

RICH IN MERCY: WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis gave his very first Angelus address three years ago this week, from the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square. His comments on the Gospel proposed for our reflection this Sunday – the merciful encounter between Jesus and a woman accused of adultery – are especially appropriate for this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel presents us with the episode of the adulterous woman Jesus saves from the death sentence. Jesus' attitude is striking: we do not hear words of scorn or condemnation, but only words of love, of mercy, words that invite us to conversion. "Neither do I condemn you: go and sin no more!" Brothers and sisters, the face of God is that of a merciful father, who always has patience.

Have you thought about God's patience for each of us? That is his mercy. He always has patience, he understands us, he waits for us, he does not weary of forgiving us, if we know how to return to him with a contrite heart. Great is the mercy of the Lord! These last several days I have been able to read a book by Cardinal Kasper on mercy. This book did me much good ... mercy changes everything! It is the best word we can hear: it changes the world. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just. We need to rightly understand this mercy of God, this merciful Father, who has so much patience ... Even if our sins are bright red, God's mercy can make them white as snow.

Mercy is beautiful! I remember, when I had just become a bishop, there was a big Mass for the sick, and I went to hear confessions. Near the end of the Mass, an old lady came to me, a humble lady, over 80 years old. I looked at her and I said to her: "Grandma, do you want to go to confession?" "Yes," she said to me. "But if you haven't sinned..." And she said to me: "We have all sinned. But the Lord forgives everything," she told me, certain of what she was saying. "But how do you know that, madam?" She replied, "If the Lord did not forgive everything, the world would not exist!" This is the wisdom that the Holy Spirit gives: interior wisdom about the mercy of God.

Let us not forget this: God never wearies of forgiving us, never! The problem is that we grow weary; we tire of asking for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving, but we tire of asking forgiveness. Let us never tire! He is the loving Father, who always forgives, who has that heart of mercy for all of us. And we too learn to be merciful with everyone. We invoke the intercession of Our Lady, who held in her arms the Mercy of God made flesh.



The National Catholic Mission 2016, "Merciful Like the Father, with Fr. Tom Rosica CSB and will be broadcast during Holy Week on the following dates/times:

Salt + Light TV: Part 1: Tuesday March 22 and Part 2: Wednesday

March 23rd at 8:00 P.M. and midnight.

Vision TV: Part 1: Monday March 21 and Part 2 on Tuesday March 22 at 6:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M.

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MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 12 TO 20, 2016

Saturday, March 12: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Clarke Bedford By Dolores & Bob Parsons
Antonio Bei By his wife Gabriella Bei
Ermando Giuseppie Nudo By wife Elvira Nudo

Sunday, March 13: Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 **In Loving Memory:** Leona Clarke, Alba & Luigi Paliotti,
Emma & Colombo Salvati, Pietro Di Meglio
11:00 Maria Cardilli By Maria Sparapani
Rafeek Rahaman By Glen & Mary Smith
Vincenza Forte By Nursing Division Montreal
Neuro Hospital

Monday, March 14: Weekday Mass

8:00 Rosalina Dacuycuy Vea By Dacuycuy Family

Tuesday, March 15: Weekday Mass

8:00 Aniello D'addio By Franca & Family
Paolo & Emidia Turini By Pietrina Turini

Wednesday, March 16: Weekday Mass

8:00 Carolina Santini By Olga Satini Matta
Albert Mora Herreira By Ursulene Mora-Farmer

Thursday, March 17: St. Patrick

8:00 Felice & Elvira Caucci By Alessandrina Caucci
Special Intention for By Ursulene Mora-Farmer
Ena Herreira

Friday, March 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 Nazzareno Angelini By Maria Palucci

Saturday, March 19: St. Joseph Feast Day

4:00 Vincent Tedeschi By his Wife and Children
Giovanni & Palma Farinelli By Family
Angelo Caucci By Teresa Caucci

Sunday, March 20: Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

8:30 Vincenzo & Antonio La Posta By Concetta la Posta
Francesco & Iolanda Servello By Piccolino Family
11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Deceased Members of the Cullen Family,
Ettore Lanni, Fioravante Rotiroti.

Your Generosity... Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...
Collection for the weekend of February 27/28, 2016 totalled \$2,221.20 and
March 5/6 Totalled \$3,507.35.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Today is Solidarity Sunday and the end of this year's Share Lent campaign. You will find a prayer card in your pew. We encourage you to pray this prayer daily to remind us of the necessity to "Create a Climate of Change". D & P thanks you for your generous donations and your support.

SHARE LENT COLLECTION FOR
Development & Peace
THIS WEEKEND AT ALL THE SUNDAY MASSES
MARCH 12 & 13, 2016

BE REFRESHED IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT

Silent, directed weekend retreat at La Maison de Priere Notre-Dame in Longueuil. Begins Friday evening, April 8 and ends Sunday afternoon. Call 514-626-9462 or 514-633-1172 or www.montrealretreats.org

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Holy Spirit and the Life Worth Living

We are currently preparing for our **Acts of the Apostles** bible study, and invite you to join us for (4) consecutive **Wednesday evenings, April 6 to April 27**. Flyers are available at the main church entrance. Please take one and share one! More information will follow next week.

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information.

SUNDAY DONATION

BOXES

Using our Sunday Donation Boxes is a good way for parishioners to have their donations recorded and a tax receipt issued to them at the end of each year.

To receive a box, just call the parish at 514-481-0267.

PALM CROSS WORKSHOP

Our annual palm cross workshop will be held on Friday, March 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the church hall. Everyone is welcome!!!

PALM CROSS FUNDRAISER

Next weekend, March 19/20, we will have our annual Palm Cross Fundraiser in support of the Jason Fund. All donations welcome. The Jason Fund is a non-profit organization which was established in 2006 to help young adults battling cancer and promote the advancement of treatments for them.

**DID YOU REMEMBER TO
MOVE YOUR CLOCKS
AHEAD ONE HOUR TO
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
THIS WEEKEND?**