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Jesus and the Woman Caught Committing Adultery  
John 8:1-11

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So he was left alone with the woman before him

Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's	
Sunday Mass Readings Homily - 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2024, Second Sunday of Advent, Year C	
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1 When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming.  
2AB Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

2CD Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."  
3 The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert.  
5 Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

6 Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing,  
carrying their sheaves.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

### 2nd Reading - Philippians 3:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

8 I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I  
may gain Christ

9 and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which  
comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith

10 to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being  
conformed to his death,

11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I  
continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of  
by Christ Jesus.

13 Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one  
thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead,

14 I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

### Verse Before The Gospel - Joel 2:12-13

12 Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart;  
13 for I am gracious and merciful.

### Gospel - John 8:1-11

Sunday Mass Readings for 6th April 2025, Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C	
1st Reading	Isaiah 43:16-21
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
2nd Reading	Philippians 3:8-14
Verse Before the Gospel	Joel 2:12-13
Gospel	John 8:1-11

### 1st Reading - Isaiah 43:16-21

16 Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters,  
17 who leads out chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, till they lie prostrate together, never  
to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick.

18 Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not;

19 see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I  
make a way, in the wasteland, rivers.

20 Wild beasts honour me, jackals and ostriches, for I put water in the desert and rivers in the  
wasteland for my chosen people to drink,

21 the people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise.

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

R. (3) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1 Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them.

3 Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle.

4 They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery.

5 Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?"

6 They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger.

7 But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

8 Again he bent down and wrote on the ground.

9 And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him.

10 Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

11 She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."



### **Saint(s) Of The Day**

- ❖ Saint Brychan of Brycheiniog
- ❖ Martyrs of Hadiab
- ❖ Saint Eutychius of Constantinople
- ❖ Saint William of Eskilsoe
- ❖ Blessed Maria Karlowaska
- ❖ Blessed Zefirino Agostini
- ❖ Blessed Catherine of Pallanza
- ❖ Saint Galla of Rome
- ❖ Saint Philaret of Calabria
- ❖ Blessed Pierina Morosini
- ❖ Blessed Notkar Balbulus
- ❖ Blessed Michele Rua
- ❖ Blessed Jan Franciszek Czartoryski
- ❖ Saint Prudentius of Troyes

❖ Saint Phaolô Lê Bao Tinh

### **Saint Irenaeus of Sirmium**

St Irenaeus of Sirmium was the Bishop of Sirmium, Pannonia (now in modern-day Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia). He was arrested and tortured during the persecutions of Diocletian after he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods. It was ordered that he be drowned for his faith but he objected and said that as a Christian he should be allowed to face his tormentors and executioners bravely; with God on his side, he should be treated as courageous and honourable. He was ultimately beheaded and died as a martyr in 304 AD at Sirmium, Pannonia and his body was thrown into the river. His Acta has survived till today.

### **Blessed Guglielmo of San Romano**

Blessed Guglielmo of San Romano was a friar belonging to the Mercedarian order. In 1225, he went with Saint Peter Nolasco to Algiers, and together they freed 219 Christians who had been held captive by Muslims. During this operation, Guglielmo remained behind as a hostage to ensure the payment of the remaining ransom for those slaves. He spent the rest of his life in Algiers, preaching the Christian faith to anyone who was willing to hear it.

### **Saint Berthanc of Kirkwall**

Saint Berthanc of Kirkwall, also referred to as Berchan, Bertham, Berthane, or Fer-da-Liethe, was a monk at Iona who later became an abbot in Scotland. He also served as the bishop of Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands of Scotland. After he died in 840 AD, he was buried at Inishmore, located in Galway Bay, Ireland.

### **Saint Marcellinus the Martyr**

St Marcellinus the Martyr was the brother of Saint Agrarius the Martyr and he held the position of imperial Roman representative in North Africa. He was killed by the Donatists for opposing the Donatism heresy and died as a martyr in 413 AD in North Africa.

### **Saint Elstan of Abingdon**

St Elstan of Abingdon was a monk at Abingdon Abbey and a close spiritual disciple of Saint Ethelwold. He was recognized for his humility and commitment to fulfilling his duties. He later became the bishop of Ramsbury, England, and subsequently served as the abbot of Abingdon. Saint Elstan died in 981 AD in Wilton, England.

### **Saint Agrarius the Martyr**

St Agrarius the Martyr was the brother of Saint Marcellinus the Martyr and served as an imperial Roman judge in North Africa. He was killed by the Donatists for opposing the Donatism heresy and died as a martyr in 413 AD in North Africa.

### **Saint Gennard**

St Gennard received his education at the court of Clotaire III and later became a Benedictine monk at Fontenelle Abbey under the guidance of Saint Wandrille. He went on to become the abbot of Flay in the diocese of Beauvais, France. In his final years, he retired to Fontenelle,



where he lived as a hermit and continued to devote himself to monastic life. Saint Gennard died in 720 AD of natural causes.

**Saint Platonides of Ashkelon**

St Platonides of Ashkelon was a deaconess who established a convent in Nisibis, Mesopotamia. Along with two other individuals about whom little is known, she was martyred and died in 308 AD in Ashkelon, which is located in modern-day Israel.

**Saint Amand of Grisalba**

St Amand of Grisalba, also referred to as Amand of Bergamo, Amandus, Amantius, or Amatius, served as the count of Grisalba, located in Bergamo, Italy. He died on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 515 due to natural causes.

**Saint Ulched**

Saint Ulched also known as Ulchad or Ylched was a holy man for whom Llechulched, Anglesey, Wales was named.

**Saint Diogenes of Philippi**

Saint Diogenes of Philippi died a martyr in 345 AD in Philippi, Macedonia, Greece.

**Saint Winebald**

Saint Winebald also known as Vinebaud was a monk and then abbot at Saint-Loup-de-Troyes, France. He died in 650 AD.

**Saint Timothy of Philippi**

Saint Timothy of Philippi was a martyr who died in 345 AD in Philippi, Macedonia, Greece

**Saint Urban of Peñalba**

Saint Urban of Peñalba was the abbot of Peñalba Abbey near Astorga, Spain. He died in 940 AD.

**Martyrs of Sirmium**

The Martyrs of Sirmium were a group of individuals who were martyred in the fourth century in Sirmium, which is now known as Sremska Mitrovica, located in Pannonia, Serbia. The names of these martyrs are Florentius, Geminianus, Moderata, Romana, Rufina, Saturus, and Secundus.

**Martyrs of the Spanish Civil War**

The Martyrs of the Spanish Civil War refer to the thousands of individuals who were murdered between 1934 and 1939 during the anti-Catholic persecutions of the Spanish Civil War. Enric

Gispert Domenech and Josep Gomis Martorell are among the many individuals who lost their lives during this period.

Other Saints of the Day for 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

❖ Cronan Beg of Clonmacnoise

Sunday Mass Readings Homily - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Catholic Sunday Readings Homily Theme: Jesus and the Woman Caught Committing Adultery - John 8:1-11

**Sick People:**



Please pray for all the Sick in our three Parishes "My Payers and Good Wishes to All."

Mass Times

<b>Saint Josephs</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
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<b>Saint Joseph's</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
<b>Saint Anne's &amp; Holy Family</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Saint Patrick's Ryhope</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>

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