

Daily Readings

Week of April 3, 2022

Sunday, 4/3: Is 43: 16-21/Ps 126: 1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/

Phil 3: 8-14/Jn 8: 1-11

Monday, 4/4: Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/

Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4,5,6 /Jn 8: 12-20

Tuesday, 4/5: Nm 21: 4-9/Ps 102: 2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8: 21-30

Wednesday, 4/6: Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8: 31-42

Thursday, 4/7: Gn 17: 3-9/Ps 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8: 51-59

Friday, 4/8: Jer 20: 10-13/Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10: 31-42

Saturday, 4/9: Ez 37: 21-28/Jer 31: 10, 11-12, 13/Jn 11: 45-56



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RENEW YOUR SPIRIT”**



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Mass Schedule: 11:00am Sunday

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April 3, 2022

5th Sunday of Lent

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Schedule for April 10, 2022

Lector: Mark/Patty

Greeters/Gifts: Mark/Doris

Servers: Kevin/Nathan

Money Counters: Mark/Margo

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris



Today's Mass Intention:

J.C. & Helen O'Hara

Priest Visit to the Homebound
If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Marilyn Stevenson, Derek Denniston, Julie Ahrendsen
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



TO OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

5th Sunday of Lent—Christian Disciplines and Newness

Sports are by no small means a favorite American pastime. Many young people engage in one or several sports during the school year; families spend time with their favorite teams and games.

But you see, sports have several familiar parallels with the Christian life and disciplines. This may sound familiar to you: "Amy Van Dyken returns to competition for the first time since being paralyzed," and "Colby Stevenson survived a horrific car crash and is now a Team USA Olympian." Maybe not surprising, but these folks end up with medals.

Athletes, skiers, swimmers, footballers, skaters, and gymnasts undergo severe training to remain in their game and enjoy doing what they love. They may get hurt from practice or other events, but they hardly permit such injuries to stop from doing what they love. Instead, they recover, work out and get back to their game.

The immeasurable love of God that is given to us, and which we are called to reflect in our attitude and conduct as Christians, leads St. Paul to relate Christian discipline to sports. Paul's reason for intimating, "I, for my part, do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit of the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-16) was his familiarity with the gymnasium.

Since Paul grew up in the Greek city of Tarsus, there is no doubt that he was familiar with Greek gym activities and winning medals. He might not have engaged in sports due to his Jewish background, as Jews frowned upon the gym, Cf. (2Maccabees), but he certainly was aware of the benefits of the strenuous activities that took place there.

Paul acknowledges the challenges of being Christian; therefore, he always urged committed effort on the part of Christians to keep at it "towards the prize of God's upward calling" (Philippians 3:14) and "the glory to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18).

What is unique with faithfulness to the Christian disciplines is that the crown is assured to all, not just the holiest. It explains why Jesus said to the woman in the gospel narrative as the two of them were left standing there alone, "woman, has no one condemned you? She said, "No one, sir." Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." That's it!

Jesus believed in the woman. He knew she was created good; therefore, her corrupted will could be healed with God's love and grace. It also supports the passage from Isaiah in the first reading: "Remember not the past events, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!" Newness is a gift of God, and He is willing to give it to us if we don't give up on Him or on ourselves, and only if one wants it.

- Guild Meeting is tomorrow, April 4th at 6:30pm. All ladies are welcome!
- REMINDER! Mass will begin at 10:30am NEXT SUNDAY, Palm Sunday, April 10th and going forward.
- Please consider donating Easter flowers to help decorate our altar during the Easter season. If you are unable to purchase the flowers but would still like to donate flowers please call Doris Denniston @ 319-480-6963 or Karen Bachman @ 319-981-3906. Easter Sunday is only 2 weeks away!!
- We will be returning to our custom of serving refreshments after Mass, generally on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please look in your pigeonhole in the hall for the schedule. The person who is the 1st on the list is the chairperson and should contact the other people on the list. If you're unable to serve, try and exchange dates with someone & let your chairperson know. Refreshments should be easy to serve and eat. We hope you will all be able to participate and enjoy some social time with your church family!
- The next CCD class is Sunday, May 1st at 9:15am, followed by our "Children's Mass".
- Please consider volunteering for one or all of our ministries we have here at Sacred Heart. Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, sing in the choir, altar server, or be a greeter and gift bearer. Many options that we would love and invite everyone to partake in.
- Reconciliation opportunities during Lent: Friday, April 8 @ 5:00pm-6:30pm & Sunday, April 10 @ 11:30am-12:30pm.
- Reconciliation opportunity in the Deanery: April 7 @ 7:00pm @ St. Jude with Communal Penance.
- Since our Mass time will be changing, so will the time of CCD! Sunday, May 1st CCD will be at **9:15am** with our last Children's Mass for the year following at 10:30am. Sunday, May 15th CCD is at 9:15am and after Mass there will be a CCD Celebration @ the Rissler Ranch! Please join the CCD family and friends at a lunch celebration at the home of Matt & Sarah Rissler. Please let Sarah know if you'll be able to make it. They will have hotdogs, tableware and drinks and ask each family to bring one side to share. The celebration will be outdoors (in a barn in case of rain) and there will be games and activities for everyone!



Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

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