

**April 3, 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Isaiah 43: 16-21**  
**Ps. 126**  
**Philippians 3: 8-14**  
**John 8: 1-11**

Awareness

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." (Psalm refrain)

To recognize a blessing and indeed a whole lot of blessings can create euphoria. One may feel as though he or she is dreaming. (Ps. 126) Indeed we may be filled with Joy, that uplifted emotional state that acknowledges God is with us.

Speaking of joy, the prophet Isaiah, in the first reading, says, "Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" He points out God is doing something new. God is directing our lives that we may perceive Him. Being aware of Him brings joy. We are not abandoned. So, here is something for your reflection.

Are you a person who is aware? That is, one who is conscious of, mindful of, awake to, alert and sensitive to.... Do you observe what is going on around you? Further, are you observant of the inner workings of your soul?

Again, in the reading from Isaiah God states, "Wild beasts honor me...." In their simplicity the wild animals are aware of the gifts given them. How about us? Are we as sensitive to the workings of God's creation around us?

God is always giving practical signs of His involvement in our lives. "...I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, the people I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise."

When someone asks me what it means to be spiritual I respond by saying, "it means to be aware. Simply aware." Observe events and occurrences great and small. What are the people around you saying and doing? What are the positive attributes you observe in them? What, in general, is the beauty you see in the rest of nature?

God is always calling us to be perfect as the Father is perfect. Yet, we never reach perfection in this life. I suppose God knows this. He never gives up on us. He dislikes our sinfulness, but He still loves us. He forgives us and commands more of us. One who is aware sees God's work and hears His call.

Be aware. See the Lord in yourself and the other person who is near you. See God in the nature he has created.

Next Week's Readings  
Passion Sunday  
Lk19:28-40;Is50:4-7;Phil2:6-11;Lk22:14-23:56

**Time, Talent, Tithing**

**It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself. It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.**

<b>Attendance last week:</b>	<b>278</b>
<b>Tithes Collected:</b>	<b>\$4,503.00</b>
<b>Online Giving:</b>	<b>\$337.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,840.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic Relief Services:</b>	<b>\$658.00</b>

**Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive  
ABCD**

**Disciples in Faith. Missionaries of Hope. Servants for Charity.**

**Please make your pledge. Make sure your pledge card designates your pledge originates from Blessed Sacrament Parish. We must claim our quota.**

**Our Goal**

**\$62,000.00**

**Pledged \$60,723.00**

**Paid \$41,651.00**

**Anticipated Under \$1,277.00**

**Let Us Do It!**

**SPIRITUALTY**

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Beginning next weekend we begin the most solemn season of the Church year, Holy Week. Please take note of the schedule.**

**Passion Sunday (Palms): the usual weekend schedule will be followed.**

**Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm. Procession with the Eucharist.**

**Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord: 7:00pm. This is a day of fast and abstinence.**

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil: 8:00pm  
There will be a baptism this year!**

**Easter Sunday: 9:00am and 10:45am**

**Let Us Act As Resurrection People!  
Welcome the Sheep.**

This coming week we will encounter people we have not seen in a long time. There will be people who will come to Church who have never been to Church.

As Resurrection People we will welcome them with Joy! Let us show them the hospitality of God. That is, let us make a space for them that gives them the chance to breath the Love of God for them.

Perhaps they will catch the Spirit and return.

**LITURGY**

**Return to the Sunday Celebration**

Take note everyone is being called back to the Sunday celebration of the Liturgy. The word "Liturgy" means the "work of the people". Literally, it means we must come together to experience the fulness of God's love and grace for us in the Sacraments. Coming together to worship and celebrate is "our work". Therefore, whereas when we were under the great threat of disease at the height of the Pandemic, we considered it acceptable to stay home and merely "stream" the Mass on T.V. Now we are all called back to the Liturgy. That is, we are expected to gather again as a visible community to celebrate the Lord in His Word and Eucharist. ... Please spread the word to all you know to return to Mass every Sunday and keep holy the Lord's Day.

**"Operation Utilities Bag"**

Remember, keep filling your Zip Lock Bag with Currency. The little money you save here and there each day truly adds up for the many people the Saint Vincent de Paul Society serves every week.

One major project they perform each Friday, from 1:30pm to 4:00pm is the Food Distribution. Stop by and see it in operation someday. It is a marvel how it all works.

**Also**, please help our Easter Bunny...He needs small, wrapped candy to fill his plastic eggs for the Parish Easter Egg Hunt. They can be left in the Rectory or Parish Gift Shop.

Thank you!!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, Joseph Devlin, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, Judith Kolo, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday, April 2  
4:00 p.m. Sophie, Megan, Eric Brommer by Aunt Anita  
† Errol Richards by Natia Seals & Carol Walgenwitt
- Sunday, April 3  
9:00 a.m. † Richard Campo by Paula & Kevin Corrigan  
10:45 a.m. People of the Ukraine and World Peace by Parish
- Monday, April 4  
8:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Tuesday, April 5  
8:00 a.m. Fr. Don Tranel by Dan Murphy
- Wednesday, April 6  
8:00 a.m. † Dorothy Smalls Mack by Smalls Family
- Thursday, April 7  
8:00 a.m. Fr. Don Tranel by Dan Murphy
- Friday, April 8  
8:00 a.m. Fr. Don Tranel by Dan Murphy
- Saturday, April 9  
4:00 p.m. † Guiseppe Latona by Marylou Adams & Nancy Ducato  
† Rev. Charles H. McTague by Daniel Murphy
- Sunday, April 10  
9:00 a.m. † Margarita Verano by Selma Cardona  
10:45 a.m. Dorothy Arnold by Michael Trask