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**Worship Times**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**, 4:00p  
**Sunday Mass 11:15a**; En español, 1:00p  
**Daily Mass, Holy Days** Consult bulletin  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

**Sunday Mass** 9:00a  
**Communion Service** Tuesdays, 12:15p  
**Holy Days** 7:00p  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
By appointment

**Welcome, New Parishioners**

*We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.*

**Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony**

*For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.*

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

*For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.*

**Anointing of the Sick**

*For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis*

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**April 3, 2022**

**LIVE LENT INTENTIONALLY:  
BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS EACH DAY**

**COMMIT TO  
ONE ACT OF LIGHT  
GIVEN IN KINDNESS  
THROUGH YOUR WORDS.**



**COMMIT TO  
ONE ACT OF LIGHT  
GIVEN IN KINDNESS  
THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS  
TO COUNTER THE DARKNESS THAT  
DESIRES TO OVERTAKE YOU  
AND ALL OF US.**

**COMMIT TO PRAYER THREE TIMES A DAY:**  
*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins  
And bring us to everlasting life. Amen.*

*Kneelers Refurbish & Install*

### **SIT or KNEEL**

Now that the kneelers have been refurbished and reinstalled you have prayer position options during Mass.

You may continue to sit. If you choose to **SIT**, please sit on the pew, and not halfway between the pew and the kneeler. *This pressure/weight on the pew's edge causes the pews to split.*

If you choose to **KNEEL**, please do not lean back onto the edge of the pew. *This pressure/weight on the pew's edge causes the pews to split.*

*Thank you!*



## **Snapshot ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation Then and Now**

Prior to 1962, preparation for Reconciliation included an *Examination of Conscience*, to name and acknowledge one's sinfulness by naming the kinds and number of sins, and creating your sinful grocery list.

For many, this preparation made for a limited evaluation of one's faith journey:

*Where am I failing to respond to God's call  
by choosing sin over grace?*

*How many times have I sinned and  
to what degree have I disregarded the grace of God?*

In this perspective,  
Penance/Confession, Reconciliation,  
is limited to being a quantitative calculation  
of one's sinful choices, rather than,  
in its fullest expression, as a *Sacrament of Healing*.

A *Consciousness Examen* (CE) is a more holistic approach for self-reflecton. Using CE, you consider *all your choices*: giving thanks to God for your choices to be loving and generous, as well as, being accountable for all your sinful, selfish choices. CE includes paying attention to times, places and persons connected to your sinful choices.

To nurture your spiritual life,  
ask yourself two questions every night:

*What loving, generous choices did I make today?*

*What selfish, sinful choices did I make today?*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation includes confessing and doing penance, and in a full circle,  
means reconciling with those your sinfulness has hurt.

In this way, you freely share  
God's merciful forgiveness with others.

**SYNODALITY:  
WALKING TOGETHER**

**Communion  
Participation  
Mission**



A brief survey on  
**"Walking Together"**  
as Church will be emailed  
to you this week.  
Please complete  
and return it as  
we prepare for our  
Listening Sessions.  
*Thank you!*

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME**

**SINODALIDAD:  
CAMINANDO JUNTOS**

**Comunión  
Participación  
Misión**

Esta semana se le enviará  
por correo electrónico una breve encuesta sobre  
**"Caminando Juntos"**  
como Iglesia.  
Por favor complételo y  
devuélvalo mientras nos  
preparamos  
para nuestras sesiones  
de escucha.  
*¡Gracias!*

**TODAS SON  
BIENVENIDAS**



*~ Saturday Morning, 10 AM ~  
Jan Richardson*

Justice and Peace meet at the café,  
sit together,  
hands folded around steaming cups,  
heads bent over the paper.  
They are not taking in  
the news of the world  
with sorrowing eyes  
and the clucking of tongues.  
They are instead  
planning their itinerary,  
plotting their map,  
looking for the places where  
they might slip in.

Their fingers touch, release,  
touch again as they read,  
moving with the half-aware habits  
that come only  
with long living alongside.  
They have met, parted,  
met again on countless mornings  
like this one,  
torn  
and taken  
by turns.  
They put the paper aside.

They brush away the crumbs.  
They talk quietly.  
They know there is work to do.  
But they order one more cup:  
there is savoring  
they must do before  
the saving begins.  
They lean in,  
barely touching  
across the table for  
a kiss that makes a way,  
a world.

**Our Lady,  
Queen of Peace,**

***pray for us!***

## **Prayer of Pope Francis for Ukraine**

***Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us, O Lord.***

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners!

Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling  
on Kyiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker  
in Kharkiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines,  
have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands  
in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!

***Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us, O Lord.***

Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails  
with which we crucified Your hands,  
as we continue to slake our thirst with the blood  
of those mauled by weapons.

Forgive us, if these hands which You created  
to tend have been transformed into instruments of death.

***Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us, O Lord.***

Forgive us, O Lord,  
if we continue to kill our sisters and brothers;  
Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up  
the stones of our fields to kill Abel.

Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty  
with our labors, if we legitimize the brutality  
of our actions with our pain.

***Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.***

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You!  
Hold fast the hand of Cain!  
Illuminate our consciences; may our will not be done;  
Abandon us not to our own actions!

***Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.***

Stop us, O Lord, stop us! And when you have held back  
the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother.

***O Lord, put a halt to the violence!  
Stop us, O Lord! Amen.***

*Making Lent More Intentional Peace  
in Ukraine and the World*

**Mondays:**

I will pray \_\_\_ minutes today.

I will fast from \_\_\_\_\_.

I will do \_\_\_ acts of kindness.

**Tuesdays:**

I will pray \_\_\_ minutes today.

I will fast from \_\_\_\_\_.

I will do \_\_\_ acts of kindness.

**Wednesdays:**

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I will fast from \_\_\_\_\_.

I will do \_\_\_ acts of kindness.

**Thursdays:**

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I will fast from \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Fridays:**

I will pray \_\_\_ minutes today.

I will fast from \_\_\_\_\_.

I will do \_\_\_ acts of kindness.

**Saturdays:**

I will pray \_\_\_ minutes today.

I will fast from \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Sundays:**

I will pray \_\_\_ minutes today.

I will fast from \_\_\_\_\_.

I will do \_\_\_ acts of kindness.

*Morning, Church!*

Inequalities began in Genesis, where *dominion*, meant *stewardship of Creation*, to care for what God had entrusted to humanity, not a destructive dominance over Creation. Humanity continued to evolve away from God’s will. Being created in God’s image and likeness is set aside for pride, ego, for and Godless personal wants. The first sinful choice, and all those that rejected Original Grace since, continue to misaligned us with God and Creation.

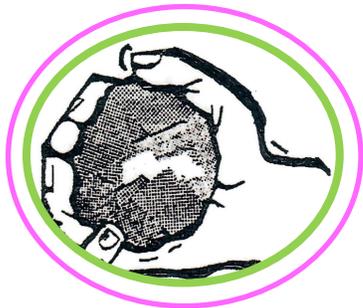
Sin does that. Sin misaligns our heart with God’s and one another’s. Some sin, leads to public shaming and personal guilt. Shaming is meant to dehumanize, dishonor, and humiliate. Shame in oneself is very debilitating and springs from a what is know in the spiritual life as false humility. Shaming comes from bullies who mean to be mean, who mean to discredit, to embarrass and to deflect away from themselves and their own sins.

The bullies in today’s gospel have accused a Nameless Woman of adultery, and dragged her into the center of their judgy mob. The Nameless Woman is their hostage and Jesus is being asked to pay her ransom. Only she is being judged and shamed for adultery. No man is incriminated for this sin *with* her. The accusers believe they have Jesus in a gotcha moment. He can choose to condemn her or show her mercy. Either way, they will treat him the same as they treated the Nameless Woman. He, too, will be shamed, bullied, and condemned, no matter how he responds.

As it says in today’s Isaiah text, “...I am doing something new...do you not perceive it?” Jesus chooses to respond in a new way, a silent, sacred action. Jesus bends down and begins to write in the dirt. One by one, he accusers depart, still angrily clasp their Sentencing Stones. They’d hope to entrap Jesus. Instead, they dragged her into the light to the Light of the World. They helped forge a spiritual bond between Jesus and The Nameless Woman. Ironically, their misalignment with God helped recreate communion with a Nameless Woman and recreate her in God’s image and likeness through Christ’s mercy and compassion. A God Gotcha!

God’s blessing,

*spanis*



<b>Daily Readings ~ <a href="http://www.usccb.org">www.usccb.org</a></b>	
Is 43:16-21	Phil 3:8-14
Ps 126:1-6.	Jn 8:1-11

🍷 **Reflecting and Acting on the Word** 🍷  
*Are you armed with sentencing stones  
 when you meet others?  
 What would Jesus write  
 in the dirt about you?*

*Ministerial Association*  
 ~ *Holy Week Services, 12N* ~  
**Galloway Memorial Episcopal Church**  
*Main Street*

*The Ministerial Association has decided  
 to forego our usual luncheon and fellowship  
 after the service to be in solidarity  
 with our neighbors in Eastern Europe,  
 especially our Ukrainian sisters and brothers.*

A P R I L	
03	<b>5th Sun Lent</b> <i>Rite of Scrutiny III, 9:00a</i> Faith Fusion, 10:30a
04	RCIA, 3:30p
05	Communion Service, 12:15p
08	Stations of the Cross, 6p

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<i>Easter Flowers</i>	
Donor	In Honor/Memory of
Lou Stackhouse	+Jeff Stackhouse

*If you wish to donate Easter flowers,  
please use the envelopes provided.  
Print the names of your loved ones and the  
back and give the envelope to S. Janis.  
Thank you!*

PROCLAIMERS of the WORD		
4/3	Beth O	John O
<b>Palm Sun 4/10</b>	1 & Narrator Theresa M	2 & Speaker Peggy R
<b>Holy Thurs 4/14</b>	Lukas McC	Ronnie K
<b>Good Fri 4/15</b>	1 & Narrator Mary H	2 & Speaker Rob W
<b>** Holy Sat 4/16</b>	<b>** See schedule emailed to you</b>	
<b>Easter /17</b>	Karen G	Janis McQ
<b>4/24</b>	Peggy R	Ronnie K

A P R I L	
03	+Mary Burnham
10	+Ray Wayda r/b Jo DeJournette
14	St. S parishioners
16	Martha Neaves
17	St. S parishioners; +John Cahill (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)

*Parish Celebrations*

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 05 Marcelino Trinidad | 11 Osvaldo Martinez |
| 06 Natalie Trinidad   | Keith Stringer      |
| 08 Melisa Bustos      | 12 Jose Ledesma     |
| Clyde Colwell         | 19 Mario Crispin    |
| Jennifer LaCashio     | 21 Joanna Salvatore |
| 09 Osvaldo Bustos     | 27 Luis Rodriguez   |
| 10 Rich Jones         | 30 Vanessa Lopez    |



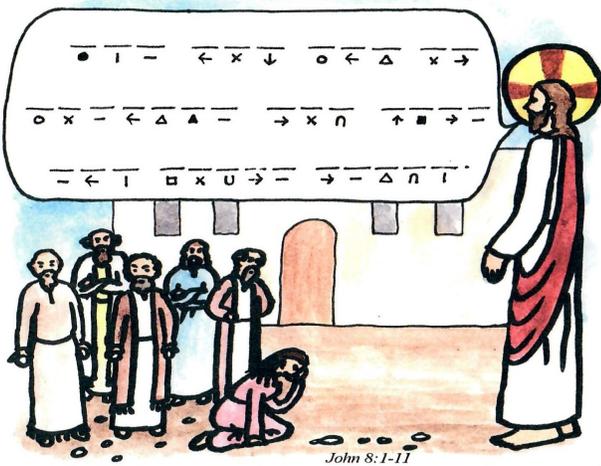
- 05 Beth Altemueller & Newell Hauser
- 15 Judy & Frank Simon
- 21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
- 27 Julie & Patrick Colglazier



**TRI-COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**  
**ANY non-perishable foods: veggies, PB & J,  
 spaghetti and sauce;  
 Sm. laundry or dish soap; Toilet paper.**

# The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
April 3rd, 2022



John 8: 1-11

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus whether they should obey their law and stone a woman who was a sinner. What did Jesus say to them? Use the code to find out!

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A C E F H I L M N O R S T U W

## How Does Jesus Treat Sinners?



In the Old Testament, God gave the Hebrews rules that said they ought to punish the people who sinned. That's why in today's gospel, the Pharisees and scribes brought a sinful woman to Jesus to see what he would keep the rules.

Instead of telling them that they ought to punish her, according to the rules, Jesus told them they could punish her if they had never sinned.



Sometimes we hear about a sin that someone else did. God does not want us to be mean to that person because of what they did. Does this mean they didn't do the sin? No. Jesus told the woman to go and not sin again. Jesus showed her mercy and gave her another chance. We ought to be merciful like Jesus, and be kind to those who sin, because all of us are sinners.



Answers: front "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." 1.True 2.False 3.True 4.True 5.False 6.True 7.True

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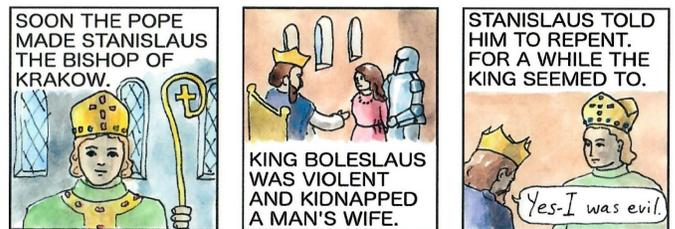
## True or False?

In today's Gospel reading the scribes and Pharisees brought a sinful woman in front of Jesus. Do you know the rest of the story? See if you know which of these statements are true and which are false:

1. The law said that a sinful woman like this one should be killed. True or False?
2. The men were going to stone the woman anyway- they didn't care what Jesus thought. True or False?
3. Jesus didn't say anything right away; He just started writing on the ground with His finger. True or False?
4. Jesus said that whichever of the men had never sinned should be the first to throw a stone at the woman. True or False?
5. One of the men threw a stone at her. True or False?
6. All of the men walked away without throwing a stone. True or False?
7. Jesus forgave the woman and told her not to sin anymore. True or False?



## Saint Stanislaus of Krakow April 11



SAINT STANISLAUS WAS NOT AFRAID TO TELL THE KING WHEN HE WAS DOING SOMETHING BAD, EVEN THOUGH IT PUT HIS LIFE IN DANGER. WE CAN BE LIKE HIM BY PRAYING FOR OUR GOVERNMENT AND NOT BEING AFRAID TO TELL THE TRUTH EVEN IF THE GOVERNMENT IS WRONG.

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