

April Birthdays

April 03: Maria Leslie
April 07: Kathy Ford
April 11: Wesley Garica
April 12: Gloria Bowden
April 13: Luke Ford
April 13: Beatrice Hedy
April 13: Yvon Page
April 13: Kellie McCabe
April 18: Ann Baaun-Gaydos
April 18: Avery Lecco-mith
April 21: Scott Wet
April 22: Kaydence Lecco-Smith
April 26: Robert Berry
April 27: Allen Lecco
April 27: Ilithya Velasco Ruiz

April Anniversaries

April 18: Tom & Kathy Wall
April 24: David & Ann Gaydos
April 26: Ray & Bernadette Servis

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Dylan Anderson	Jack Fisher	Beverly Moyer	Jim Tew
Sid Barr	Linda Gardner	Chris Moyer	Fred Toth
Robert Berry	Elizabeth Gillam	Ray Moyer	Amy Tracy
Patricia Bonnewitz	Lorraine Brennen Gilliam	Don Notestein	Emilia Walker
Gloria Bowden	Lynn Goss	Patsy Notestein	Charles Watson
Millie Budney	Mary Graf	Angel Ortiz	Danielle Weedon
Sandra Burke	Kathleen Hamilton	George Perry	Laura Williams
Julie Byron	Jeanne Harper	Gary Peters	Louise Williams
Toni Capute	Pablo Ignacio	Laurie Peters	Michael Williams
Deacon John Carey	Patrick Ignacio	Frank Powell	Travis Williams
Riordan Cavoris	Meja Irvin	Nelson Sanchez	Betty Jo Wolfram
Justin Curtis	Leslie Jarrett	Princess Sanchez	
Alessia Destefano	Marge Lent	John Seaquist	
Carol Donato	Paul Lent	Ray Servis	
Islea Duncan	Carolyn Martin	Jane Sliwinski	
Patricia Elder	Kimberly Martin	Margaret Smith	
John Evans	Greg Moore	Chere Tew	

The Financial Corner

Collections for March 23: \$710; March 30: \$708
Attendees: March 23: 68; March 30: 78

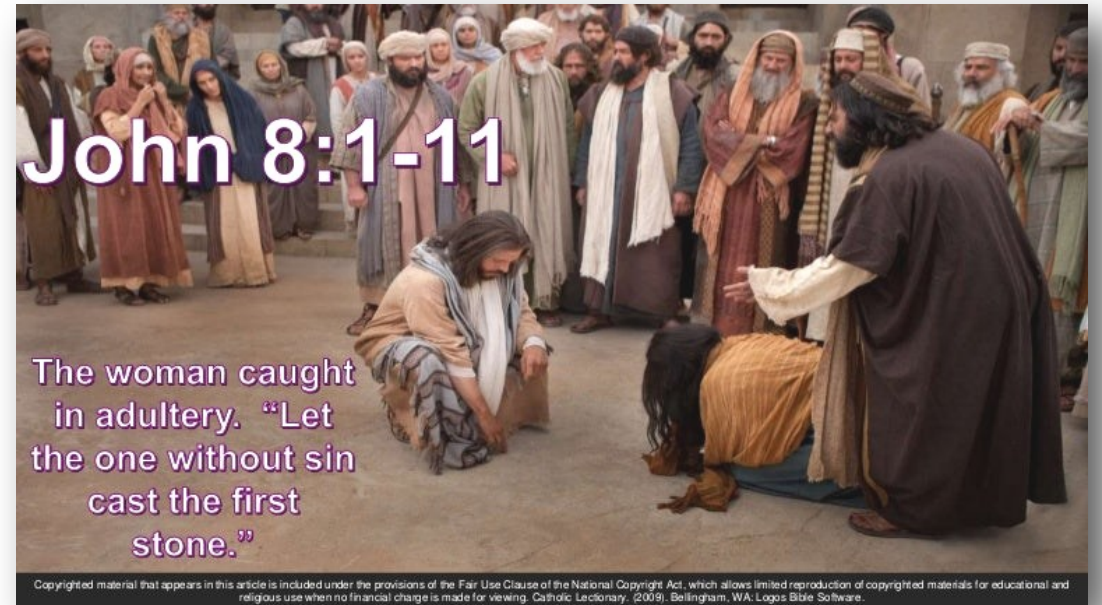
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April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday 12:15 PM

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

The title of the Gospel this Sunday (John 8:1-11) should be “The Man Who got Away with Adultery.” It takes two people to be involved with adultery and only the woman is mentioned.

Immediately when trouble went down, the man, Ezra, ran away to another town He had abandoned the poor woman He was physically safe, but he had a conscience. His conscience was certainly troubling him. Was he married when he got involved with Susanna? Did he have children? His immortal soul was in great danger as well with his psyche.

Through the grapevine he asked about Susanna. He was relieved and overjoyed to find out that her life and reputation was spared. He was also relieved that he was in good or bad company. There were other sinners around. They could not cast the first stone. What had these accusers done? It doesn't matter. They all sinned. That Holy man, Jesus, did not condemn them. He certainly did not condemn Susanna. He loved them all.

Ezra could not wait to get back to Jerusalem. He needed to be forgiven. He needed to track down Jesus. He wanted to thank Jesus for sparing Susanna's life. He then wanted to take responsibility and say that he was sorry with all his heart.

Many had heard of Jesus and his wonderful work. Somehow, Ezra tracked him down as he was eating with a bunch of lepers. Ezra fell at Jesus' feet and wept. The healing of his soul had begun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekly Lenten Theme Reflection

Dorothy Day wrote, "The Gospel takes away our right forever, to distinguish between the deserving and the undeserving poor." In today's Gospel, the woman taken in adultery is brought before Jesus by the Scribes and Pharisees. They want performative virtue, an act taken only so as to seem virtuous in the eyes of others. Jesus turns the trick back on them, simply by asking which of them is so virtuous that they can condemn someone else. Our reconciliation with God comes not through demonstrations of our goodness, nor through the condemnation of others' sins, but by compassion, humility, and obedience to His will.



Both Itzell Velasco and Beatrice Heady will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday evening, April 9 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Mass begins at 7 pm. They have both proven without a doubt their readiness for this sacrament. Let's have a great turnout to support these two fine young ladies.

Rummage Sale Update (April 25 & 26): We are in need of more items to offer at the rummage sale! As they say: "One man's trash is another's treasure." What's in your house that you consider trash but surely is someone else's treasure?

Mark Your Calendars...

Please join us to celebrate/honor our youth who have received or are receiving sacraments on the following Sundays. Let us show them our love and support.

Sunday, April 13: Celebration of Itzell Velasco's Confirmation (Confirmed April 9)

Sunday, April 20: Jesus Martinez's First Communion

Sunday, April 27: Celebration of Beatrice Heady's Confirmation (Confirmed April 9)

Sunday, May 11: Killian Brown and Kathryn Hampton's First Communion

Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service: 7:00 am, April 20. Join Fr. Jim and many more at the Easter Sunrise Service at the "Surrender Grounds" (National Park).

4th Annual Holy Cross "Fairways to Heaven" Golf Tournament: May 9 at Ivy Hills Golf Club. Come participate with parishioners from area Catholic churches for a fun afternoon of golf and fellowship. This is a "Captain's Choice Tournament" and the fee is \$50 per person (all fees and lunch are included). Deadline to sign up is May 2nd, Contact Paula Warwick at 434-941-5088 for more information.