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Fourth Sunday of Lent Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

Reading 2: Ephesians 2:4-10 Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved.

Gospel: John 3:14-21 God sent his Son so that the world might be saved through him.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	13	5:00 p.m.	SH	Steve Eck	✠ 4 th Sunday of Lent
Sunday	14	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners	4 th Sunday of Lent
Sunday	14	10:30 a.m.	ML	Evan Withrow	✠ 4 th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday	16	9:00 a.m.	ML	Ernie Young	✠ Tuesday of the 4 th week of Lent
Wednesday	17	5:30 p.m.	ML	Marie Ann Mntooth	✠ Wednesday of the 4 th week of Lent
Thursday	18	8:30 a.m.	KW	Fr Ultan Murphy	✠ Thursday of the 4 th week of Lent
Friday	19	5:00 p.m.	SH	Steve Eck	✠ Solemnity of St. Joseph
Saturday	20	5:00 p.m.	SH	Jerry Ricke	✠ 5 th Sunday of Lent
Sunday	21	8:30 a.m.	KW	Barbara Wilhelm	✠ 5 th Sunday of Lent
Sunday	21	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners	5 th Sunday of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: Our Litanies of Lament One healthy response to the popular British injunction to "Keep calm and carry on" is to "Rage, rage against the dying of the light." There's something to be said for both coping strategies. Here, let us say a word for the way of lament. Lamentation almost always involves a list of woes or longings or painful confusions. It certainly has biblical endorsement, as well as the weight of literary tradition from the ancient Greeks onward. Aeschylus's words about suffering have lasted these thousands of years because they ring true: "Even in our sleep, / pain which cannot forget / falls drop by drop upon the heart / until, in our own despair, against our will, / comes wisdom through the awful grace of God."

No one knows this better than those who have been enslaved, persecuted, unjustly imprisoned, oppressed, exiled, or witness to atrocities no human should have to bear. A vast literature of lament has emerged from sites of sorrow, one notable and lively example being AfricanAmerican spirituals and Gospel songs that mingle pain and hope in ways that forestall glib and false comfort. . . .

Psalms, songs, poems, and other lamentations often emerge at moments we might describe as just before dawn. In that darkest time of night, the tipping point that turns us away from despair and toward some glimmering of hope has often been inscribed in lists of sorrows one cannot, and perhaps should not, release without naming them. To look at the whole, sorry lot of our sufferings can be an important step toward release. . . .

Those of us who were taught not to complain, to keep a stiff upper lip, to take a certain pride in what we can put up with—we may need to list our laments more than others. To give ourselves that permission may liberate the energy we expend keeping a lid on what needs to be released, or at least seen clearly enough to enable us to devise effective ways of living with what we cannot entirely dispel. Marilyn McEntyre, *Make a List*

Word of Life

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life"

***PLEASE EMAIL BULLETIN ITEMS TO JULIE BY NOON WEDNESDAY TO: secretary@barbercountycatholic.org**

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Roger Ringer, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Charlotte A. Ringer, John Eck, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Mike Lynch, Ronald Ringer, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Gwen Spade, Vernon Rinke, Joe Hrencher, Gerard Ricke, Evan Withrow, Gladys Christensen, Victor Blick, Roman Blick Jr, Eulanda(Butch) Criser, Steve Eck, Ernest Young, Deven Leis, Art Junger, Ted Hauser, Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Captain Rebecca Wright Lopez, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

Holy Land Pilgrimage

The trip is now full. The travel agency has started a “wait list.” See Fr Mark if you have any questions.

Stations of the Cross and Mass Times

St Boniface –5:30 pm FOLLOWING THE 5:00PM Mass St John the Apostle –9:00 am Following the 8:30 am Mass
Holy Rosary –6:00 pm Following the 5:30 Mass This schedule is valid through March 26th

Holy Rosary Confirmation Mass

Holy Rosary will have the Sacrament of Confirmation mass on Wednesday evening, March 24th, at 6:30 p.m. Father Mark will celebrate the mass. There will be a reception for the kids after mass.

The Parish Mission was a Success!

Thanks to everyone who took time to attend. Many have asked about the song. It was “Welcome to the Machine” by Pink Floyd on the “Wish You Were Here” album. You had to be there.

Pregnancy Help from Catholic Charities Pregnancy is an emotional journey on a good day, and even more so if it is your first pregnancy, an unintended pregnancy, or you don't have resources to support yourself and your child. But there is hope and you don't have to walk this journey alone. Catholic Charities offers free, compassionate pregnancy support for any woman regardless of faith, race, nationality, or age. We'll walk beside you while and connect with resources so that you can make the best choices for yourself and your baby. Contact Amy Falcon at 620-227-1590 or afalcon@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org.

Ministry Schedule March 20th – March 21st

Week 3	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Marilyn Traffas	Pam Malone	John Hagood
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrmann
Lector 2	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Brandon Warner
General Intercessions	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Kyla Alojacin
Eucharistic Ministers	Scott Dohm Heather Rankin Sandy Ricke Doug Schmidt Karin Traffas	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Susan Ricke Jerome Ricke Kathleen Pennock
Servers	Rachel Fischer Cole Fischer Branden Fischer	Volunteers	Jhayla Alojacin
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	John & Kathy Dohm	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke