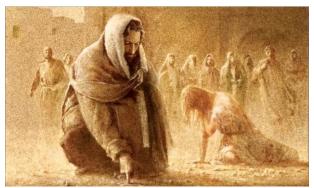
# 5th SUNDAY OF LENT



FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:16-21

The Lord is doing something new for His people.

#### **SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14**

Paul says that he counts all things as lot and focuses on one goal, Christ.

#### **GOSPEL:** JOHN 8:1-11

Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.

### **FAMILY CONNECTION:**

There are few people that we know better than the members of our own family. We know one another's strengths and abilities, and we also know one another's limitations and weaknesses. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we may be tempted to focus on the faults and sins that familiarity with one another can sometimes reveal. As family members, however, we also have the ability to see one another's faults and sins within the context of the whole person. When we can keep this perspective, we are more likely to look upon one another with compassion. Family life, then, presents us the opportunity to see one another as God sees us, not with judgment and condemnation for our weaknesses and failings, but with mercy and compassion. When we learn to withhold judgment for the faults we know are there and seek the best in one another, we help one another to experience the depths of God's compassion, mercy, and love.

As you gather as a family, observe that when we know people well we know their faults as well as their strengths. At times, we can be tempted to focus on the faults we see in others. Discuss what your family life would be like if you always focused on one another's faults. Observe that in today's Gospel, Jesus refuses to focus on the sin of the woman brought to him for iudgment, Read aloud today's Gospel, John 8:2-11. Ask: What did the people who focused on the woman's sin want to do? (stone the woman) What does Jesus say to the people who accused the woman caught in adultery? (that the person with no sin should throw the first stone) Are any of us without sin? (No.) Observe that we can help each other to grow in God's love by refusing to focus on one another's faults and sins. In this way, we can help one another to see ourselves as God sees us: with understanding and compassion. Conclude in prayer together asking God to forgive our sins by praying the Act of Contrition.



Saturday APRIL 5, 2025 9:00 AM - SPECIAL IN

- SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF OMNI PRAYER GROUP

- JOSEPH SHIRREFFS (†)

- ROSALINDA DIZON QUILOP (†)
- SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF TONI FAJARDO

5:00PM NELSON NORONHA (†)

Sunday APRIL 6, 2025

9:30 AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

11:15AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF PRABUDDA PERERA & FAMILY

Monday APRIL 7, 2025 WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY Tuesday APRIL 8, 2025

8:30AM HEALING FOR CATHERINE SANTOS

Wednesday APRIL 9, 2025

8:30AM ALEJANDRO CAOITAN (†)

Thursday APRIL 10, 2025

8:30AM HEALING FOR THERESA SANTOS

Friday APRIL 11, 2025

8:30 ÅM - DECEASED LAM FAMILY (†)

- CATHERINE CAMPBELL (†)

#### **BURNING THIS WEEK (SANCTUARY LAMP):**

REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF VICENTE JUNNIFER

**PACULABA** 





# 5th SUNDAY OF LENT





Every Friday in Lent – March 7 (Adoration), 14, 21, 28, April 4
(Adoration) & 11, 2025
We begin with the Rosary/Adoration at 6:00pm

APRIL 13, 2025 – PALM SUNDAY REGULAR MASS TIMES

APRIL 15, 2025 – MASS OF CHRISM

NO MASS AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH in lieu of this we will have the morning Mass on April 14th @ 8:30am.

APRIL 17, 2025 — HOLY THURSDAY NO 8:30am Mass Mass is @ 7:00pm (The Lord's Supper) PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

#### APRIL 18, 2025 - GOOD FRIDAY NO 8:30am Mass

10:00am, 12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
(Led by parish ministries & organizations)
1:00 pm Children's Passion Play
3:00pm-6pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Church is open for visitation from 7:00am until 6:00 pm for private prayers.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

#### APRIL 19, 2025 - EASTER VIGIL (SATURDAY)

CHURCH CLOSED THE WHOLE DAY UNTIL 6pm.

NO 9:00AM & 5:00PM MASS
7:00pm (Beautiful candle light service)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

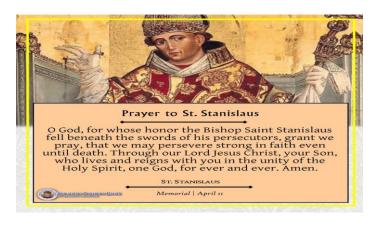
#### APRIL 20, 2025 - EASTER SUNDAY

Regular Mass Schedule (Sunday: 9:30am & 11:15am)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



"Lent is a season in which we especially focus on examining our hearts, confessing our sins, and reflecting on the significance of Christ's death."



# SL ShareLife

#### YOU OPEN THE DOOR TO SAFETY FROM ABUSE

Your support of ShareLife-funded agencies is a saving grace for victims of domestic abuse. Maria was trapped in an abusive relationship, isolated from family and friends. A mother of three, pregnant with her fourth, she needed to escape for her safety and theirs. At Safe Centre of Peel, led by Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, 17 partner agencies unite to care for families. They provide legal assistance, safe housing, and financial aid. Through your solidarity, Maria and her young children were able to secure the freedom they deserve.

Thus far we have raised **\$2583.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

# From the Pastor's Desk



We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.

- Pope Francis -

This Friday evening, <u>April 11, 2025</u>, our young people will lead our faith community in a pivotal gathering as we prepare to enter the sacred period of Holy Week. In this Jubilee Year, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," let us unite in prayer, embodying our faith that these young leaders will shine as witnesses to the Gospel and serve as true instruments of faith, hope, and love in our world filled with challenges.

I warmly invite each of you to join us for this meaningful parish celebration at **6:00 PM**. Your presence will uplift our young leaders and strengthen our community.

After the celebration, the families of our confirmands look forward to hosting a simple fellowship to foster connection and joy among us all.

With heartfelt prayers and blessings,

Fr. Fernan



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If there are errors or mistakes in the bulletin we are humans too. Nobody is perfect. –FZS