

People Progress

Sunday Community

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Elizabeth Whelan

Virtual Liturgy at 11 AM on Zoom.

Thank you, Fr. Jack, for celebrating with us.

Reflection: by Bill and Lindsay Watson

Lent is usually referred to as a time of reflection and change. We are encouraged to prepare for Easter, a new beginning. Living in the Northern hemisphere we see this change reflected in the new growth all around us, trees budding, green shoots poking up from the ground, birds singing their return.

Children have put away snow sleds and replaced them with scooters and skate boards, soccer balls and playground activities. There seems to be a communal sigh of relief that spring is coming once again. Winter is over.

The readings today encourage us to move forward and leave the past behind.

“Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah)

In Paul’s letter to the Philippians he encourages change. “This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God, in Christ Jesus.”

In John’s gospel Jesus challenges the scribes and Pharisees to cast the first stone to kill the woman who had committed adultery, if they believed themselves free of sin. They left without a word. Turning to the woman Jesus says “neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again”

The message seems to be to leave the past behind and move forward with forgiveness. We all play our part.

Ilia Delio, a Franciscan sister and American theologian, in her reflection on Lent: Poised for Action, reminds us “where there is God, there is hope and future, but the gospel message is clear: hope is what dawns when new wine is put into new wineskins. The old must die for the new to be reborn. So let us be attentive and ready for the birth of the new in our midst.”

(Center for Christogenesis)

Readings:

Today: Isaiah 43.16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3.8-14

John 8.1-11

April 10: Isaiah 50.4-7

Psalm 22

Philippians 2.6-11

Luke 22.14-23.56

Liturgy Schedule

Today

Lindsay & Bill Watson

Fr. Jack Costello

April 10 Palm/Passion Sun.

Art Blomme & Elizabeth Whelan

Fr. Paul McAuley

April 17 Easter

Greg Gillis

Fr. Prakash Lohale

April 24

Lee Piepgrass

Fr. Paul McAuley

May 1

Sharon McCarthy

Fr. Jack Costello

May 8

Sylvia Skrepichuk

May 15	Rita Shaughnessy	Fr. Jack Costello
May 22	Mary Lou Halferty	-----
May 29	Maryanne Stone-Jiménez & Roberto Jiménez	Fr. Paul McAuley
June 5	Mary & John MacMillan	Fr. Jack Costello
June 12	Brenda Holtkamp	-----
June 19	Lindsay & Bill Watson	-----
June 26	Elizabeth Whelan	Fr. Paul McAuley

Thank you, Liturgy planners/coordinators! This schedule, as always, is flexible. As you know, I prepare the list, and leave it to the planners to switch if they can't do the liturgy on the given date, or if they are not comfortable doing a lay-led liturgy. If you switch, or find a replacement, just be sure to tell the People Progress reporter, so that we all know.

If you would like to help, or coordinate/plan a liturgy, please let me know.

Thanks, Elizabeth Whelan

People Progress Schedule:

April: Elizabeth Whelan – erwhelan@icloud.com

May: John MacMillan

Announcements:

- **Liturgies:** I have thanked the planners, above, but also wish to thank our priests, and our priest finder/arranger, Bill Watson. We are incredibly blessed!

As the schedule shows, there are four Sundays without priests. By those dates, we may have priests, but if not, we will have lay-led liturgies. I trust the planners I scheduled will be comfortable leading these liturgies. If there are people keen to lead a lay-led liturgy, please let me know. As a guide/support, we will publish a 'liturgy template' in a week or so.

- **Egg cartons:** Please continue to save your empty egg cartons for Elizabeth Stocking. She welcomes cartons and flats, You can deliver them to Elizabeth Whelan, and Elizabeth Stocking will pick them up. She thanks everyone who has contributed them.

April Birthdays: Happy Birthday to:

4 Art Blomme 5 Evan Mayer 5 Clare Morgan 9 Kieran Gillis 16 Mary Corrado
 20 David Walsh 20 Tony Shaughnessy 23 Brenda Holtkamp 24 Joan Schmidt
 30 John Scandiffio 30 Lindsay Watson

Re-printed weekly for reference:

Duties of liturgy planners for virtual masses:

Early in the week before the liturgy:

- Call or email the priest to confirm Sunday's liturgy (contact info will be provided).

- Prepare or find a Reflection and send it to the People Progress reporter by Thursday.
- Please notify the People Progress reporter early in the week if you cannot do a Reflection.
- Select readers for the 1st and 2nd readings; check with Brian Halferty regarding the psalm.

On the Sunday of the virtual mass:

- Greet the group (Ask newcomers to introduce themselves)
- Give a brief introduction to the liturgy.
- Read your passage /be prepared to do a reading (if a volunteer is unable to log-in)
- Thank everyone who 'attended' and those who helped (at Announcements)