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**** PALMS WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY APRIL - 9TH & 10TH ****

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

- **HOLY THURSDAY** 7:30PM – APRIL 14
- **GOOD FRIDAY** 3:00PM – APRIL 15
- **EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY** 8:00PM – APRIL 16
- **EASTER SUNDAY** 9:00AM & 11:00AM – APRIL 17

DURING THE LENTEN SEASON, EVERY FRIDAY FOLLOWING THE 8:30AM MASS, ST. MONICA'S WILL BE PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS. ALL ARE WELCOME.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE (30) MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS. YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE PARISH PRIEST DURING THE WEEK, BY APPOINTMENT.

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April 3, 2022





April 3, 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Solidarity Sunday

Readings:

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

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

— Isaiah 43:19

The Lightning Bolt of Solidarity

A subtle theme emerges through our readings on this Solidarity Sunday: God’s deliverance of people from danger to celebration. Isaiah recalls the parting of the Red Sea, swallowing the army of Pharaoh. “I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert,” God says (Isaiah 43:19). The psalmist celebrates the return of captives, saying “May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy” (Psalm 126:5). In the Gospel, we witness Jesus cleverly saving a woman accused of adultery from being stoned, giving her the liberating words, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.” (John 8:11)

From the dramatic miracle of Exodus saving a people who had been enslaved by the Egyptians, to Jesus’ wisdom saving a single woman from violence, our readings give us the image of a God of Solidarity, one who sides with the oppressed and makes a way for them, even when it feels impossible.

The Scriptures are full of stories like these, where God transforms a moment of turbulence and uncertainty into a moment of liberation. But this transformation is never a one-way process, as though humans were passive playthings on God’s cosmic chessboard. God does not teleport the Israelites away from Egypt, but works with Moses; Jesus does not hypnotize the crowd laying a trap for him, but offers them an opportunity to consider their own consciences. We are invited to participate in solidarity—with God, with each other, and with the planet—on the path to liberation.

I like to think of this participation as a lightning bolt. When we see lightning, we often imagine that it erupts from the roiling clouds above to strike the ground below. Yet, the reality is much more interesting. As water particles bump around in the clouds, they create invisible negative charges at the bottom of the clouds. Since opposites attract, positive charges on the ground rise to meet the negative charges in the clouds. When the two charges meet, an electrical current flashes in an instant, producing the bolts of lightning that we are most familiar with. Remarkably, while this whole process begins with the gathering energy up above, the visible flash of lightning actually crackles up from the ground!

Solidarity is like that. As God’s desire for justice churns in the heavens, our individual desires for justice stack on top of each other below, attracted to what the Spirit is doing. When the divine and human charges connect, a streak of light allows us to see, however briefly, our whole world in a new way.

It is only through our collective action that we can create enough energy on the ground for something remarkable to occur. On this Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace invites you to participate in our global movement for solidarity. A single donation may not feel as powerful as lightning, but a multitude of donations, a multitude of positive charges, can change the horizon.

Like the charges accumulating in the clouds, God’s desire for justice is not always visible, but it is nevertheless a constant, intensifying and attracting force. “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” God says in Isaiah. This Lent, let us perceive and gather to meet what new thing God is doing in these dangerous times. As God’s justice springs forth, may it find a people charged and ready to meet it, responding with a lightning bolt of solidarity.

Author: Dean Dettloff, Animator for Central Ontario, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada

Week 5: April 3 – Solidarity Sunday

This Lent, give from the heart



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign invites you to give from the heart and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

In Cambodia, for instance, your solidarity helped our partner DPA establish a community fishery in Srey Packly's village. She said, "Thank you very much to DPA and to the donors for supporting my family and fellow villagers to have fresh and healthy fish to eat and to improve our livelihoods."

Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for helping us build a world of justice.

MASS INTENTIONS: 2 – 8 April, 2022

Saturday, 4:00pm – April 2, 2022: Saint Francis of Paola

Aniello D'Addio
Audrey Morrison
Pietro Di Meglio & Feni Coppa

from Franca & Children
from your Husband, Irvin & Family
from Elena & Family

Sunday, 9:00am – April 3, 2022: 5th Sunday of LENT - National Collection for Development & Peace

For All Parishioners Intentions

Sunday, 11:00am – April 3, 2022: 5th Sunday of LENT – Livestreamed

National Collection for Development & Peace

Vincenzo Divona
The Cullen Family
Luigi & Chiara Sparapani

*from Ida Onesi & Family
from Jane Cullen
from Teresa & Family*

Tuesday, 8:30am – April 5, 2022: 5th Week of LENT – Saint Vincent Ferrer

Fr. Jaison Joseph – (L) Intention of Thanksgiving

from Clara Kang

Wednesday, 8:30am – April 6, 2022: Weekday Mass

Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella

from the Family

Thursday, 7:00pm – April 7, 2022: Evening Mass - Saint John Baptist de la Salle

Italo Falcone, Anna & Italo Mariani

from Luisa & Angelo

Friday, 8:30am – April 8, 2022:

The Brunet Family

from Christine