

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PASTOR'S CORNER

We Can be Mistaken but Still Loved and Appreciated

It is rightly said that some of the most successful people are those who learn from their mistakes and thus grow in virtue. We all make mistakes and sometimes plenty of them; so did the saints. But they had a choice then and we have the same choice today: We can take the negative path and beat ourselves up, or blame someone else, or we can take the positive path and ask, "What is God teaching me right now?" When your children or grandchildren mess up, don't you ask them, "What did you learn?"? Mistakes are teachable moments often coming from an all-loving God. This is why you should be never afraid of making mistakes, because God loves us through them too. Every mistake, no matter how big or small, is a door to encountering God the teacher.

We sometimes obsess over the "little things" (i.e., our mistakes). Of course, details matter, but we often focus on the wrong details, which we should leave to God alone. No one thrives in perpetual uncertainty, whether they make a big or a small mistake, but God can spice up our lives in ways we can neither imagine nor expect. And all you have to do is to leave that place of darkness in order to learn from your own gaffes while seeing beneath the surface. This is often the key to discovering God's will, because we are on a journey and we make choices: some are well made, but others we wish we could take back and do all over again, for as a Jewish rabbi once wrote:

"Yet the darkness of [human] potentiality is the hotbed of anxiety.

There is always more than one path to go, and we are forced be free -- we are free against our will - and have the audacity to choose, rarely knowing how or why. Our failures glare like flashlights all the way, and what is right lies underground. We are in the minority in the great realm of being, and with a genius for adjustment we frequently seek to join the multitude. We are in the minority within our own nature, and in the agony and battle of passions we often choose to envy the beast. We act as if the animal kingdom were our lost paradise, to which we are trying to return for moments of delight, believing that it is the animal state in which our happiness consists." (Heschel, Man is Not Alone).

But keep in mind that the best news is this: Our God is a God of second chances

Fr. Slawek

APRIL 30, 2023

YOUR HEALTH

As cold and flu season approaches, to ensure the health of the entire community, parishioners are encouraged to stay home from Mass and parish functions if they are experiencing symptoms of the flu virus, colds, etc. Respect and concern for the common good takes precedence.

Thank you for your cooperation! To minimize risks please use the hand sanitizers that are located at each entrance!

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, May 2

9 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving for Anibilla Diapera.

Wednesday, May 3

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Antonio Onchagno req. by Lulu.

Thursday, May 4

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Friday, May 5

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Ellen Hanly req. by Bridget Murphy.

Saturday, May 6

4:30p.m. Repose of the soul of Antonietta Macri req. by her son.

Sunday, May 7

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Intentions of Rafael and Isobel 38th Wedding Anniversary

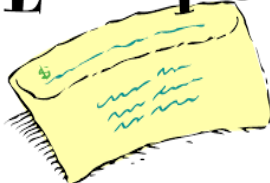


Monday, May 1, 2023

Reopens

Tuesday, May 2 at 8:30

Offering Envelopes



Attention Parishioners

Have you collected your offertory box?

2023 assigned offertory envelopes are available for pick up on the table at the back of the church.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS Reception of Holy Communion

It has come to my attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive Him. You must consume the Host in the front of the church, right after receiving. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts for the sake of rituals. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host please alert one of the Ushers, the Sacristan—Anthony or Fr. Slawek.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Bundle Up Collection May 27 - 28, 2023

Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit those our neighbours in need.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a non-profit charity whose volunteer members collect clothing, shoes and linens to donate, exchange for vouchers or sell in order to support our works of charity.

We collect clothing, shoes and linens. Please tie your donation bags to prevent spoiling.

Please drop of donations to volunteer at the truck/bin before of after Mass on the week-end of May 27/28, 2023.

As long as you know
GOD
is for you,
it doesn't matter who is
against you.

