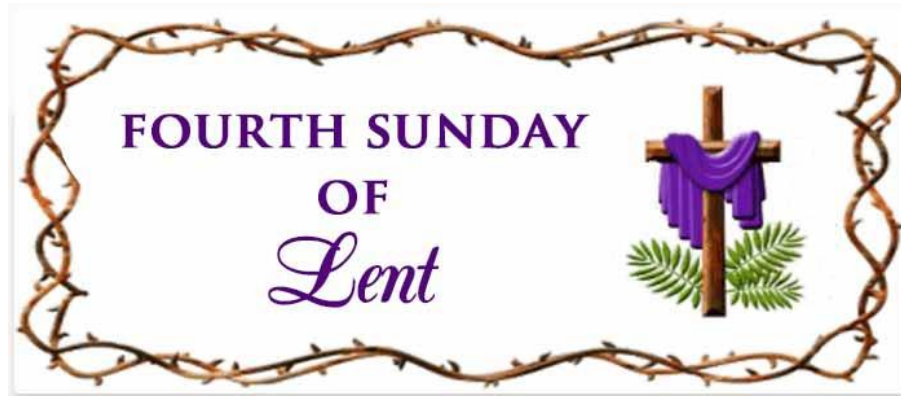


THE PARISH OF LONG POINT BAY



PORT ROWAN ♦ PORT RYERSE ♦ TURKEY POINT ♦ VITTORIA ♦ ST. JOHN'S WOODHOUSE

Sunday March 27th 2022
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Opening

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Sentence

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him: Father I have sinned against heaven and before you. *Luke 15.18*

Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

JOSHUA 5:9-12;

PSALM 32;

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21;

LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

Reflection March 27, Archdeacon Rick Jones

Our Psalm for today is Psalm 32 "The Joy of Forgiveness"

"Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,

and in whose spirit, there is no deceit. (vs 1-2)

These short verses sum up the readings for this Sunday. Paul tells the Corinthians that now that we are in Christ, we have become a new creation. We are no longer to look on people from a human point of view but recognize that Christ indwells us all. We are literally remade into Godly spiritual people. Jesus tells the story of the Prodigal son in Luke's gospel. The son who squanders his inheritance in the worst way but is received by the Father and restored to the family. In that story many people would sympathize with the older brother who never strayed and felt that it just wasn't fair to restore the lost brother in the unconditional way the Father choose. (Feasting and fine clothes) The younger son didn't deserve it right?

In my mind that kind of encapsulates the problem. Most people, unless they have some personality disorder, don't actually ever feel completely free of guilt nor can they really imagine others as being totally forgiven and thus free of sin and guilt. Why is that so? There is probably some psychological answer but I don't have it. All I know is that Scripture tells us and Jesus' life and teaching tells us that against all evidence to the contrary, and in spite of what you or I feel about ourselves and others, you and I are forgiven. We are made a new Creation in Christ, we are loved and embraced in our Father's/ Mother's/ Creator's love. We just can't do anything bad enough to escape this unconditional love and grace.

If this is a fact, then all my self loathing and judgements of others are a total waste of time and energy. I guess if I have closing questions for myself and for you this morning they would be, "How would my relationships to myself and others be different if I could look at myself and others as God sees us?" and "Can we be spiritually, mentally and emotionally mature enough to face the truth with all it implies for our lives?" My first response to these questions is I can't do this without God's help and letting go and praying that God will take over and help me embrace the changes that need to come. Not just for Lent, but I will need to give up judging myself and others.....and experience the happiness of those whose sins are forgiven and who can forgive others.



Prayers for Sunday March 27th from Jack Addison

LET US, GOD'S PEOPLE, PRAY

Leader: ~ O Lord, Most Faithful, when we seek Your mercy in faith and trust, we are found, forgiven, and reconciled by You and through Christ. Help us to truly embrace our calling as Ambassadors for Christ, encouraging all who feel lost.

Loving, Patient God

RESPONSE:

We make our prayers to You

~ O Lord, Most Faithful, infuse the leaders of our Planet, our Nation, and our Community, with the wisdom and understanding to govern all Your people with integrity, justice, and compassion.

Loving, Patient God

We make our prayers to You

~ O Lord, Most Faithful, restore hope and wholeness to all who are seriously ill, addicted, or victims of violence, and renewed energy for all who give them care. We now join our hearts together to pray for those in need.

Loving, Patient God

We make our prayers to You

~ O Lord, Most Faithful, soothe the hearts of those who mourn, as all of Heaven rejoices that those lost to mortal existence, are now found with new and eternal life.

Loving, Patient God

We make our prayers to You

~ O Lord, Most Faithful, may all who are called and anointed in Your service, seek continual refreshment in Your unwavering Presence, as they persevere in guiding us always to You.

Loving, Patient God

We make our prayers to You

The Celebrant adds: God of the Lost and of the Found, release us from earth-bound snares, bits and bridles, to be reconciled in Christ as a New Creation. Spare us from all that we think we deserve, to discover our selves, our hearts, and our souls freely at home again with You. We ask through Jesus, our Compassionate Savior; and the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier of our Souls; who together with You, are One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We pray especially for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia, AD Rick Jones, Rev Enrique Martinez, and Rev Jack Cox.

For the week beginning Sunday 27 March, 2022, we will be praying for Fr. Mario Hryniewicz (interim) and the people of Holy Trinity, St. George.

We pray for the ones who have asked for your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale F, Rose G, Julie, Carol M., George F., Carol H., Bud W. Juanita K. Mary B. Sabrina S, Colin C. his father Michael, Pat A. and all their families and anyone known to you, silently or aloud

Remember as well our shut-ins June, Shirley & John, Julie, Sheila, Sylvia, Anna and Jack B

Our thoughts and prayers go out this week on the recent passing of Iris Brunning.



It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists, can you please email Anne at lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com or Enrique at enrique6921@gmail.com

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them let us know and we will add to the list

Prayer of Confession

Search us O God and know our hearts today
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,
see if there are any hurtful ways in us
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

Words of Assurance

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others
Amen

Closing Prayer

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

Doxology

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please click on the link to watch this week's Parish Video

Video to follow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In house worship today St John's Port Rowan at 10 am

April 3rd at Memorial and St. John's Woodhouse

Bi-Weekly newspaper

Any good movies you've seen or books you have read. A delicious recipe you want to us all to enjoy. Do you have memories you want to share? Please send them to Rev. Enrique or myself and we can include in the newspaper.

Any birthdays/anniversaries/special occasions in April– Let me know for the newspaper. We can celebrate I don't need your year of birth, just the month and date. Of course, if you have a special age birthday and want to celebrate it just let me know. If you are interested in this special occasion section, please send me details.

Hymn Texts – Sunday, March 27, 2022

524 – O Christ the Great Foundation

1. O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
To preach your true salvation in every aged and land:
Pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.
2. Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
We bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth.
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own;
By grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.
3. Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
Where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak;
There let your church awaking attack the powers of sin,
And, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.
4. This is the moment glorious when he, who once was dead,
Shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:
The final consummation, the glory of all things.

435 – Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be swift and purposeful for thee.
3. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee;
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
4. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
5. Take my love: my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit, please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.

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