

The Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Readings: 1) Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 2) 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 3) Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Liturgy

The Focus for today's Mass is: God is always ready to take us back, no matter how far or how often we stray.

Jesus' famous parable of the prodigal son depicts God as a father always ready to take back those who stray from him. No matter how we may have turned away from God, we have only to turn back to him through the sacrament of reconciliation. Lent is the perfect time to be reconciled to God and to be a new creation for Easter.

In the first reading, God stops the miraculous manna as soon as the Israelites are able to eat the produce of the Promised Land. Paul tells the Corinthians they are a new creation through reconciliation with God. The prodigal son demonstrates God's willingness to welcome us back as soon as we turn to him.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

We put our trust in our loving God, our Creator and Father,
as we present the needs of our world.

For the Church, that God may unite us in our witness to his mercy.
We Pray to the Lord.

For our elected leaders,
may God grant them the fortitude and humility to walk in a manner worthy of their calling.
We Pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick in mind and body,
may God bring them relief and reparation.
We Pray to the Lord.

For all those who have died,
may they rest in Paradise.
We Pray to the Lord.

For this faith community, may the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
give us the strength to follow his will and spread the Gospel.
We Pray to the Lord.

For our own personal intentions..... (Long pause)
We Pray to the Lord.

PRIEST:

Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.