

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 15, 2026

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 PM PL
Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child

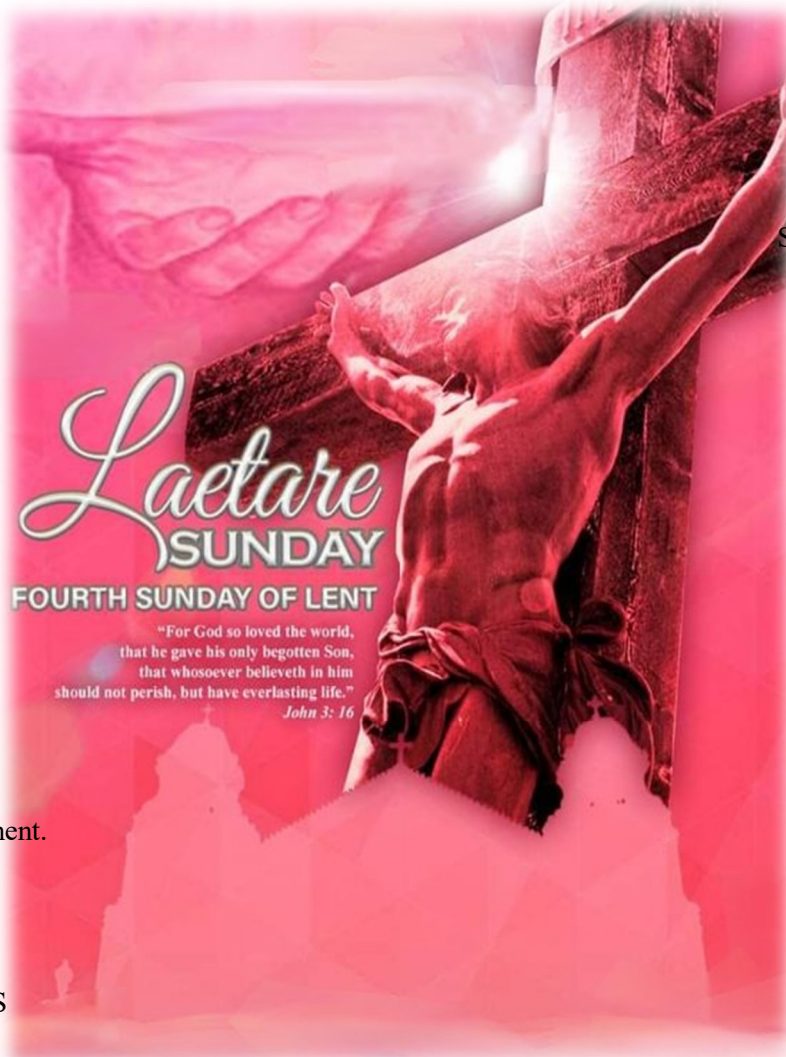
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least **six months** prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM and
THURSDAYS BEFORE FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM
Other times by appointment.

1ST FRI. DEVOTION
7:30 to 10 PM

1ST SAT. DEVOTION
AFTER 8:00 AM MASS

3RD FRIDAY 7:30
EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR
MASS FOR VOCATIONS



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS 8:00 & 9:15 AM,
10:30 (Polish) 12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS
WEEKDAYS
9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
TUES. 12 to 2 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS
None During Lent

PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION
2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITES
1ST SAT. AFTER
8 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY
1ST WED. 6:30 PM
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

YOUTH GROUP
2ND & 4TH MONDAY 6 PM

Our Mission Statement

Lord, God, all creation is Yours, and You call us to serve You by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society
+ Lawrence Taylor (A)

4TH SUN. IN LENT, MARCH 15, 2026

8:00 am + Sophie Anderson
9:15 am + Dariusz Kalicki
10:30 am + 16 rocz. Smierci Edwarda Gorskiego
(PL) + Kamil Wnorowski and Stefan Najmula
+ Jerzy, Irena, Zbigniew (5th A), Margaret & Bernard Aleksandrowicz & + Family
Birthday Blessings for Mieczyslaw Wasilewski
+ Jadwiga Lesniowska (5A) i Kazimierz Lesniowski (12A)
12 Noon + Peter Kruszon

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

7:00 am + Bonnie Schroder

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

7:00 am + Virginia Bilski
+ Timothy & Helen O'Donnell

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

7:00 am + George Marrero

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

7:00 am + Joseph La Purka & + Family
+ Joseph Goroleski

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

7:00 am + Margaret Robinson
+ Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

8:00 am + Bruno Madzela
God's Blessings on the DeMarco & Goodale Fam.
5:00 pm + Vincent (A) & Jadwiga Suchta
+ Frank McBride (A) & Helen & John B. Zilnicki
+ Caroline Stepnoski

5TH SUN. IN LENT, MARCH 22, 2026

8:00 am + James Raffel
9:15 am + J. William & Greg Stelzer & Andy Kohn
* **Spiritual Adoption Prayer for the Unborn***
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living & Deceased
(PL) + Kamil Wnorowski
+ Stanislaw Tuminski i Ryszard Pawlak
+ Dariusz Andruszkiewicz
+ Roman Osiniak & Henryk Drapala
12 Noon + Anne T. Krueel (2nd A)

IN LOVING MEMORY

Missalettes

Walter and Michael Kielkowski

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and
13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn
5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk
2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

OUR COLLECTIONS

Today, March 15: Sunday & Catholic Relief Services

Next Week, March 22: Sunday & Easter Flowers

Thank you for your generosity!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 16, 2026

Polish Lenten Retreat
2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Adoration 12 to 2PM
Polish Lenten Retreat
2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Grades 3 –8 Lenten Confessions at 4:30PM
Grades 1 & 2 meet downstairs for classes

Friday, March 20, 2026

Stations of the Cross
English 6:00 PM Polish 7:00 PM

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Peter Milovich * Valerie Ainsworth * Victoria Weiner * Frank Stepnoski * Mary Jane Macarthur * Bruno Sidor * Nancy Kruzson Walters * Joanne DeMarco * Sandra Kuhlman * Albert Stepnoski * Richard Abbott * Beverly Bullock * Joseph O'Shea * Baby John Krepps * Dottie Bugdin * Jadwiga Luniewska * Wanda Tuminska * Etta Jean Otis * Richard Anderson * Eric Frak * Andrew * Chris Bonocore * Ethan Donahue * Irene Monahan * Jodi Ponce * Catherine & Charles J. Sehy * Ben G. & Elizabeth * Wm. Snyder * Nancy McDonald * Brendan Gallagher * Kristy West * Josephine Barker * Paul Farber * Nicholas Steinkamp * Teresa Muenkel * Ron Danowski * Peter Kraljic * Carson Whible * Dave Zazeski * Faye Anderson * James Gibson * Jim Kenna * Daryl Alec * Paula George * Christina Donovan * Joan Zaleski * Gillen Family * Blythe Fickenwirth * Jody Breitfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Perniciaro * Sammy * Brodie * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Jan Suchta * Justin * Dakota Harmon * Cole Faller * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Jeffrey Clark * Tom Wisniewski III * James, George & Barbara Jaeger * Ernest & Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:
 Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa, Garrett Bracht and Hunter Bahnke

Please keep Deacons,
Nicholas Waldron and Patrick O'Brien,
 in your prayers.



GORZKIE ZALE

Every Sunday during Lent
 After the 10:30 AM Polish Mass

STATIONS

Every Friday during Lent
 ENG 6 PM / POL 7 PM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

By Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA—EWTN

In her book on healing, Dr. Mary Healy gives the remarkable statistic that **21 percent** of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' public ministry are devoted to reports of physical healings and exorcisms! (Mary Healy, *Healing*, p. 26). She also mentions that the miracles that He Himself initiated always took place on the Sabbath, as in the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Why? "Jesus is revealing that He is the Lord who instituted the Sabbath in the first place and who fulfills its deepest meaning."

The reason for the institution of the Sabbath was "a sign of our highest dignity—our covenant relationship with God—and of the freedom and joy that come from communion with Him." Healings on the Sabbath indicate that "human beings are restored to the fullness of life that God intended from the beginning."

"Sickness and disability were not part of God's plan for creation but are outward symptoms of the damage caused by the Fall. God designed human beings with bodies meant to radiate the splendor of divine life present within them: (Ibid., pp. 35-36).

Jesus, we the sick need a doctor, we need You, the Divine Physician. You restored sight to the man born blind, a sign of the healing to be found in You—You who are the Light of the World! Restore, we pray, health and vitality to us who are physically broken and the light of Faith to us who are in darkness. Amen!

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Action: Ask Jesus to heal any blindness in your heart.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Joseph of Nazareth

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie *Joseph of Nazareth!*

The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.

Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle

Fun-loving Patrick had it easy at his parents' seaside villa. At 16, he thought he had it made for life—that is, until the day riders kidnapped him to nearby Ireland. Now a slave and shepherd, Patrick faced a bleak and uncertain future. To survive, he'd have to conquer cold, hunger, wild beasts, and even worse enemies.

A LENTEN CHALLENGE IN “LOVE”

We must always remember that “love” should be a part of our daily lives. Let’s take a moment to examine our everyday actions to see if we are living the command to “*love one another as I have loved you*” - not just on Valentine’s Day, but *every day*.

Here is an exercise that we can all practice taken from the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 13:4-8) which is often chosen for one of the readings at weddings:

***“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous,
it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.”***

Do we live our daily lives this way? For a Lenten exercise, cut this out and place it where you can read it everyday (like on your mirror) and put YOUR name wherever you see the word LOVE. Example: (your name) is patient, (your name) is kind, etc. At the end of each day, as you make your examination of conscience, reflect on how well you accomplished this challenge. Areas where you might have fallen “short” (example: “I wasn’t kind to ___ today”), use this for when you go to confession and as your Lenten challenge to grow in the virtue of love. We all fall “short” to God’s challenge of “loving one another as I have loved you,” but with this reminder, maybe we can all grow stronger in the greatest virtue of all.



Husband, Father, Saint *The Great St. Joseph*



All saints are unique, and each one has a beautiful story of love for the Lord, but a few of them are above even the other saints. One of these extraordinary saints is the earthly father of Jesus and the spouse of the Blessed Virgin: St. Joseph.

He appeared like any other man of his time—a husband, father, diligent worker. But we know from Sacred Scripture that he was so much more. We see in the first chapter of the New Testament that Joseph was a “just man” (Matthew 1:19). He had the faith to marry the Blessed Virgin when she was with child. He had the courage to take his young family to Egypt when Herod threatened to kill Jesus. He had the virtue to protect Mary’s virginity.

Through the centuries, many Catholics have had a strong love for St. Joseph. Here are a few quotes about the beloved head of the Holy Family.

“As (Jesus) was subject to St. Joseph while on earth, recognizing in him the authority of foster father and guardian, so now in Heaven He is pleased to grant all his requests.” (St. Teresa of

Avila)

“Truly, I doubt not that the angels, wondering and adoring, came thronging in countless multitudes to that poor workshop to admire the humility of Him who guarded that dear and divine Child, and labored at his carpenter’s trade to support the son and the mother who were committed to his care.” (St. Francis de Sales)

“In every child, in every husband or wife, God entrusts us with His Son, with His Mother, just as He did with St. Joseph,...so that together with them, we may be a foundation, leaven, and witness of God’s love among humanity.”

(Pope Leo XIV)

“Make (St. Joseph) the patron of your family, and you will soon have tangible proof of his protecting hand.”

(St. Peter Julian Eymard)

Fourth Sunday in Lent: Laetare, and Life's Meaning and Purpose

(CATHOLIC INSIGHT by: Father Marco Testa)



Today is *Laetare* Sunday. It is so designated because *Laetare* is the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon of the Mass: *Laetare* Jerusalem; Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her. In the middle of this penitential season of Lent, as we hasten towards the celebration of the Paschal Triduum with prompt devotion and eager faith, the Church reminds us that our Lord's sacrificial death is the source of our life and that God has "*raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly places*" (Eph 2:5). All the scripture lessons of the Mass today direct our gaze upwards, beyond the here and now and even beyond what is apparent to what can only be perceived by faith.

Our first reading records that after seventy long years of exile in Babylon God's people were exhorted by Cyrus King of Persia to go up and return to Jerusalem. In the Gospel our Lord speaks of His crucifixion and directs our gaze upwards: "*Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life*" (Jn 3:14). We do believe in Him and for this reason not only has God "*made us alive together with Christ*" (Eph 2:4); He has also "*raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly places*" (Eph 2:5). Our sacramental union with Christ our Lord enables each one of us here to make our own the words of the Apostle: "*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me*" (Gal 2:20). Our devout, active participation in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass enables us in mystery to be at the foot of the Cross and to be present at the lifting up of the Son of Man.

Last Sunday we reflected on the twofold nature and purpose of our worship: we are here to adore the living God who shares His life with us, and to deepen our life in Christ through our prayerful dialogue with Him, expressed through the living word that is proclaimed and explained, through sacred hymns and canticles and through ancient rites expressive of the beauty of holiness and the holiness of beauty. We are here to participate in the harmonious song of salvation. In mystery we participate already in the heavenly liturgy, the blessed communion of those who love and serve the living God in Christ. Simply stated, we endeavor to respond to Love Crucified with a crucified love. Each one of us unites his own works, her own sacrifices, our own sufferings and love to the Sacrifice of our Lord and in so doing "*we complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church*" (Col 1:24). This in no way means that the saving Sacrifice of our Lord is in any way insufficient. Rather, we are engaged by God in the work of salvation as active participants in a mystery that unfolds in the world and in the heart of everyone who believes. This is our work. St. Paul reminds us that "*we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life*" (Rom 2:10). Here is the answer to the question of life's meaning and purpose. We are created for good works. God created us to be good and to share this goodness, and in His goodness. The Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, enable us to share in this goodness ontologically; that is to say, at the very level of our being. God transforms us from within and as this happens sacramentally, we come to appreciate and understand that the sacred liturgy, our worship, is truly the benchmark of life. Everything in the celebration of the liturgy is done in the beauty of holiness and the holiness of beauty in the hope that exposure to this Wonder before us will orient us, heal us and lift us up. Sacramentally, at the Elevation of the Mass, the Son of Man is lifted up and we look "*on him whom they have pierced*" (Jn 19:37).

What we participate in and gaze upon are eternal realities that are signs of authentic meaning. What is set before us, what we gaze upon manifests what it is to be authentically human. The celebration of the Sunday Mass as well as the important liturgies that mark our Christian life remind us of our part in the salvation that is unfolding inside us and around us and we come to understand even if only slightly more where we fit in the great drama of salvation. God has a plan for each one of us and though at times we may at best think that we are only stumbling along, "God who is rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4), guarantees us His grace and presence in the celebration of the sacred liturgy. What is set here before us and what we gaze upon is the path for the rest of our lives. Our love and devotion to the God who created and saved us is the only path to true human happiness and so we endeavor to respond to Love Crucified with a crucified love. Our fasting, sacrifices, prayer, self-denial and works of charity are means to one single end—our life in Christ. As we hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come, we do so with prompt devotion and eager faith; and no less with great joy at the gift of salvation that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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March 15 & March 22
9:15 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon
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