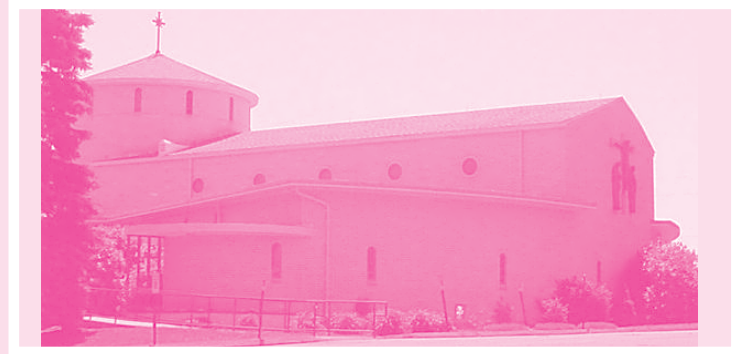


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 6, 2016

Good News!

March 6, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Jos 5:9a, 10–12 / 2 Cor 5:17–21 / Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

One of the deep meanings of this Gospel reading is signaled in verse 2: “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Last Sunday, Jesus challenged the people to realize they were no better than those they condemned. The Pharisees and scribes had trouble with that lesson. They felt morally superior and more entitled to God’s favor than those whose lives they questioned. Jesus turned that attitude on its head, showing time and again that God seeks out the sinner and the lost, particularly those who recognize that they are sinners and lost. As long as the Pharisees and scribes did not see themselves that way, Jesus could not help them.

Dictionary.com Unabridged says prodigal means “wastefully or recklessly extravagant,” so someone who is prodigal is lavish, a spendthrift. According to the Pharisees, Jesus was prodigal, for they considered his welcome of sinners as wildly wasteful, frittering away time and resources on people they thought were unworthy. But Jesus simply was showing them, and all of us, what God’s love is like. God is extravagant in his love for saints and sinners alike. To some it might seem pointless or unjust to love and care for sinners and enemies, but God finds no one unworthy or unlovable—even those who reject him and oppress others.

Lent is a time to accept our sinfulness, our lost condition, and return home to the Father. Like the father of the prodigal son, God waits for that warm embrace, willing to give us everything. Hurry now.

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**THIS WEEK****FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT****MARCH 5 — 6, 2016****USHERS GROUP III****2ND COLLECTION — FUEL FUND****2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - LAUNCH WEEKEND****SATURDAY, MAR 5****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea*Lectors:* Georgette Pelletier*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Wiley**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, MAR 6****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Lynn Mancino*Lector:* Judy Trzcinski*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M.** **YOUTH CHOIR** in the Church**8:30 A.M.** **BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION****9:00 A.M.** **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Margaret Fennelly request of Patrick and Eileen McMahon and Family*Altar Servers:* Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz*Lector:* Jessica Merry*Eucharistic Minister:* Janusz Herasimowicz**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**MONDAY, MAR 7****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †John Ciscon request of Theresa Ciscon**7:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.** **CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH****TUESDAY, MAR 8****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †John Sheetz request of Rita Sheetz**7:00 P.M.** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING****7:15 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, MAR 9****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**9:00 A.M.** **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** in the Parish Center**THURSDAY, MAR 10 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, MAR 11****7:00 P.M.** **MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*Lector:* Lee Snuffer*Eucharistic Minister:* Sharon Scorso**SATURDAY, MAR 12****3:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS****STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: February 28 — \$ 3,011****Projected Amount needed \$3,370***"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan."* (JOSHUA 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

NEXT WEEK**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT****MARCH 12 — 13, 2016****USHERS GROUP IV****2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL — COMMITMENT WEEKEND****"MERCY — THE BEATING HEART OF THE GOSPEL"****SATURDAY, MAR 12****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Francesca Quagliano request of Josephine and Silvio Maratta*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea*Lectors:* Patti Cinea*Eucharistic Minister:* Patti Cinea**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, MAR 13 (Daylight Savings Time begins)****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Shirley Holbrook*Lector:* Joel Cohan*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M.** **YOUTH CHOIR** in the Church**8:30 A.M.** **BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION****9:00 A.M.** **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercowy*Lector:* Katherine Monroe*Eucharistic Minister:* Betty Aitkin**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**MONDAY, MAR 14****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis request of The Dean and Bloznalis Families**7:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.** **CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH****TUESDAY, MAR 15****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lynn Hebler Pinard request of Mary Mumford and Family**7:15 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, MAR 16****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Carol Zachman request of m/m Peter McConnell**9:00 A.M.** **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** in the Parish Center**7:00 P.M.** **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING****THURSDAY, MAR 17 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, MAR 18****7:00 P.M.** **MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercowy*Lector:* Katherine Monroe**SATURDAY, MAR 19****4:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of March 6, 2016**

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9-12/Jn 7:40-53

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The fact is that "choice" is nothing apart from the context to which it is applied. Laws against rape, murder, assault, theft, and drunk driving (to name a few) are all "anti-choice". They remove choice in order to protect a more fundamental freedom.

In the final analysis, we are only free to choose so long as that choice does not harm another person. For example, a person cannot choose to rape another person because rape is a violent assault on another human being. And so is abortion.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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