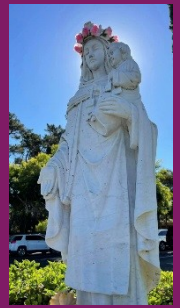




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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – “C” APRIL 6TH 2025
***“NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU.
GO, AND FROM NOW ON DO NOT SIN ANY MORE.”***



Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment.

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin. Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

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CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY: CONFIRMATION SAINT NAME.

In Catholic tradition, a confirmation name, also known as a saint's name, is chosen during the Sacrament of Confirmation to honor a saint and to encourage devotion to that saint. The purpose is to be inspired by the saint's life. This tradition is a symbol of the person's commitment to living a life that reflects the virtues of the chosen saint.

Our first year Confirmation Class, had a retreat day on Sat. March 29th at the Carmelite Monastery of Our Lady and St. Thérèse in Carmel by the Sea. Fr. Jhonnatan had contacted Mother Teresita to ask if the class could have a visit with some of the nuns to talk about choosing their confirmation names. The nine confirmation candidates who, along with instructor Daryl Lyon, mothers Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Foley, and Fr. Jhonnatan attended this inspirational morning trip. The class met with Mother Teresita and ten other nuns, who spoke with the candidates about their own favorite saints, their religious saint names, and their contemplative life of prayer. At the end of the talk the nuns answered some questions. The nuns seemed to greatly enjoy the chance to connect with our young students.



These are some of the testimonies from our candidates: Yazmin: *Going to see the sisters helped me get more of an idea of which saint I will be picking for my confirmation. The sisters were very loving and sweet, and I hope I am able to visit them again someday!*" Valeria: *"Meeting with the nuns was a highlight of my visit. Their warmth, kindness, and generosity of spirit were palpable, and I felt deeply moved by their stories and experiences. What struck me most was their sense of peace".* Daniela: *"Visiting the nuns in preparation for my Catholic confirmation was a truly inspiring experience. Hearing them speak about the different saints and their unwavering faith helped me see the beauty of living a life dedicated to God. Their words encouraged me to deepen my own faith and strive to follow the example of the saints in my daily life. This visit was a meaningful step in my journey toward confirmation, bringing me closer to God and strengthening my commitment to my faith."*

Lunch in the stunning Monastery gardens, which overlook the Pacific Ocean, was the perfect finale to a day spent fully surrendering to the will of God.

V DOMINGO DE CUARESMA ´ "TAMPOCO YO TE CONDENO. VETE Y YA NO VUELVAS A PECAR".

El Evangelio de hoy comienza con el relato de que Jesús está enseñando de nuevo a la multitud en las inmediaciones del Templo. Los escribas y fariseos se acercan a Jesús, trayendo a una mujer sorprendida en adulterio. Le preguntan qué debe hacerse en este caso.

Los fariseos afirman claramente que, según la Ley de Moisés, quienes fueran sorprendidos en adulterio debían ser lapidados. Sin embargo, bajo la ocupación romana, el pueblo judío no tenía autoridad para ejecutar; Para responder a la pregunta de los fariseos, Jesús debe proponer una acción que sea contraria a la Ley de Moisés o a la ley romana.

Sin embargo, Jesús evita la trampa ofreciendo una respuesta inesperada para quienes formularon la pregunta. Tras escribir en el suelo con el dedo, se dirige a quienes están frente a él y sugiere que quien esté libre de pecado tire la primera piedra. Jesús entonces vuelve a escribir. Podemos imaginar fácilmente la escena mientras los fariseos y los ancianos se dispersan, uno por uno. Jesús ha eludido la trampa que habían preparado. También podríamos reconocer el mérito de los ancianos y los fariseos que, al final, no afirman estar libres de pecado ni ser dignos de ser juzgados.

A solas con la mujer, Jesús pregunta adónde se han ido los acusadores. Sin que nadie quede para condenarla, Jesús (el que verdaderamente está libre de pecado) la despide, negándose a juzgarla y exhortándola a evitar futuros pecados. La respuesta de Jesús a quienes acusan a la mujer es más que una advertencia para nosotros sobre juzgar a los demás. Es una profunda lección de misericordia y perdón divinos. Como pecadores, todos somos indignos de juzgar los pecados ajenos y seríamos condenados por Dios por nuestras transgresiones. Sin embargo, Jesús, el único sin pecado y, por tanto, nuestro juez, nos ofrece a nosotros, pecadores, su misericordia y perdón. Redimidos por la compasión de Jesús, somos enviados a no pecar más y a vivir en el amor y la paz de Dios.

MASS INTENTIONS

April 6th — 13th 2025

Sat. Ap. 5th 4:30: + Joe & Patricia Reinkenmeyer

Sun. April. 6th 9:00: + Phillip Pare

11:00: - Health of Tula Selis

Wed. April 9th 12:00: + Jim & Dee Brannen

Thurs. Ap. 10th 12:00: + Joe & Patricia Reinkenmeyer

Fri. April 11th 12:00: + Richard Kordsmeier

Sat. April 12th Vigil 4:30: + Beverly Kordsmeier

Palm Sunday: April 13th 9:00: + Baby Francis

11:00: + Joann McIntyre

Misa en Espanol 1:00 pm: + Rosa Ramirez & Graciela Salinas

MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE. AMEN

WEEKLY COLLECTION

MARCH 29th & 30th \$3,806.76

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR
PARISH COMMUNITY

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,

As we get closer to Holy Week, the tension between Jesus and the religious authorities increases. They are trying to catch Jesus on whatever he says about the adulteress woman in today's Gospel.

This Wednesday April 9th at 6:30pm we will have our Lenten Reconciliation Service, four guest priest will join in me offering the grace of forgiveness. Next Sunday we will be celebrating Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. I hope to see you at our liturgical celebrations. Last Saturday, I joined the confirmation class on a special retreat day at the Carmelite Monastery. You can read about that special experience our young people had with the nuns in this Sunday's bulletin. Shalom! Fr. Jhonnatan.

SPAIN PILGRIMAGE

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DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manna Ministry is in need of boxes of cereal, pancake mix and syrup. Please drop these items off in the basket in front of the church.

LENTEN SEASON 2025

Stations of the Cross Fridays: 5:30pm.

Lenten Reconciliation Service. Wed. April 9th at 6:30pm. 4 guest priests hearing confessions.

2025 LENTEN DINNERS

Friday April 11th at 6:00 pm (Sold Out)

HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER 2025

Sat. April 12th
4:30pm: Vigil Mass

PALM SUNDAY

Sun. April 13th: 9 & 11am Masses.
1pm Misa en Espanol.

Blessing of Palms (Covid Memorial Garden)

"Weather permitting"

CHRISM MASS

Tue. of Holy Week
April 15th

11am At Madonna del Sasso in Salinas.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

April 16th 12pm Betrayal Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

April 17th 6:30pm: Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper -Adoration Until 10pm
Parish Hall

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18th: 3:00 pm Stations of Cross
3:45 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
6:00 pm Santo Via Crucis & 7 Dolores de la Virgen (*Cachagua Community Park*)

HOLY SATURDAY


April 19th 8:00 pm: Bilingual Easter Vigil
Blessing of Fire (Covid Memorial Garden)

"Weather permitting"

EASTER SUNDAY


April 20th: 9 & 11am Easter English Masses.

NOTE: The office will be closed and there will be no weekday Masses the week after Easter, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday April 23, 24 & 25. (We will be shampooing our carpets).



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Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM
Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month
1:00 pm in the Church.
4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
1:00 pm—3:00 pm.
Sundays: 10:00 am—11:00 am.

"At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service." St. Teresa of Avila

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