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### Mass Intentions:

March 30th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

March 31st: Patty Krueger +  
by Mr & Mrs Chuck Amrhein

April 6th 9:00 am: Harold Segerson +  
by Khuyen Segerson

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 7, 2019

**Lectors** — Kathleen Kirkpatrick

**Gift Bearers** — Mr & Mrs Stan Stevens

**Eucharistic Ministers** — Don Carlson,  
Christine Carlson, Sheri Parkinson

**Servers** — Matthew Carlson, Zachery Robbins

**Sacristans** — Don & Christine Carlson

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

**Ushers**—Men of the Parish



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 31, 2019

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things  
have passed away; behold, new things have come.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

### GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.” After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshipping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The “take-away” for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, “Laetare Sunday,” breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today’s Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning “spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness,” and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the “elect” were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That’s you!

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### WEEKLY OFFERING

March 24th	
Budget	\$2300
Actual	\$574
Short	\$1726

### HAPPINESS

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God’s blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

—Anonymous

### TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR C

**First Reading** — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (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** — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or Ephesians 5:8-14.*

**Gospel** — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].*

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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 2-10, 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!

**May 4, 2019:** Rummage Sale from 7:00 to 2:00. Taste of Mexico from 11:00 to 1:00. You may start bringing items on Tuesday, April 23rd.

### Annual Catholic Appeal

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

31.81% Participation  
\$4278 Pledged

### 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]

### Mass Schedule

**Monday:** 11:30 am

**Wednesday:** 9:00 am

**Thursday:** 9:00 am

**First Friday:** Adoration 9:00-  
11:30 with Mass at 11:30 am

**First Saturday:** 9:00 am

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am



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



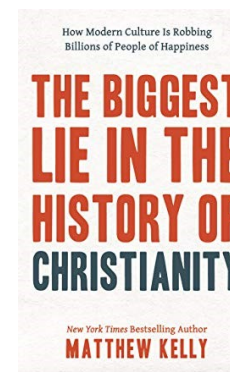
**Stations  
of the Cross**

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### GOD’S CAPACITY FOR FORGIVENESS

Where is the foolish person who would think  
it in his or her power to commit more than God  
could forgive?

—St. Francis de Sales



### Save the Date! April 9th

Deacon Jim Moss will  
start new classes on  
this book, on Tuesdays,  
from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.  
The book cost is about  
\$4.

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