



## *Ready? Set? Grow!*



Let the messages in Sunday's readings motivate you to grow in faith.

God does not give up on us, be grateful, trust Him, and He will show you mercy.

In the first reading, we hear the prophet Isaiah as he tells the Israelites not to dwell on the past, but to let it go. Be renewed by God. He is doing something new. Trust Him, His plan, and His timing.

Then in Psalms 126, we recite, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." God is telling us that we need to be grateful. In those words, we should be inspired to go to God with a wholehearted "Thank you!" But as we go to Him with our requests (our "Please") never forget we should first approach Him with a grateful heart. Thank Him for all that we are, all that we have, and all that He is already doing for us behind the scenes.

In the second reading, Saint Paul shares, nothing is greater than knowing and belonging to Jesus Christ. He tells the Philippians that he is by no means perfect, but works hard every day to reach Christ's embrace – heaven and eternal happiness. He encourages us to get our priorities straight; to not count our possessions as a measure of success for they are insignificant. Having God in the center of our lives is the goal. Trust His plan.

Finally in the Gospel of John, we are shaken with a story to remember our own sinfulness before we degrade another. Don't be like the ignorant and hypocritical crowd who mocked and ridiculed the woman caught in adultery. We need to look in the mirror before spitting out any ugly accusations or trying to make ourselves look better than another. Jesus told the crowd who threw the woman in front of Him, "Who without sin can cast the first stone?" No one is without sin except for God. Jesus frees us from our sin. He is merciful.

There are endless resources out there to help us navigate through the bible and the messages behind Scripture, your parish priest and director of religious education can share their favorites. Some of the favorites of this writer beyond our parish priests, their social media pages, and our parish social media pages are biblical scholar Jeff Cavins ([WWW.JEFFCAVINS.COM](http://WWW.JEFFCAVINS.COM)), Ascension Press ([ASCENSIONPRESS.COM](http://ASCENSIONPRESS.COM)), and Ave Maria Press ([WWW.AVEMARIAPRESS.COM/FREE-RESOURCES](http://WWW.AVEMARIAPRESS.COM/FREE-RESOURCES)).

# THEIR WORDS, ACTIONS REVEALED THEIR LOVE OF CHRIST

During Lent we are called to reflect, repent, and renew. In doing so, we can ask ourselves what are we doing to share the Gospel in our lives through our words and our actions?

To help us share the teachings of Jesus we can look to the saints. This week includes the feast days of two saints - one known for evangelizing thousands and the other known for revamping education. They lived hundreds of years ago, but their mission and messages are still inspiring today.

**SAINT VINCENT FERRER'S** feast day is April 5. He was a Dominican missionary priest who lived from 1350 to 1419. He is said to have performed countless miracles during his life, and converting about 10,000 Jews at one time after preaching to them in their synagogue.



Pope Francis has referred to St. Vincent Ferrer as living a life as an apostle.

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, He who believes in me will do the works that I do, and he will do the same and will do greater things than these, because I go to the Father (Jn 14:12). These words of the Lord Jesus were clearly revealed in the apostolic activity of St. Vincent Ferrer, who, full of faith and zeal for the salvation of souls, the correction of morals, and the propagation of the Catholic religion, after he was mildly cured of a very serious illness by Christ, preached assiduously,”* Pope Francis said.

The saint traveled with a group of Dominican friars as missionaries in Spain, Italy, France, and Germany among others. Like the Apostles after Pentecost, those who heard the Word of God through St. Vincent Ferrer reported that they heard and understood his words in their own language.

Saint Vincent Ferrer wrote the *Treatise on a Spiritual Life* as guidance and advice for religious to speak simply and lovingly to those they want to evangelize. He repeatedly directs them not to be arrogant or pompous in their position, but humble. His words inspire all Catholics to share the Gospel and when doing so speak and listen like a loving father, confident yet humble in a spirit of compassion.

From Vatican records of his writings, “In sermons and talks, use simple language and a homely conversational style to explain each particular point. As far as you can, give plenty of examples; then, whoever has committed that particular sin will have his conscience pricked, as though

you were preaching to him alone. But it must be done in such a way that your words do not appear to come from a soul full of pride or scorn. Speak rather out of the depths of love and fatherly care, like a father suffering for his sinful children, as if they were gravely ill, or trapped in a deep pit, whom he is trying to draw out and set free, and look after like a mother. You must be like one who delights in their progress, and in the glory in heaven that they are hoping for.

“Similarly in confession, whether you are gently comforting the timid, or more sternly putting the fear of God into the hardened sinner, you must always show the deepest love, so that the sinner always feels that your words come out of pure love. In this way, your words of sweetness and love will have a more penetrating effect.”

**ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE**, “a pioneer in the field of education,” as Pope Francis described him, lived in France from 1651 to 1719. Fittingly, he is the patron saint for teachers. His feast day is April 7.



In his day, education was only for the wealthy, but St. John Baptist de La Salle, a scholarly priest with a pure heart of Christian awareness, became an advocate for education for all people, especially the poor, delinquent, and

voiceless. He not only created schools for them, but also developed training for lay teachers in France. Many in the Church resented his persistence. He prevailed and with the help of fellow religious and laity, created a system of schools throughout his country that instructed in French instead of Latin, integrated religion into core subjects, placed students in groups of abilities and achievement in order to help them learn at their appropriate pace, concentrated on educating teachers while honoring their vocation and mission, and involved parents.

Pope Francis has said of St. John Baptist de La Salle, he “surrounded himself with people adapted to the popular school, of Christian inspiration” and “consecrated every energy to their formation, becoming himself an example and a model for those who had to exercise a service at the same time ecclesial and social, and working hard to promote what he defined as the ‘dignity of the teacher.’”

No matter what obstacle we face in life heed the words of St. John Baptist de La Salle, “Throw yourself into God’s arms. He will carry you when the road is rough.”



## 24/7 CARE WHEN AGING AT HOME

In our experience, people who are aging or disabled have a heartfelt desire to remain in a familiar place — at home. That's why Catholic Charities West Virginia HomeCare cooperates with a state program called Medicaid Aged & Disabled Waiver (ADW), which helps people stay at home for as long as possible.



Martha cares for Dottie 8 hours a day, 7 days a week. She has developed a relationship of care

“Dottie” is a client who requires round-the-clock care. Before her adult sons contacted us, they were working together to ensure their mom had someone with her at all times. The three sons and their wives, all of whom live close by, worked out a schedule of shifts. They were extremely committed to honoring their mother's wish to stay home despite her declining health.

Eventually, though, Dottie's needs exceeded her children's ability to care for her. Her son called to ask for our support and we were able to enroll Dottie in ADW. At first, she was eligible for HomeCare services 5 hours per day, 7 days per week. And when it became evident that she needed more care, we were able to connect the family with a secondary service.

With both services combined, Dottie has a professional HomeCare worker with her for 8 hours every day! Her sons continue to stay with her for the remaining 16 hours.

Dottie is now bedfast. She and her sons have come to rely on her HomeCare worker, Martha. Because of their relationship of trust, the entire family is able to best cope with Dottie's failing health. Dottie is well-cared for in a familiar and comfortable place, and her adult children have support from Catholic Charities West Virginia HomeCare and each other.

ADW is just one way our HomeCare program honors the dignity of our brothers and sisters. We also work with private pay individuals and through the Department of Veterans Affairs to support even more West Virginians.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, including information about taking advantage of HomeCare services, please visit [www.CATHOLICCHARITIESWV.ORG](http://www.CATHOLICCHARITIESWV.ORG).

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Catholic Charities West Virginia  
*Shining a Light on Hope*

*Save the Date*  
April 21, 2022

**VIRTUAL GALA**



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

This week's readings

### Isaiah 43:16-21

Don't dwell on the past, let it go. Be renewed by God. He is doing something new.

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### Responsorial PSALMS 126

Let us be grateful. "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

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### Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14

Paul shares, nothing is greater than knowing and belonging to Jesus Christ.

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### Gospel John 8:1-11

Who without sin can cast the first stone? Don't be hypocritical. No one is without sin except for God. Jesus frees us from our sin. He is merciful.

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Full scripture text for today's readings can be found at:

[BIBLE.USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/READINGS/040322-YEARC.CFM](http://BIBLE.USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/READINGS/040322-YEARC.CFM)

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

That the Church continually renews its voice to preach the lessons Jesus taught us and opens its heart to put His teaching into actions as an example for all, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For leaders of all nations, that they remain steadfast in finding peaceful solutions and place their trust in God the ultimate source of justice, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who will be welcomed into the Church this Easter, may they a reminder to all of us of God's grace and mercy, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That like St. Paul we realize that there is no greater love than the love of Jesus Christ, the One who shows mercy to all of us - sinners, let us pray to the Lord. . .

*Lord hear our prayer*

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# Broadcast of Holy Week, Easter Masses

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LIVE STREAMED THROUGHOUT THE STATE AT [WWW.DWC.ORG/MASS](http://WWW.DWC.ORG/MASS)

### MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Thursday, April 14

*Basilica of the Co-Cathedral  
of the Sacred Heart in Charleston*

7:00 p.m. - Live Stream

Closed captioning provided.



The Easter Mass broadcast is sponsored  
by the Welty Corporation.

### PASSION OF THE LORD

Good Friday, April 15

*Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling*

3:00 p.m. - Live Stream

### EASTER MASS

Sunday, April 17

*Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling*

10:30 a.m.

Live Stream and Broadcasted







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# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASSES



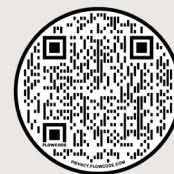
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### MASS ONLINE

Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at [DWC.ORG](http://DWC.ORG).

Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm:  
[HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)
- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday:  
[HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)