

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish
but might have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - Friday: 9AM
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12 Noon Spanish

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday: *after 9AM Mass, Benediction at Noon*

SACRAMENTS

Confession: *Saturday: 4.00 - 4.30PM and after each daily Mass by request*

Baptism: *By appointment after completion of the Preparation Class on 2nd Saturday of the Month. (415) 648-5751*

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Please Note: *For Baptisms or Weddings, you must be a practicing Catholic and a member of the parish.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Classes for First Communion and Confirmation (English & Spanish), please call Parish Office at (415) 648-5751

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: IV Sunday of Lent
Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday: St. Patrick
Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Friday: St. Joseph; Abstinence
Saturday: Spring begins

God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm - Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading - By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Eph 5:8-14.

Gospel - The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41.

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FOURTH
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MARCH 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 14, 2021

Mass Intentions

MARCH 13 - 21, 2021

SATURDAY, March 13, 2021

5:00 PM **Thelma Castillo** (*health*)

SUNDAY, March 14, 2021

8:00 AM **Luvy & Fernando David** (*wedding anniv*)

10:00 AM **+ Robert Hammill** (*Bob*)

Marie Malveaux

12:00 Noon **+ Ligia Mata Sanchez**

MONDAY, March 15, 2021

NO MASS

TUESDAY, March 16, 2021

9:00 AM **Thelma Castillo** (*health*)

WEDNESDAY, March 17, 2021

9:00 AM

THURSDAY, March 18, 2021

9:00 AM **Thelma Castillo** (*health*)

FRIDAY, March 19, 2021

9:00 AM

SATURDAY, March 20, 2021

5:00 PM **+ Joseph Solak**

+ Furtonata Tingzon

SUNDAY, March 21, 2021

8:00 AM **Vicky Go**

10:00 AM **+ Dennis Carvajal**

+ Bp Francis A. Quinn (*death anniv*)

12:00 Noon **+ Haydee Munoz Castro**

*For Mass intentions please come to the office
or call (415) 648-5751 on Tuesday or Thursday
between 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM*

**2nd collection of this Sunday:
Catholic Relief Services Collection**

Sunday's collections - \$ 1,647

Parish Needs - \$ 125

Religious Programs - \$ 10

Stewardship - \$ 575

Others - \$ 40

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GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

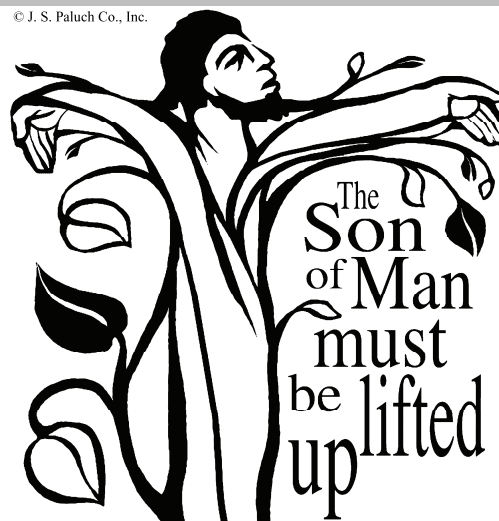
The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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LENT 2021

*Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross after 9AM
Mass following with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.
Station of the Cross in Spanish at 6 PM.*

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LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*For those who are ill, and those in need of our prayers...
Please pray for: Lilian Henriquez, Sylvia Porillo, Marie
Malveaux, Agapito Geronimo, Ron Alfonso, Nicholas Policar,
Javier Parrales, Thelma Castillo, and Theresa Posadas*

May God bless, comfort them and give them health.

Let us pray for

ALL INTENTIONS in our PRAYER BOOK

Pray also for all who have died...

*Rosangela Carla Moresi, Ruben Mendez, Raquel Gutierrez,
James Wardell, Edwin Abergas, Charmaine Raymond, Romeo
H. Davo, Laura Rodriguez, Conchita Villasoto, Catalina
Velasco, Anna Belle Johanson, Bob Hammill, Tony Galam*

The end of 2 Chronicles claims that “all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people” were continuously unfaithful to their covenant with God. This infidelity ultimately led to seventy years of exile in Babylon, after which Cyrus, the Persian ruler who conquered Babylon, allows the people of Israel to return home and rebuild their temple; the Psalmist reflects on the bitterness of those seventy years. Paul is lyrical in praising God “who is rich in mercy” and who “brought us to life” with Christ, while the evangelist recounts preaching by Jesus on this same theme. This is the section of John that includes the oft-memorized John 3:16: “For God so loved the world . . .” All three readings emphasize God’s desire to rescue—or redeem—humanity from pain and suffering.

HUMAN HISTORY . . .

Today’s reading from 2 Chronicles is the conclusion of these two volumes, a brief summary of Judah’s infidelity under a sequence of kings and the subsequent seventy years of exile in Babylon. This abbreviated sequence recaps the events treated in earlier chapters, concluding with Jerusalem being conquered and its inhabitants deported by to Babylon.

After the Babylonians were conquered by Cyrus and the Persians, Cyrus built the great Persian Empire that covered almost the entire ancient Near East. Unlike the earlier Assyrians and Babylonians, Cyrus did not rule by deporting and enslaving peoples he defeated. Instead, he organized his empire into regional governments and funded their construction projects, ruling over all with the title King of Kings (among others). In this spirit, Cyrus urged the exiles to return to Jerusalem to rebuild their temple and their native culture. In Jewish terms, Cyrus was a “messiah” (Hebrew), or a *christos* (Greek), someone anointed by God to carry out this divine mission.

. . . AND DIVINE RESCUE

The return from exile in Babylon was second only to the Exodus from Egypt as a founding narrative shaping the Jewish identity into which Jesus was born and in which his church took root and began to grow. If we read between the lines of the two New Testament readings from today, we can see the outlines of this same pattern of God bringing humanity from sorrow into joy: The Hebrews’ slavery in Egypt and the Judeans’ exile in Babylonia reveal a universal truth, that we belong to the God who is “rich in mercy,” and we are assured that “when we were dead in our transgressions,” God “so loved the world” that he sent Jesus to be the way of our redemption, our salvation.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called “Laetare Sunday,” or “Rejoice! Sunday.” Even if we feel overwhelmed by the darkness of sin (our own and others’), wondering whether God really is working on our behalf, we can put our faith in today’s Word that it is so. For this, we can truly rejoice—we are more than halfway to Easter!

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LA MISERICORDIA DE DIOS

La lectura de hoy del libro de las Crónicas contiene una especie de “breve historia” de Israel, que pone de relieve la misericordia de Dios en la elección de Ciro el persa para ser instrumento de liberación cuando el pueblo estaba en cautiverio en Babilonia. A pesar de su pecado y el castigo merecido al que estaban siendo sometidos, la misericordia de Dios se prodigó en el pueblo en forma de un acto milagroso de liberación.

La Carta a los Efesios, en términos mucho más teológicos, da una versión similar de un Dios “que nos dio la vida con Cristo y en Cristo [y] por pura generosidad suya, hemos sido salvados”. El autor hace hincapié en que era cuando estábamos “muertos por nuestros pecados” que Dios nos salvó, un acto de pura gracia. Hace hincapié en que no es nuestro propio esfuerzo que nos ha liberado del pecado (“esto no se debe a ustedes mismos”); sino que “es un don de Dios”. Esto, por supuesto, es el corazón de todos los escritos paulinos, que la salvación nos llega por la fe en la misericordia de Dios, revelado en la muerte de Jesús.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura - La ira y la misericordia del Señor se manifestaron en el exilio y la liberación del pueblo (2 Crónicas 36:14-16, 19-23) o 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Salmo - Que se me pegue la lengua al paladar si no me acuerdo de ti (Salmo 137 [136]) o Salmo 23(22).

Segunda lectura - Dios, rico en misericordia y amor, nos dio vida con Cristo. (Efesios 2:4-10) o Efesios 5:8-14.

Evangelio - Dios nos dio su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna (Juan 3:14-21) o Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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