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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT April 7, 2019

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
— *Philippians 3:8*

### GOD'S ACTIONS NOW

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

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### WEEKLY OFFERING

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| March 31st |        |
| Budget     | \$2300 |
| Actual     | \$1054 |
| Short      | \$1246 |

### Church Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Anthony Onyekwe

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Mary Alyce Fiechtl

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### Mass Intentions:

April 6th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

April 7th: That Those Who Have Lost Their Faith Find Their Way Back  
by Ron Szewczyk

April 13th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

April 14th: Patti Krueger +  
by Mr & Mrs Mark Bartel

**Lenten Penance Service will be after the Stations of the Cross, on Friday, April 12th, from 6:00-7:00 pm.**

April 14, 2019

**Lectors** — Jean Stevens

**Gospel with Father:** Mark & Kay Baretl

**Gift Bearers** — Mr & Mrs Ted Thiele

**Eucharistic Ministers** — Mary Alyce Fiechtl, Stan Stevens, Elaine Doner

**Servers** — Edgar Garcia, Carlos Limon

**Sacristans** — Mary Alyce Fiechtl

**Altar Linens** — Annabel Gonzales, Susan Plascencia

**Ushers**—Men of the Parish



### TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR C

**First Reading** — See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or *Psalm 130*.

**Second Reading** — I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) or *Romans 8:8-11*.

**Gospel** — Go, and from now on do not sin any more

(John 8:1-11) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Parishioners**

Grant Adams,

**Relatives**

Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

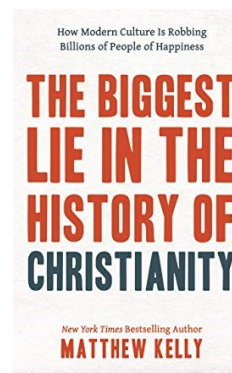
**Friends**

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

### Coming Events

**April 8-10, 2019:** Mary Alyce will be out of the office. The office will be closed but Father Anthony will have Mass. Check your bulletin for the times.

**April 13, 2019:** Parish Garden Work Day, starting at 8:00 and ending when work is finished. All ages are needed to get the grounds of the church looking good for Easter. Students, this is a good way to earn your community hours!



April 9th

Deacon Jim Moss will start new classes on Tuesdays, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. The book cost is about \$3.

Deacon Moss will have a Communion Service at 12:30.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20  
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56  
 Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

### Mass Schedule

**Monday:** 9:00 am

**Wednesday:** 9:00 am

**Thursday:** 11:30 am

**Friday:** 11:30 am

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am



Stations of the Cross are each Friday during Lent at 5:00 pm



Stations of the Cross

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Please bring your rice bowls to Church on Holy Thursday, April 18th.

### Special Collection

Holy Land April 19th  
 Seminarians Ed Fund April 21st

### Annual Catholic Appeal

Our Goal is **\$8,000** and 100% Participation of our 66 registered Families

33.33% Participation  
 \$4778 Pledged