30AM-HOLY MASS 10:30 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 11:00AM-HOLY MASS

> REGULAR WEEKDAYS MONDAY-COMMUNION SERVICE TUESDAY-FRIDAY ANNO BROCKMENTSOLY

We need 12 men for washing of the feet and to represent 12 apostles on Holy Thursday so if you like to be one please Contact

Mrs. Sallie Washington 251-471-5096

To return Lawn Party ticket stubs, along with check/cash, please put in envelope clearly marked "Lawn Party" and place in collection basket. For more tickets, call the church office at 251-479-9885.

4/5/2023 Sedar Meal (Passover meal) @ 5:30pm, all are welcome.

Lawn party meeting on March 26, 2023 after 8:30am mass. All are welcome to attend meeting

In case you haven't marked your calendar, the St. Matthew's All School Reunion will be held on Sunday, April 16th. @ 11:00 am till 2pm! After 10am mass, people for reunion move to the school yard to visit with old friends until approximately

2pm! For Country store contributions, please contact Ms. Darlene O'rourke

ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNI-TY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

57. This parable has to do with an age-old problem. Shortly after its account of the creation of the world and of man, the Bible takes up the issue of human relationships. Cain kills his brother Abel and then hears God ask: "Where is your brother Abel?" (Gen 4:9). His answer is one that we

ourselves all too often give: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (ibid.). By the very question he asks, God leaves no room for an appeal to determinism or fatalism as a justification for our own indifference. Instead, he encourages us to create a different culture, in which we resolve our conflicts and care for one another.

Foot Note : Video Message to the TED Conference in Vancouver (26 April 2017):L'Osservatore Romano, 27 April 2017, p. 7.

58. The Book of Job sees our origin in the one Creator as the basis of certain common rights: "Did not he who made me in the womb also make him? And did not the same one fashion us in the womb?" (Job 31:15). Many centuries later, Saint Irenaeus would use the image of a melody to make the same point: "One who seeks the truth should not concentrate on the differences between one note and an- other, thinking as if each was created separately and apart from the others; instead, he should realize that one and the same person composed the entire melody".[54]

Foot Note : Homiliae in Matthaeum, 50: 3-4: PG 58, 508.

59. In earlier Jewish traditions, the imperative to love and care for others appears to have been limited to relationships between members of the same nation. The ancient commandment to "love your neighbour as yourself" (Lev 19:18) was usually understood as referring to one's fellow citizens, yet the boundaries gradually expanded, especially in the Judaism that developed outside of the land of Israel. We encounter the command not to do to others what you would not want them to do to you (cf. Tob 4:15). In the first century before Christ, Rabbi Hillel stated: "This is the entire Torah. Everything else is commentary".[55] The desire to imitate God's own way of acting gradually replaced the tendency to think only of those nearest us: "The compassion of man is for his neighbour, but the compassion of the Lord is for all living beings" (Sir 18:13).

Foot Note : Message to the Meeting of Popular Movements, Modesto, California, United States of America (10 February 2017): AAS 109 (2017), 291.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CASINO BUS TRIP

BEAU RIVAGE— BILOXI, MS SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2023 12:30 PM TO 7:30 PM **COST: \$ 45.00 EACH COST INCLUDES \$ 10.00 FOR SPILT THE POT** \$15.00 FREE PLAY DRINKS, SNACKS & BYOB MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE (MEN & WOMEN) Leave at 12:30 PM from the Church **Parking Lot.** Bus departs the BEAU RIVAGE at 6:30 PM Anooh 30



DIPFOOD PANTRY

The DIP Ministerial Association sponsors a food pantry for those in need. The food distribution takes place on the first Saturday of the month from 9AM to 11AM at Parkway Southern Baptist (corner of Staples Road). All in need are welcome.

The ministry also welcomes all non-perishable donations. Especially; 14oz canned vegetables; green beans, sweet peas, corn, carrots, 1Ib bag of Rice, dried beans or peas, 1 box of spaghetti and 24 oz can of

spaghet- ti sauce, Box of Mac and Cheese, 18oz jar of peanut butter Anyone interested in assisting with this outreach contact Deacon John Archer 925-548-5388

Flowers cost for Easter Decoration is \$ 700. Flowers will be delivered on 4/5/2023. We will decorate Holy Saturday at 9:00am. We need vour help.

Ms. Angela Mooring will sell Tomato Plants today & tomorrow after 4pm, 8:30am & 11:00am mass

Calling All Green Thumbs

Spring is just around the corner. Plants will be sprouting and making babies. We need your help to assure that we will have plenty of plants for our annual lawn party. We ask that you help out when its time to repot your plants to please share with us. If you have a black thumb please purchase and donate. Bring your plants to the church and Barbara Thomas will baby sit them till lawn party. When you bring them, please call Barbara Thomas 251-

422-8829

GOSPEL RFLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Laz arus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon

what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life. The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not be-

lieve Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy. Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death. Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements

of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disci-

ples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb. With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit-Amen

Rev. Prabhu Arockiasamy

PRAYER LIST

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Roy Williams, .,Logan Bowers, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Anne Davidson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, Louise Frontz, Janet Gafford, Tony Golemon,

Mary Ann Keith, Dennis Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leon-

ard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O'Rourke, James M. O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis

Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas,

Melanie Wacker, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Diane Little, Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A, Fred L. Lorge, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith,

Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cottrell, Pete, Sam Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Chuck Simmons, Damian

Turk, John O'Conner, Fr. Francis J. Sofie Jr, Megan, Stephen Wiese, Matthew wiese, Raymond Floyes, Kay K Shaw, Lloyd J. Thompson, Ruby P Thompson, George E. Merren, Jr, Flora Decker,

Mary Ann Fletchery, Pat McKeough, Mathew Wilson, Eddie Booth Jr, Helen Bender, Paige Ellis, Eunice Miles, Gloria Leslie, Diana Holifield, Bea Burton, Janet & John Frazier, Henry Hoven, Mark Westbrook, Ronnie Hudson, Jewanda Taylor Jowe, Nicholas Balch, Jean Stanley, Colleen O'Rourke, Perry Hockaday, David Curtis, Kristi

D Young, Beth Kenny

MASS OPENINGS

7 April 2022—Opening 13April 2022—Opening 14April 2022—Opening 16 April 2022—Opening 18April 2022—Opening 19April 2022—Opening 20April 2022—Opening 21April 2022—Opening 23 April 2022—Opening 26 April 2022—Opening

Next Friday stations of the Cross will be conducted by our Parishioners