

## DAILY REFLECTIONS

**MONDAY:** [John 8:7](#)

**Reflect, today**, upon whether you are more like the Pharisees or Jesus. Would you have stood there in the crowd wanting this humiliated woman to be stoned? How about today? When you hear about the manifest sins of others, do you find yourself condemning them? Or do you hope that mercy is shown to them? Seek to imitate the compassionate heart of our divine Lord; and when your time of judgment comes, you also will be shown an abundance of compassion.

**TUESDAY:** [John 8:30](#)

**Reflect, today**, upon the deep, veiled and mysterious language of God. When you read this language, especially in the Gospel of John, what is your reaction? Ponder your reaction carefully; and, if you find you are any less than one who has come to understand and believe, then seek the grace of faith this day so that our Lord's words will powerfully transform your life.

**WEDNESDAY:** [John 8:31-32](#)

**Reflect, today**, upon this powerfully transforming teaching of Jesus: "know the truth, and the truth will set you free." What psychological and spiritual truths do you need to more deeply know? What confusion or blindness remains? Seek the remedy of the Truth as it is in the mind of God and know that freedom awaits.

**THURSDAY:** [John 8:58-59](#)

**Reflect, today**, upon this deep and mysterious revelation from our Lord. Think about his identity as the great "I AM." Ponder that name. Ponder its meaning. See it as a way by which Jesus is inviting you to encounter Him in this present moment alone. Live in this moment. The past is gone; the future is not yet here. Live where God exists, here and now, for that is the only place that you will meet our Lord.

**FRIDAY** [John 10:37-39](#)

**Reflect, today**, upon the invitation Jesus is giving you to go out to meet Him in the wilderness. Where is that place? How can you accomplish this short journey while keeping up with the important duties of life? Do not hesitate to seek out the desert to which our Lord is calling you, so that you will be able to meet Him there, listen to His voice, and respond with complete generosity.

**SATURDAY:** [John 11:47-48](#)

**Reflect, today**, upon the fact that God is able to use all things for our good. Be it in the midst of corruption, persecution, discord, sin, illness or any other evil in life, when we turn to God in faith and surrender, He is able to transform all things and bring forth an abundance of good fruit through them if we only let Him and trust in faith. Prayerfully surrender over to God, today, any of the above concerns that have affected you, and allow yourself to believe the simple truth that nothing can keep you from the glorious fulfillment of the will of God. All things can help toward the salvation of your soul and end in God's eternal glory.

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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 26, 2023

OUR MISSION IS TO FORM CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES THAT  
WILL GLORIFY GOD BY OUR LOVING AND SERVING ONE ANOTHER, AND  
TO EXTEND OUR LOVE, SUPPORT AND COMPASSION TO THE NEEDY

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	11:30am
Tuesday Rosary	8:30am
Tuesday	9:00am
Friday	5:00pm
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	
Saturday	4:15-5pm
Tues/Thurs	8:30-9am

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services  
843-261-0430  
Diocesan Victim Assistant Minister 843-856-0748

## PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

**WELCOME: THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. FREDERICK AND ST. STEPHEN WELCOMES ALL NEWCOMERS TO OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE FILL OUT A REGISTRATION CARD, WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND DROP IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.**

**Visitors: We ask our visitors to sign our Guest Book, so we may have a record of your attendance and remember you at the Church.**

**Stations of the Cross** on Friday evenings from 5:30-6:00pm, following the 5pm mass, with soup/bread to follow in the Parish Center.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Father JP welcomes the opportunity to offer Masses for special intentions or in memory of loved ones. An instruction page to guide you through making the request is on the lectern in the narthex. We ask that you use an envelope and follow the listed steps so that we may assure your requests are fulfilled. If you need help or have questions, please ask an usher or sacristan.



Lynn Bagnal, Rita Cullen, Dan Cutler Marlis, Egbers, Theresa Garrido, Conchi Gelner, Elizabeth Good, Nelson Hartrich, Angie Hayes, Tara Huck, Cubby Huffines, Fred Kellish, Vic Ketchum, Ding Kizer, Wilbur Kizer Ken Korpanty, Andrew Lee, Priscilla Martin, Tom Mack, Mimi McCole, Elaine McConnell, Lenore McDonald, Stephanie McDonald, Patty Molnar, Shannon Montgomery, Nirmala Mary Narichetti, Elizabeth Neustadt, Mott Parker, Bunny Perkins, Christy Petillo, Melissa Alberti Richard, Voyta Sailer, Annie Seyle, Patsy Sheahan, Bill Smyer, Marge Suchman, Fran Taylor, Harriet Tindall, Bubba Unger, Dickie Unger, Layla Venegas, Brice Voorneveld, Susie Voorneveld, Samuel Wenthe, Samuel Wingate, All Parishioners of our Parish.

### Record of Faithfulness March 19, 2023

ENVELOPES	AMT	SECOND COLLECTION	AMT
PARISHIONERS	\$ 1,530	CATHOLICS APPEAL	\$
LOOSE	\$ 775	MAINTENANCE	\$
VOTIVE	\$	Catholic Relief	\$ 235
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SUB TOTAL	\$ 2,305		\$
TOTAL	\$ 2,540	SUB TOTAL	\$ 235
BUILDING FUND	\$ 365		

### Attendance

Saturday	80	Sunday	67	Total	147
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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The death of Lazarus can be seen as a symbolic representation of the soul that has died from mortal sin. This is similar to the fact that leprosy, physical ailments and the like are also symbols of sin. For that reason, Jesus' initial reactions reveal how we should respond to serious sin in our lives. When Jesus faced the death of Lazarus, "he became perturbed and deeply troubled," "Jesus wept," He became "perturbed again" and He "cried out in a loud voice." Though Jesus was God, He freely chose to assume human nature and to experience human emotions and passions to teach us how we should react. In this case, He chose to become perturbed, deeply troubled, to weep and to cry out to show us how we should react to grave sin. Grave sin kills the spirit. As a result, we must be deeply affected if we commit or witness a grave sin. One lesson we can take from this passage is that when you or a loved one falls into grave sin, it must not be ignored. Final impenitence is a sin by which a person fails to have appropriate remorse for sin and reacts to it in a dismissive and casual manner. This cannot be our reaction. Begin by considering the great value of taking sin seriously, reacting to it with passion and emotion, and crying out to God for forgiveness. When Jesus cried out, commanding Lazarus to come out of the tomb, the details were added that Lazarus did come forth but was still bound "hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth." Saint Augustine teaches that, in part, this symbolizes the entire process of confession and the forgiveness of sins. First, no person is capable of confessing their sins by their own effort. It must be that they are moved by grace and the command of our Lord to come forth to show themselves in their bound state to God. Lazarus' obedience to Jesus' command symbolizes the Christian's response to God when called to repentance. When our Lord says, "Untie him and let him go," this symbolizes the unmerited effect of the Sacrament of Confession and the power it has to release a person not only from their sins but also from the ongoing effects of those sins. Our Church teaches that sin has a double consequence. First, it keeps us from eternal salvation. This effect is remedied through Confession and forgiveness. However, there is a second effect called "temporal punishment" (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1471-1473). This "punishment" is not from God, but from sin. It means that when we sin, even in a less serious way, we become attached to that sin and that the ongoing temptation to return to it is strengthened. Thus, ongoing conversion also means we hear our Lord say, "Untie him and let him go." This is especially accomplished by ongoing conversion and growth in virtue. **Reflect, today,** upon the rich symbolism found in the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. As you do, listen for the passionate voice of Jesus who calls to you, "Come out!" What sin is Jesus calling you to be free from? Identify that sin and repent of it with the same passion that our Lord exhibits. From there, consider any ongoing temptation you struggle with and any attachment you still have toward a particular sin. Jesus desires that you be completely unbound and set free. Be open to that grace and do all you can to accept it.