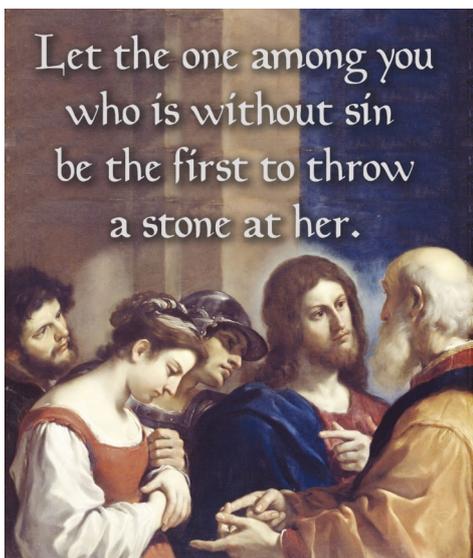


Grow & go



A weekly resource for everyday evangelizers

APRIL 7, 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Scriptures for the this Sunday of can be found [here](#)

This week's Gospel tells the story of the woman caught in adultery. As is the custom of the time, townspeople stand ready with rocks in their hands, set to stone her to death. Jesus' simple reply, "Let the one among you without sin throw the first stone," sends them all away. Scapegoating others is a human tendency that endures to our time, but doing so shows a lack of unity among the group: we

don't know what we are for, but we sure know what we are against: people who don't sin like we do.

Part of being human is the reality that all of us are sinners. Our sins may differ, but we all sin. As a community, realizing that as God forgives each of us, so must we forgive each other, helps us find our common belief : living as followers of Jesus.

- St. Augustine tells us that at the end of this story two things are left: misery and mercy. Which do you choose when you confront another sinner?
- How do you treat those you encounter who have sinned? Consider acting in an unexpected way that makes God's love apparent.
- Have someone extended mercy to you? Have you thanked them for the gift?

Amoris Laetitia

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation presents a unique viewpoint on relationships with sinners. Rather than keeping them at a distance or casting them out, he says accompanying sinners is the best way to show Jesus' love. You can read a summary of the document [here](#).

Upcoming Events

We will celebrate the final **Scrutiny** with those becoming Catholic this Sunday, April 7 at the 8:30 Mass.

Stations of the Cross on April 12 will be led by our school 7th graders, with the help of Mrs. Heather Connors. Stations begin at 7 pm in the Church.

Knights of Columbus monthly breakfast is April 7 in the Auditorium. Served after 7, 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses

Our final **Fish Fry** for this year will be April 12, 5 until 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. We will begin Mass outdoors in the South parking lot. Please plan to park on the north side for Palm Sunday Masses, or at the Early Childhood Center.