

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Father David's homilies--
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I imagine you saw the story last week of the *Ever Given* at the Suez Canal. The *Ever Given* is a container ship that has the capacity of 20,000 containers. With a load of 18,300 containers, it got stuck in the Canal and blocked the shipping lane for six days. By the time it was afloat there were some 360 ships waiting to pass. I looked at images of the ship stuck. If the ship were a heart valve, it would have stopped the flow of blood completely. It was stuck so that nothing could pass, except maybe a canoe!

The images were so vivid and are now a sign of my religious imagination of sin and grace. If the Suez is a canal from here to heaven, and the ships are communication with God and God's communication with us, then the *Ever Given* stopped the communication. This is what sin has the capacity to do--it clogs up our ears, possibly so completely that we forfeit our ability to hear God. God does not stop talking to us--when we fail to repent, our sins are like a cargo ship blocking the passage.

The *Ever Given* was so big and heavy! The captain was helpless to get it unstuck. So, it seems with our sins. Their weight is crushing, and we are helpless to move them. With a single word, God can command forgiveness. This new covenant of power and freedom was offered to us by Jesus at the Last Supper. It was consummated with his death on the cross. It is proclaimed by his resurrection.

Even when the *Ever Given* was stuck, blocking the shipping traffic completely, there was enough for a canoe. No matter how great our sins, there is room to send a simple message to God. When the centurion stood at the foot of the cross, he saw the sky grow dark and he felt the earthquake. He looked at Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God." With those simple words, the canal was opened, and grace flooded his heart as his thanksgiving flooded heaven.

We are the ship. We are the *Ever Forgiven*. If we remember this, we will become ever more the people God intends us to be--chosen, a holy nation, a people set apart. I pray for you a blessed Easter.

Morning Prayer Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. and Fri. @ 8:30am before Mass or Communion Service. The Liturgy of the hours and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed at this time. Books are available.

Daily Mass Schedule: Apr. 5th- 11th

Mon: 9:00 am Communion Service
 Tues: 9:00 am Communion Service
 Wed: 9:00 am Communion Service
 Thurs: 9:00 am Communion Service
 Fri: 9:00 am Communion Service
 Sat: 4:00 pm +Paul Guck
 Sat: 5:30 pm +Carol Karasch
 Sun: 8:30 am Living and Deceased Members of Christian Mother's
 Sun: 12:00 pm +Arlene Schreiner

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Mass Times

Sun. 8:30 am
 12:00 pm
 Wed. 9:00 am
 Thurs. 9:00 am
 Fri 9:00 am
 Sat. 4:00 pm
 5:30 pm

ADORATION:

Tues. 9:30 am-7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS:

Thurs. 8:00 am
 Fri. 8:00 am
 Sat. 3:15 pm
 4:45 pm
 Sun. 7:45 am

Up Coming Events

Mon. Apr. 5th Christian Mother's Meeting at 5:30 pm
 Mon. Apr. 5th Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00 pm
 Tues. Apr. 13th Cemetery Meeting at 6:30 pm
 Sun. Apr. 18th Knights of Columbus Meeting at 10:00 am

CALLING TO FASTING AND PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH AND COUNTRY

On April 28th, our first day of fasting. Ask the Holy Spirit to hear His message for you from Isaiah 58:1-9a. Read the passage slowly twice. Ask the Spirit to show you where in your life you are not working out of charity. Where is there unforgiveness, unkind words or actions. Jot them down and take them to prayer. For if we are praying for Church and Country any changes the Lord wishes to make begin with us. Remembering what Jesus taught us to hate the sin but love the sinner.

Fasting - Each one of us may fast differently. What we are asking each person to do what they can. Some it may mean a bread and water fast, others it may mean eating three small meals a day. It may mean not eating between meals, we are asking that it be meaningful for you.

Remember to set time aside April 30th to join us for adoration at St Elisabeth, Elisabeth, MN open from 9am - 9pm.

We have some wonderful news to share 😊 Starting on Wednesday April 11th Father David is able to have Mass at the Frazee Care Center again. This will be for the residents ONLY at this time. We will have a Communion Service at the church at 9am on Wednesdays. We will post any changes in the schedule in the bulletin.

If you have served on the ministry of servicing the care center in the past or would like to serve hopefully in the near future, you will need to complete your safe environment in order to do so. If you have any questions about this, please see Christine Dornbusch in the office.

Thank You to the Parish for generously participating in the bake sale this past weekend, with proceeds going to the RE programs.



Lector Schedule

Saturday April 3rd

8:00pm Jim Courneya—Reader #1
 8:00pm Russ Karasch—Reader #2
 8:00pm Mary Ann Karasch—Reader #3 & #4

Sunday April 4th

8:30am Dani Piche
 12:30pm Trevor Pikula

Saturday April 10th

4:00pm Mary Flynn
 5:30pm Russ Karasch

Sunday April 11th

8:30am Chris Peluso
 12:00pm Diane Mistelske

Youth

Wed. Apr. 7th RE for grades 7th-11th
 Sun. Apr. 11th RE for grades K-6th
 Wed. Apr. 14th RE for grades 7th-11th
 Wed. Apr. 21st RE for grades 7th-11th
 Sun. Apr. 25th RE for grades K-6th
 Wed. Apr. 28th RE for grades 7th-11th
 Sun. May 2nd RE for grades K-6th
 Wed. May 5th RE for grades 7th-11th
 Sat. May 8th Rehearsal for 1st Communion 10 am
 Sun. May 9th 12 noon Mass 1st Communion
 Wed. May 12th Confirmation Rehearsal 6:30 pm
 Sat. May 15th 5:30 pm Mass Confirmation

Easter Flower Memorial Donations: Please return by April 11, 2021. Donate a \$10.00 memorial toward our Easter flowers which decorate our church during this holy season. (Please print)

Purchaser's Name _____
 Amount \$ _____
 In Memory or Honor of _____

Memorials will be published in a post-Easter bulletin

Parishioners' Prayer Requests:

Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved ones who are ill. Please pray for:

Lisa Flynn	Gary Ware
Kathy Dretsch	Paul Christensen
Tim Riley	Larry Kunzia
Jerry Below	Jim Courneya
Rodger Palmer	Gary Boyer
LaVonne Goetsch	RIP Bonnie Wallace
Ken Rytter	RIP Merle Erickson
	RIP Paul Guck

To submit a prayer request for our prayer chain, either text 503.791.1553 or e-mail. Names will be left in the bulletin for 4 weeks. If you want the name to stay another 4 weeks, please make another prayer request.