

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 27, 2022**

*Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.
— 2 Corinthians 5:17*



LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

GOSPEL — *We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life* (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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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: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;
 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]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Friday: First Friday; Abstinence; April Fool's Day
Saturday: St. Francis of Paola; First Saturday

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Lent

O God, who through your Word

reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray,

that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

How am I preparing myself for the celebrations of Holy Week? Is there more that I can do?

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The First Communion and Sunday School Classes will meet, in Ferguson Hall, every Sunday, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE
SUNDAY**

**MASS: 8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.**

**CONFESSIONS OFFERED
EVERY SUNDAY
9:00 – 9:45 A.M.**

WEDNESDAY MASS – 9:00 A.M.

CONFESSIONS OFFERED 9:30 A.M.

**FRIDAY
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 A.M.**

THANK YOU

With Gratitude Your love and care have been a source of great comfort and healing. We are eternally thankful for your support during this difficult time.

"I always thank my God for you, because of His grace given you, Christ Jesus."

Carlos and Paula Nix

The [Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet](#) stand strong with their commitment of over 350 years: *love their dear neighbor without distinction*. We are in solidarity with one another. In our Catholic social teaching, that means "loving our neighbor without distinction" has global dimensions. In our circle, everyone is included. This presentation is the third theme of the sisters' belief that *Everyone is Sacred* by Promoting Peace and Non-Violence with all of our neighbors, following up on the previous two years themes of Dismantling Discrimination, and Care for Creation.

Saturday, April 23, 2022, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. (doors open at 8:30 a.m.)

Linger Over Breakfast

From Trauma to Transformation: Covid 19 Healing in all of our Lives

with [Patrice Coolick, PA, MA, CSJ](#) and [Rosario Bobadilla, MA, LMFT, LPC, CSJ](#)

At St. Teresa's Academy, Windmoor Center, 5600 Main Street Kansas City, MO 64113

\$15, breakfast included. Register online at [Linger Over Breakfast](#). May register for in-person or Zoom participation.

POPE FRANCIS' VISION FOR THE CHURCH IN AN AGE OF PANDEMICS

Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City
 Rockhurst University, Arrupe Hall Auditorium, Kansas City, MO
 Friday, April 22 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City invites you for an evening with Professor J. Matthew Ashley of the University of Notre Dame. Professor Ashley's presentation is part of our 2022 Ignatian Weekend. In this evening presentation Professor Ashley will share how Ignatian spirituality provides a lens for understanding how Francis exercises his Petrine ministry today. For more information and to register for this free lecture, see Ignatian Weekend 2022 at www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events.

OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Please notify Father Leonard when you or a family member has been hospitalized or is now homebound. Call the church Office: 816-471-3696, or email: leombuthia@yahoo.com.

Edith Bolder, Jeanette Hamilton, Rosa Birch, Sandra Cloyd, Delores Bazy, Vera Brown, Keven Brown, Ray Myers, John Johnson, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald & Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Michael Mize, Paris Harrington, Earl Greene, Ovell & Frances Thomas, Dorothy Mustin, Earnestine Nard, Flora Waddell, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta Mize, Michael Mize, Rhea Holloman, Clara Mays, Melva McClellan, Carlos Nix, Walter Canady, Velma Jennings



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