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APRIL 6, 2025 | 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

REFLECTIONS

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is **"left alone before him."** A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ. What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.



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Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

> ember Your Offerings

– Father John Muir

THIS WEEK AT-A	A-GLANCE	Friday	St. Anthony's	COLLECTION FOR 3-30-2025
Monday	St. Anthony's—Lakin	7:30 am	Rosary & Prayers	Envelopes: \$ 900.00
5:00 pm	Rosary & Prayers	8:00 am	Mass	Loose: \$521.00
5:30 pm	Mass	8:30—10 am	Eucharistic Adoration	Online Giving: \$406.96
Tuesday	HPRV	Saturday	Lakin	Total: \$1,183.96
9:30 am	Mass	3:50 pm	Confessions	Average Weekly Expense: 1,761.17
10:10 am	Communion/Visiting	4:00 pm	Mass (St. Anthony)	Income over/under: 66.79
Wednesday	St. Raphael-Syracuse	5:20 pmConfession		Rememb
8:00 am (MST) Thursday	Mass (Syracuse) St. Anthony's –Lakin	6:00 pm Sunday	Mass (Christ the King) Lakin & Syracuse	thank your
11:00 am	Confession	8:00 –8:50 an	n Confessions	
11:45 am	Rosary & Prayers	9:00 am	Mass (St. Anthony)	OFFICE HOUR
12:15 pm	Mass	10:30 am	Mass (St. Raphael)	T -F 8:00 am -6:00 pm

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DEAR PADRE,

A friend of mine told me he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. What does that word mean?

The word triduum is a Latin word meaning "three days." In this context, it refers to the paschal Triduum: the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when we cele-



brate Christianity's most sacred events— the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The official beginning of the paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command (mandatum) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends in stillness as the tabernacle is emptied, and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence. Good Friday is a day of somber quiet as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross. Holy Saturday is characterized by a spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new Light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. These are the Christian high holy days.

5th Sunday of Lent / April 6, 2025

1st Reading Question: Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters. (Is 43:16)
Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)
Second Reading: Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)
Gospel: Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." (Jn 8:10-11)
Observances for the week of April 6, 2025

Sunday: 5th Sunday of LentMonday:St. John Baptist de la Salle, PriestFriday:St. Stanislaus, Bishop and MartyrSaturday:Next Sunday:Next Sunday:Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

ON BECOMING HUMAN

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes human beings seem to be evolving into more than what we have been. Gradually, we become capable of experiencing more than what we pick up through our five senses. We listen to our intuition; we pay attention to our sixth sense; we discover a spiritual side to our personalities. More and more, we notice people in need. We find ourselves becoming better listeners as people unburden themselves to us. We may be more aware of some stirring deep within ourselves. All such moments may be seen by people of faith as God bringing us to a new place in life. Just as Isaiah speaks of God doing something new among the Israelites in distant exile, God continues to guide us to becoming more completely human. By his life, passion, and death, Jesus shows us most clearly what sort of person our God is drawing us to be: compassionate and just, generous and merciful, loving in a wasteland of indifference. So, when we hear the story of Jesus not condemning the woman caught in adultery, we may find ourselves becoming conscious of our own need to stop judging, stop condemn-

ing. Most of us have not yet evolved to the point of doing what Jesus would do. Instead, we condemn others while overlooking our own culpability. We are still in the process of learning to follow Jesus, to act as he would act, to love as he would love. It is God at work in us.



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Have others ever told me, whether in anger or with kindness, that I just can't see something clearly? Am I aware of my blind spots?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Me han dicho otras personas alguna vez, ya sea con enfado o con amabilidad, que no puedo ver algo claramente? ¿Estoy consciente de mis puntos ciegos?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We can always run the risk of...having [Jesus'] name on our lips but denying him by the way that we live.... How, then, can we prove whether or not we are true disciples of the Master? We do so by the way we regard our neighbor and the way we regard ourselves.

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We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, Jenli, Seth, Jillian, children

of Brandy & Robert Woodrow. Welcome to God's family in the Church! May our Loving God continue to pour down His abundant blessings upon Jenli, Seth, & Jillian.



EASTER FLOWERS

If anyone or family wants to donate for the verflower in memory of a loved one. Please put your donation in an envelope along with whom it is given plus your name as the donor. Thank you

ST. ANTHONY ALTAR SOCIETY

St. Anthony ladies, we are responsible for "Soup & Sermon" on APRIL 9, next Wednesday. If you can help

with making soup or sandwiches for this event, please call Nanette Rice 620-355-7676 or 620-651-1327. Your help is very much appreciated.



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FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We hold Stations of the Cross led by Knights of Columbus every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm during Lent. We hope you will join us for this prayerful devotion.



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HOLY THURSDAY	4-17	6:00 pm
GOOD FRIDAY	4-18	3:00 pm
Easter Vigil	4-19	8:30 pm
Easter Sunday Mass	4-20	9:00 am

CONGRATULATIONS - CONFIRMANDI

We are grateful to their parents, sponsors, catechist who worked hard to prepare them for this very special day on their journey of faith! May the love of Jesus forever remain close to you Avory Barrera, Bernardo Beltran, Noemi Botello, Parker Campas, Yarithza Dominguez, Lucy Gannett, Melanie Gutierrez, Avery Manzano, Kaylie Martinez-Rodriguez, Ximena Oropeza, Enrique Ortega Acosta, Jesse Peregrino, Jordon Peregrino, Victor Ramirez, Yamilet Ramirez, Romeo Rios, Aleli Saenz,Cole Waetcher



6 de abril de 2025 - V Domingo de Cuaresma Estamos llegando al final de la Cuaresma. Se termina el Jueves Santo con la Misa de la Cena del Señor. "En la Cuaresma, la Iglesia renueva la llamada a la conversión. El hombre nuevo nace en el Bautismo. Dios nos hace sus hijos y nos incorpora a Cristo y a su iglesia. Del corazón del hombre renovado, según Dios, proceden los comportamientos buenos. Estamos llamados a abandonar los comportamientos del pecado y a fijar la mirada en lo esencial" (Papa Francisco). ¿Qué sería lo esencial? Lo primero sería buscar dentro de nosotros mismos para dar respuesta, comenzando con mis actos y los de los demás. A veces, somos tan duros para juzgar. Aplicamos la ley de la piedra sin piedad. Duros de corazón, difíciles para practicar el perdón. Sin embargo, Tú, Señor, me perdonas con la blandura de un Evangelio escrito en el suelo, es decir, en tierra blanda. Aprovechemos hoy para pedir a Jesús la enseñanza de la misericordia. Esa misma misericordia aplicada a la mujer sorprendida en adulterio. ¿Qué debió haber sentido aquella persona acusada a la pregunta de Jesús? "Mujer, ¿dónde están? ¿Ninguno te ha condenado? Ella contestó: Ninguno, Señor. Y Jesús le dijo: Tampoco yo te condeno. Vete y en adelante no vuelvas a pecar" (Juan 8:10-11). Pues bien, el reto de la conversión es no volver a pecar. Es aprender día a día a ser buenos, con nosotros mismos y con los demás.

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Question: If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

Answer: Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you.

Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul. ©LPi

Mon, Apr 7	5:30 pm	Sp. Int. Powers Family
Tue, Apr 8	9:30 am	For the People
Wed, Apr 9	9:00 am	St. Raphael's
Thurs, Apr 10	NO Mass	For the People
Fri, Apr 11	8: 00 pm	Sp. Int. Burden Family
Sat, Apr 12	4:00 pm	† Julia Rosales
Sun, Apr 13	9:00 am	+ Phyllis Sullivan

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MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK 5th Sunday of Lent

4/5/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m. Servers: Gus, Jonathan & Nathan Gannett

Reader: Karen Burden

Extra Ordinary of HC: Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter 4/6/2025–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller **Reader:** Alvin Bergkamp

Extra Ordinary of HC: Maria Enriquez, Rosa Cardenas

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

4/12/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Rowen Simon, Brelund Budd, Volunteer Reader: Tom Bachman

Extra Ordinary of HC: Cecilia Harris, Karen Burden

4/13/2025–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Haley Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow Reader: Steve Sullivan

Extra Ordinary of HC: Teresa Beltran, Karen Burden

Reconciliation:	Confessions are heard every Saturday at 3:00 pm and every Sunday at 8:00
Baptism:	Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Please call the parish office for an appointment.
Marriage:	Please contact parish priest at least four months before the wedding.
Anointing the sick:	Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.