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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 10, 2024



March 12th – March 16th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Francisco Baldemor †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Helen Konstantakos †

Thurs. Noon – Peter Gannon †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Muriel Williams †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Dr. Andrew Frieri †

READINGS FOR – March 17th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34++

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9

Gospel: John 12.20-33



The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening at
7:00 p.m. during Lent. Join us
as we follow the path of Christ.



The Rosary

The Rosary will be recited
Friday mornings at 8:10 a.m.
during lent followed by the
Stations of the Cross.



ShareLife

*Helping the whole community
through Catholic agencies*

Inspired by God's love: Support ShareLife's mission

Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate.

March 17th is ShareLife Sunday

THE WORD THIS WEEK

*"The light has come into the world and
people loved darkness rather than light."*

Rejoice in the Lord! This Fourth Sunday of Lent is always about rejoicing. We rejoice because we have made it halfway through Lent! We rejoice because the Lord continues to call us His people and to draw us to Himself. We rejoice because we know that Jesus came in the flesh for us, died for us and is raised from the dead for us.

Today's Gospel from Saint John tells us "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.... Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." Our hearts are hardened and our ears are closed and so often we do not listen to these words of the Lord. Even when we do listen to them, often we do not believe them. Today, on the Sunday of Lent when we should rejoice, let us open our hearts and listen to God. He only wants to tell us that He loves us and invites us to live a life of commitment to Him. Thank God, we have accepted Christ with our whole heart and mind. It is through him that we have been made sons of God. It is through him that we have learned to love God and learned of God's infinite love for us. Today is Laetare Sunday, "Rejoicing" Sunday. In the words of Scripture and in the action of the Eucharist, we are invited to see and to hear the melody of God's love. With hope and gratitude, we can keep singing!



**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
LEAGUE
GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 18 2024**

The CWL invite all ladies to attend the meeting on March 18th beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Catherine von Zuben whose topic will be "Walking Together with a Synodal Church".

**March 10
Clocks are moved forward
one hour.**



CONGRATULATIONS! Winners!

The Catholic Women's League held their annual Mary Matthew's Public Speaking Contest on February 24th. Nine students who attend our parish Confirmation Classes participated. We were very pleased and proud of these young people who prepared and delivered their chosen topics with sincerity and from their hearts. First place was awarded to Sofia Pantarotto, Second to Olivia Rybinski and Third to Cara Chu. Congratulations to all of you!

Lenten Prayers and Devotions

- Begin each morning with the prayer: "Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do and say."
- Attend daily Mass often as possible.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in parish celebration.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 31, 50, 101, 129 and 142)
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week.
- Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker. Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.

Try to follow these actions, if you do, the rest will fall into place.



MARCH 16 & 17

The CWL invite all to join them after each Mass for some light refreshments in the parish hall. A wonderful time to be in community, unite and welcome new parishioners.

CONFESSION TIMES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Father Anthony will be hearing confessions on:

Tuesday March 19

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 20

Three Priests Available

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Please note that confessions are also heard every Saturday from 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

(Except Holy Saturday)

Confession during the Lenten season allows believers to go to the Lord in all humility. They recognize that they are sinners who were saved and redeemed by the Savior. Confessing one's sins declares a need for the continuing sanctification by the Spirit. In confessing one's sin, it would be helpful to ask the Holy Spirit to examine one's heart (Psalm 139:23-24).



Lead Me To The Cross, A Musically Immersed Passion Play

Friday, March 22 - 07:30 PM and

Sunday, March 24 - 7:30 PM

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