Reflection Question: How must have the woman felt when Jesus forgave her? Have you made someone feel that way with your forgiveness?

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon, and 7:00pm
Spanish Mass: 2:30pm
Daily: 6:30am, 8:30am & 12:00 noon
Saturday: 8:30am

Federal Holidays:
6:30am and 8:30am only
Holy Days: 7:30pm Vigil
6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00 noon and 7:30pm

FIRST FRIDAYS:
Exposition: 9:00 - 11:45am
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 11:45am
Eucharistic Holy Hour:
Sunday: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS:
Friday: 11:15 - 11:45am
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30pm & 7:30 - 8:00pm and by appt.

RECTORY HOURS:
Weekdays 9:00am- 9:00pm (closed 12:45 - 1:30pm)
Saturday 9:00am - 1:30pm

This Week at St. James

Sunday, April 7
Holy Hour, 5:00pm in the Church

Wednesday, April 10
The Light is On
Confessions in English and en Español
Eucharistic Adoration
6:30pm-8:00pm in the Church

Friday, April 12
A Day of Abstinence
Fish Fry
5:00pm – 8:00pm
Heller Hall—Door 13
Stations of the Cross
en Español – 6:00pm
in English—7:30pm, Vespers to Follow

Saturday, April 13
Silent Prayer Workshop
with Dawn Keeler
9:30am – Noon
Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
The Light of Christ: Shining for All God’s People

The Spanish Apostolate serves our Hispanic Community with pastoral and formational assistance. The Office of Multicultural Ministries is a resource to newcomers and coordinates programs, Masses, and convocations in outreach to various ethnic communities in our diocese. At Saint James, we are blessed to have an amazing Hispanic community who share their traditions with our parish and community.
“[S]ee, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:19

A few weeks ago we read about the transformative nature of God’s presence in our lives. Upon that mountain, Jesus is revealed not only as the New Lawgiver but as God’s Chosen Son. We are commanded to “listen to Him!” Today, in Jesus’ role as the new Moses, He is directly confronted with a test of His authority. “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?”

Imagine how gleeful the scribes and Pharisees must’ve been parading the adulterous woman in front of the crowd? Surely this was the bait to trap this annoying prophet and silence His followers. As a Jew, there is no higher law than that of Moses. The scribes and Pharisees provided proof; they had eyewitnesses. The penalty, death, was the natural consequence of her sins. In essence, they were trial, judge and jury.

But Jesus is here to reveal “something new!” He comes not to condemn, but to encourage others to abandon their sinful ways. He doesn’t chastise the Pharisees in this reading; rather he lets them go to think on their misdeeds. Whatever the woman’s “sins” were, they are not brought to judgment by Christ. In His mercy, He asks only that she “sin no more.”

This reading is so important, especially during Lent, because its message is at the heart of Jesus’ ministry. It gives a tangible example of the Prophet Joel’s call: “Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful.”

In our world where hypocrisy runs rampant, where it is played out in social media, on the news and society in general, it is easy to see how it can filter into our homes and workplaces. We are so ready at times to cast aspersions at others, to make assumptions of guilt based upon race or religion, etc., that we don’t see our failings. And we all have failings.

Lent can often be seen as a “downer,” more about what we give up or scary notions of Confession. But we can also view it as a time of real hope – the hope that we’ve seen in the previous Scripture readings – the hope that true mercy can give. The Prodigal Son’s father and now today, our Heavenly Father, wants nothing more than for us to come willingly to Him. It is this hope that we will carry with us on the road to Calvary and celebrate Easter morning.

“Fr. Posey

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Prayer Intentions for the Week of April 7

As you pray this week, please include these intentions:

April 7: Sister Mary Sue, IHM  
April 12: The Souls in our Cemetery  
April 8: Our School Students  
April 13: Our Volunteers  
April 9: Deacon Ed and Jean Gliot  
April 10: Mrs. Janet Haines, School Crossing Guard  
April 11: Father Steven Oetjen
This Week's Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Thursday: St. Stanislaus
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: St. Martin I

Today's Readings

First Reading — See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21)
Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126)
Second Reading — I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14)
Gospel — Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11)


Readings for the Week

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9: Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:
Elizabeth Fielder  Conley Rohall
Dorothy Hannon  Carolynn Scheid
Diane Hixson  Tom Sowers
Ann McDermott
Lily O’Brien
Mary Remshard

and the deceased of our parish family:
Magdalena Banez

Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Please pray for our disabled veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service, especially Justin Berg, Capt. Albert C. Young, Michele Petersen, and Roger Van Sanford.
Thank you to all our parents who came in to celebrate Career Day with our students. Your experiences and first-hand knowledge gave them real insight into a variety of professional fields.

WE LOVE OUR PARENTS!!

LEARN HOW TO SEND YOUR KIDS TO COLLEGE WITHOUT GOING BROKE!
The cost of a college education is higher than ever. How will you afford this expense? This workshop will teach you how to send your children to the college of their dreams without bankrupting your retirement nest egg. Whether your child is one or 21, you’ll discover strategies that may enable to you to qualify for financial aid, sources for scholarships, and strategies for maximizing your wealth and minimizing your tax exposure, giving you greater cash flow for funding a college education. Please join the St. James PTO on April 10 @ 7:30 pm -8:45 pm. This is information you can’t afford to miss! To RSVP please go to:  https://bit.ly/2Fn4X1G

LEARN HOW TO SEND YOUR KIDS TO COLLEGE WITHOUT GOING BROKE!
St. James Social Outreach
Focus on Hunger-Meals on Wheels
“If you can’t feed a hundred people, feed just one.”
Mother Theresa

MEALS ON WHEELS. The Falls Church Community Service Council (FCS) maintains a food pantry at Knox Presbyterian Church which provides non-perishable and fresh food to families in need. It also is the umbrella organization for the Meals on Wheels Program for the Falls Church area. As a member, St. James Meals on Wheels teams cover the second and fourth Fridays and third Wednesday of the month from 10:30am to 12:30pm. If you would like to join one of St. James Meals on Wheels teams contact John Vrablik at 703-533-2135.

Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Hour With Mark Forrest – April 28

Noted Irish Tenor, Mark Forrest, returns to St. James on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, to take part in Holy Hour at 5:00pm in the Church. Forrest ‘s presentation, "Walk With Me," mixes song, his faith story, and prayer to help us all become closer to God. His presentation promises to be inspiring and memorable, and we hope you will be able to attend. For those of you who attended his talk in 2018, you know how good it will be so be sure to spread to the word! To learn more about Mark Forrest and his mission and music, visit https://bit.ly/2FAHRF8.

40 Days of Life Vigil – Through April 14

Please join us for the Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign (www.40daysforlife.com), already underway in 377 cities around the world. Our local campaign is in front of the Falls Church Healthcare Center, 900 South Washington Street. For 40 days and nights, people of faith and conscience will stand in constant, peaceful vigil outside hundreds of abortion facilities … to do the most critical thing we can do: PRAY. Join other St. James parishioners on Wednesdays – or any day you are available – for this prayerful witness to life (www.40daysforlife.com/fallchurch). So far during this campaign, at least 175 lives have been saved, including one right here in Falls Church. To hear that story, visit https://bit.ly/2CCuQZK.

I Can’t Have Chocolate. Will These Do?

Join Us for an Easter Egg Hunt!
Saturday, April 20
Following the 9:00am
Easter Baskets Blessing
Time is Running Out to Take a Chance in the 2019 All Saints Catholic Church Car Raffle

Don’t miss out on your chance to be a “Highway Star”! Take a $5.00 chance on the 2019 “All Saints Catholic Church Multi-Car Raffle,” and you could win one of five cars: Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Pickup Truck, Honda Civic, Honda CRV, or Honda Odyssey Van. You could also win up to $20,000 in cash prizes. The raffle closes on April 30, and All Saints Catholic Church will hold the drawing on May 5. This raffle continues to benefit our parish as well as many charitable causes throughout the diocese. Please make all checks payable to “All Saints Catholic Church,” and make sure that you return your check(s), ticket stubs, or unsold tickets directly to All Saints Catholic Church, as mandated by the regulations set forth by the Virginia Department of Charitable Gaming.

Readings:  Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3,4-5,6; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Read the Readings:  https://bit.ly/2UkHAeo

Reflection Question:  How must have the woman felt when Jesus forgave her? Have you made someone feel that way through your forgiveness?

St. James Seniors Lenten Dinner and Speaker Series – April 11

We invite all parishioners 55 and over to a Lenten dinner followed by a speaker on Thursday, April 11 from 5:30 - 7:30pm in Heller Hall. Please bring a hearty salad to share. We will supply bread and beverages. Donna Spann, our guest speaker, will share thoughts about decluttering your home and simple ways to improve your health and wellness. Why not "right size" your house now and store up happy memories rather than “stuff”? RSVP by April 8 to Mary Anne Stallings at 703-237-1768, Cae Gilley at 703-533-3845, or Susan Jackson at 703-533-3482. We can arrange rides if needed.

A Silent Prayer Workshop: Learn to pray with Saint Teresa of Avila – April 13, 9:30am – Noon

Dawn Keeler, a member of the Sacred Heart Community of Secular Carmelites in Frederick, Maryland, will be leading “A Silent Prayer Workshop: Learn to Pray With Saint Teresa of Avila,” on Holy Saturday, April 13, from 9:30am to Noon in the Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9). The event will feature a presentation on silent prayer, group discussion, and a silent prayer workshop. Participants may bring food and beverages to the workshop. According to Keeler, “Silent prayer is a simple look turned towards Jesus. It is an intimate contact with the Living God. This prayer from the heart enables us to meet the person of Christ, to truly know ourselves and to give ourselves ever more fully to him.” A small, free-will donation is requested from all attendees to help defray Ms. Keeler’s costs for producing the workshop’s materials.
We have come to the threshold of The Holy Triduum—The Three Days. These are the days when God moves most profoundly among us, the days when we enter most deeply into God’s movement. In word and symbol and gesture, we celebrate the mysteries of life and death and resurrection in company with the Risen Christ who shows us the way.

**HOLY THURSDAY—April 18**
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:30 pm – Church

The Gospel leaves no room for doubt—the most humble service given in love surrounds the gift of Christ’s Body and Blood. Feet are washed—a demanding gesture, at once a little messy, a little awkward, like many of love’s demands. Wine and bread are consecrated—enough bread for tomorrow when even sacraments are silent. Procession with the Eucharist from the church building to the altar of repose in Msgr. Heller Hall, accompanied by the Hispanic community. Adoration through the last hours of the day, until midnight when Friday’s fast begins.

**GOOD FRIDAY—April 19**
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Veneration of the Cross)
7:30 pm – Church

We come to stand with the women and the beloved disciple to listen to the Passion according to St. John. We pray with every man and woman and child in whom Christ is still suffering. We eat the Bread of Remembrance. A single cross is lifted high for our veneration together, then placed at the altar steps. Individual veneration of the cross when the celebration of the Lord’s Passion is over. We leave an empty church in silence.

Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm – Church

Living Stations of the Cross (en Español)
4:30 pm.

**EASTER VIGIL—April 20**
8:30 pm – Church

“Mother of all vigils.” This is St. Augustine’s name for tonight, a name that conveys how the church cherishes this night that is different from any other. A vigil is a night watch: people who would normally be home resting are awake, gathered in expectation, waiting for news. We wait in a great company, as Christians around the world keep watch. Nothing is ordinary about this evening we spend together. The Vigil is long and full.

It begins outside with Fire, kindled in the presence of our elect and our candidates and those who accompany them. The Paschal Candle is ignited from that fire and carried into the darkened church where all our candles are lighted from that flame.

We hear the EXSULTET – THE EASTER PROCLAMATION. This is the night when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the grave. (Cont. P.9)
The Holy Triduum (Continued)

In the light of the Easter candle, we listen to God’s Word, the story of our salvation. Women and men from our assembly come, one after another, to proclaim the Word, readings announcing how God saves His people throughout history, pursuing us with unrelenting affection. These stories take time to tell and time to savor, and call us to respond in psalm and in prayer. The Gloria sounds again after Lenten silence, and the Alleluia. Lights are thrown on. Bells ring.

Led to faith by God's Word and by God's people, our elect come to be baptized. Baptismal water will be blessed and poured over Erik Brendon Bond, Bryan Escobar, Lucas Guillen, Mateo Guillen, Jesse Ethan Heminger, Dylan Loayza, Kenneth Alan Messner, Bryan Velasco, Jovanny Velasco, and David Burns Westphal. They are wrapped in the white garment of Christ's life and are given the new light of Christ. Called to remember and renew our own baptism, we stand to embrace the saving waters. We acclaim our candidates as they reaffirm their baptism and, with the newly baptized, are sealed and confirmed with the oil of chrism. Together we taste and savor the Bread of Life—Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Risen Lord.

The Mother of all Vigils enfolds the Christian people, nourishes our Christianity, sends us out to embody Christ to the world.

EASTER SUNDAY — April 21

Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, Noon, 7:00 pm
Misa en Español at 2:30 pm

The Great Sunday, the Feast of Fifty Days begins!

The fifty days from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one feast day, The Great Sunday. The Easter candle is lit and God’s people may feel the waters of life throughout this season. New Catholics join their brothers and sisters at the Table of the Lord. A time of grace for our whole parish.

PENTECOST — June 9

The Birthday of the Church! The celebration of all God’s people!

SIGH. JUST TWO MORE FISH FRY FRIDAYS

FISH FRY FRIDAYS CONTINUE!

5:00-8:00PM
HELLEL HALL
DOOR 13 BY THE MARY STATUE
April Prayer Intention of Pope Francis
Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones
For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

This Week in Our Parish

| Sunday, April 7 | 10:00am — 2:00pm | Parish Library Open | House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue |
| | 10:15am — 11:15am | Baptism Class | School of Ministries — Door 16 |
| | 11:30am — 2:15pm | Hispanic RCIA | Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9 |
| | 1:00pm — 2:15pm | Hispanic PREP | School — Door 16 |
| | 1:30pm — 3:30pm | Bible Study | School Library — Door 17 |
| | 3:45pm — 6:00pm | Grupo de Oración Emmanuel | Heller Hall — Door 13 |
| | 4:30pm — 6:00pm | Hispanic Legion of Mary | House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue |
| | 5:00pm | Holy Hour | Church |

| Monday, April 8 | 7:00pm — 9:00pm | Prayer and Life Seminar | House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue |
| | 7:00pm — 9:00pm | Hogar English & Citizenship Classes | School — Door 16 |
| | 7:30pm — 9:00pm | RCIA | Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9 |

| Tuesday, April 9 | 4:45pm & 7:00pm | PREP | School — Door 16 |
| | 7:30pm — 9:00pm | Legion of Mary | House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue |

| Wednesday, April 10 | 9:15am — 11:00am | Scripture Study — Women | Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9 |
| | 9:15am — 11:00am | Scripture Study — Women | Knecht Meeting Room — Doors 8 & 9 |
| | 6:30pm — 8:00pm | The Light is On | Church |
| | 7:00pm — 9:00pm | College Info Night and PTO Meeting | Heller Hall — Door 13 |
| | 7:00pm — 9:00pm | Hogar English & Citizenship Classes | School — Door 16 |
| | 7:00pm — 9:00pm | Hispanic Catechists Meeting | House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue |
| | 7:00pm — 9:00pm | Charismatic Prayer Group | Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9 |

| Thursday, April 11 | 9:30am — 11:30am | Bible Study | Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9 |
| | 5:30pm — 7:30pm | St. James Seniors | Heller Hall — Door 13 |
| | 7:00pm — 9:00pm | Scripture Study — Women | Art Room — Door 17 |
| | 7:00pm — 9:00pm | Social Outreach Committee Meeting | Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9 |

| Friday, April 12 | 5:00pm — 8:00pm | Fish Fry | Heller Hall — Door 13 |
| | 6:00pm | Stations of the Cross in Spanish | Church |
| | 6:45pm — 9:15pm | Grupo Santiago Apostol Bible Study | Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9 |
| | 7:30pm | Stations of the Cross in English | Church |
| | 7:55pm | Vespers with Dawn Keeler | Church |

| Saturday, April 13 | 9:30am — Noon | Silent Prayer Workshop with Dawn Keeler | Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9 |
| | 3:30pm — 4:30pm | Confessions | Church |
| | 5:30pm — 9:00pm | Grupo de Oración Santiago Apostol | Heller Hall — Door 13 |
| | 7:30pm | Confessions | Church |

14 Days Until Easter, How Will You Make Them Meaningful?
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