



Reflection for the 4th Sunday of Lent

The Gospel for this Sunday (Lk 15:1-3,11-32) presents us with the Parable of the Prodigal Son, one of the most beautiful expressions of God's merciful love. The younger son, after leaving home and wasting everything, decides to return to his father in repentance. To his surprise, he finds a father who runs to meet him, embraces him, and celebrates his return with a great feast.

This image shows us how God acts with us: He never tires of forgiving and is always waiting for our return with love and joy. Even when we make mistakes, we can come back with confidence, knowing we will be welcomed.

There is also the older son, who refuses to join the celebration because he does not understand the logic of forgiveness. He represents all of us when we close our hearts to others and cannot rejoice in God's mercy.

Lent is a favorable time to reflect on which son we have been and to take the path back to the Father. As Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (2 Cor 5:17). May we renew our hearts and joyfully embrace the reconciliation God offers us.

In this season of conversion, we are called to abandon pride, rigidity, and judgment, and to embrace a heart like the Father's: open, compassionate, and full of love. May we be instruments of reconciliation and welcome wherever we are, radiating the joy of the Gospel in our homes, communities, and daily relationships.

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays and Fridays
12:00 pm (English) -
in the main church.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

10:30am (English)
12pm (Portuguese)

The Office is opened
Tuesdays and Thursdays

DONATE for the upkeep of our building, support activities, and operations.



"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.

He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults." Psalm 103:8-10

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar
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ShareLife Campaign 2025

Apr
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Good Friday Procession at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Apr
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Beginning of Holy Week Masses

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"What pleases God in my little soul is to see me love my littleness and poverty; it is the blind hope I have in His mercy." Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Holy Week Mass Schedule. Join us for this moment of faith and reflection!

- Thursday, April 17 – 7:00 PM (in English and Portuguese)
- Friday, April 18 – 12:00 PM (in Portuguese)
- Saturday, April 19 – 8:00 PM (Portuguese and English)
- Sunday, April 20 – 11:30 AM (in English and Portuguese)

Confessions will take place on **April 7 at 7:00 PM.**



ShareLife

This Sunday marks the first collection of our annual parish ShareLife campaign, which supports over 40 agencies that help people in vulnerable situations. Nick, for example, overcame addiction with the support of the DARE program at Good Shepherd and now lives with hope and gratitude. Your generosity helps transform lives like his.

Please contribute using a ShareLife envelope at the parish, through our website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Easter Flower Donations

We are accepting flower donations to decorate the church this Easter. If you would like to contribute, please contact **Ana Ledo** at **416-457-5698**.



Thank you for your generosity!

Stations of the Cross during Lent

We invite everyone to the Stations of the Cross, which will take place every Friday during Lent at 11:15 AM, before the Holy Mass.

Prayers will be conducted in English and Portuguese.



Join us for this special time of reflection and prayer!

"God always has His arms open for those who wish to return. It is not He who turns away from us, but we who turn away from Him." Saint Augustine