

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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What is **Laetare Sunday**? The **fourth** Sunday of Lent

ALSO KNOWN AS:

Mothering
Sunday,
Refreshment
Sunday,
Mid-Lent
Sunday,
Mi-Carême,
Mediana or
Rose Sunday

Laetare means **to rejoice**

The day takes its name from
the opening words of today's Mass:

"Laetare, Jerusalem"

"Rejoice, O Jerusalem"

Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 66:10-11

What's different?

- Priests may wear rose vestments at Mass
- Flowers may adorn the Altar
- Music may be more lively

Why celebrate it?

Laetare Sunday provides us **encouragement** as we progress toward the end of Lent. Today is a small break from the penitential season that reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.

Violet

(Lent)

+

Gold

(Easter)

=

Rose

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. David Paul Butler +

Sunday, March 14

- Fourth Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Tom Cincotta +
12:05 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, March 15

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, March 16

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Marcel & Mary Ellen Welling +
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confessions

Wednesday, March 17

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Alma & Joseph Beckman Family

Thursday, March 18

8:00 a.m. Gloria Gordon +

Friday, March 19

8:30 a.m. Vera Johnson +
5:00-5:45 p.m. Confession
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Mass

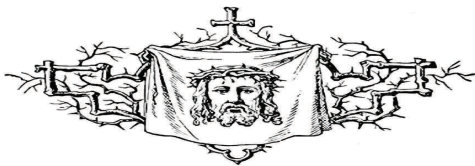
Saturday, March 20

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Larry Dustman +

Sunday, March 21

- Fifth Sunday of Lent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Bob & Luciel Fenstermaker +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family
12:05 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 15 - Fourth Week of Lent - Is 65:17-21/
Jn 4:43-54

Tues., Mar. 16 - Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Jn 5:1-16

Wed., Mar. 17 - St. Patrick, Bishop - Is 49:8-15/ Jn 5:17-30

Thurs., Mar. 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Ex 32:7-14/ Jn 5:31-47

Fri., Mar. 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Sat., Mar. 20 - Jer 11:18-20/ Jn 7:40-53

Sun., Mar. 21 - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Jer 31:31-34/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 14, 2021

Entering into the **Fourth Sunday of Lent** (March 13th/14th), or **Laetare Sunday**, we are at the mid-point of the **Lenten season**. For this reason, our penitential journey is today mixed with tinges of joy and consolation to remind us what we are journeying towards: **The Joy of the Resurrection!** But, just like the joy found atop the mount of the Transfiguration (*Mark 9:2-10*), this joy gives us only a moment of respite as we continue towards Jerusalem and the Crucifixion.

The rose vestments and flowers adorning the altar this weekend will be replaced with the rich, violet veils covering all of our statues and crucifixes next weekend as we continue on from **Laetare Sunday** and enter into **Passiontide**. In recognizing the joy that is to come, we are given the strength to approach even the Cross itself with our blessed Lord. For it is only through this journey of **Lent**, in walking the way of Cross, that we understand the true gift that is our salvation in Jesus Christ.

Though our Lenten journey continues, we have a brief respite this Friday (March 19th) in celebrating the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**. This solemnity of the universal patron of the Church (& *our parish patron*) is to be observed as a day of celebration. Though this day falls on a Friday during **Lent**, we are dispensed on this day (March 19th) from abstaining from meat and our normal Lenten observances. This moment of celebration helps remind us that our Lenten fast is kept each year to prepare us for an eternal feast.

Fasting itself remains an important part of the spiritual life. We are called to fast not only during Lent, but every Friday of the year. In this way, every Friday serves as a “*mini-Lent*” and, through our self-denial, unites us in prayerful remembrance of the passion of Jesus Christ. Though this practice is traditionally observed by abstaining from meat on Fridays, the United States Bishops’ (*on Nov. 27, 1966*) has allowed for the substitution of other penitential practices for our personal Friday fasts outside of Lent, either through a voluntary act of self-denial or performing an act of charity.

For our celebration of the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, we will have an altered liturgical schedule this Friday. **Masses on Friday, March 19th, will be offered at both 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.** To accommodate this special Friday evening Mass, **Confessions will be heard from 5:00-5:45 PM and Stations of the Cross will be at 6:00 PM.** At the end of Mass, we will also have medals and holy cards of St. Joseph available in the narthex thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor.

UPDATES REGARDING CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

As mentioned at the end of January, our diocesan directives have been updated to allow for the return of “*soft congregational singing*”, which is the congregation singing at a moderate sound level while masked. Many of our parishes have already begun implementing this practice. As expected, those parishes that have resumed congregational singing have **not** experienced any adverse effects from the return of hymnody in the liturgy.

Given this allowance and the safe implementation observed at our other parishes, we will resume “*soft congregational singing*” beginning at the **Easter Vigil (April 4th)**. This allows us to enter into the Easter season and the joy of the Resurrection as we once again lift our voices together in song to the praise and glory of God. As directed by Bishop Rhoades, this return to congregational singing will require our continued vigilance regarding physical distancing and the wearing of face masks within the Church.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, John Houlihan, Tom Courtney, Nora LaVine and Pete Geels.



**ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP
RAFFLE March 9th**

*and the
winners
are...*

First Prize - \$250 - Nancy Leitz

Second Prize - \$100 - "To Someone in Need"

**Third Prize - 4/\$50 - Ashley Kobryn, Nancy Wagner,
Debbie Lautzenheiser, Bob Burns**

Thank you to all everyone who entered the St. Joseph Women's Group Raffle. The total amount donated was \$2,667.00! This will cover the cost to refurbish and clean our beautiful Baptismal Font!

DISCUSSION FORUM - Modern Moral Issues

Fr. David will hold a Discussion Forum - Modern Moral Issues, Sunday March 14, 8:30-9:30 in the Parish Social Hall and on Wednesday, March 17 following 7:00 p.m. Mass, approximately 7:45 p.m., also in the Parish Social Hall.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Mar. 13 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Mar. 13 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 14 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 14 - Discussion Forum- Modern Moral Issues 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Sun., Mar. 14 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Mar. 16 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Wed., Mar. 17 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 / Discussion Forum- Modern Moral Issues following Mass in the Parish Social Hall.
- Fri., Mar. 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Confessions 5-5:45 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 20 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Mar. 20 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 21 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 21 - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break
- Tues., Mar. 23 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Wed., Mar. 24 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00
- Fri., Mar. 26 - Confessions 6-6:45 p.m. / Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 28 - No Religious Education Class - Spring Break
- Mon., Mar. 29 - Parish Lenten Mission- Formed- Forgiven Series- The Transforming Power of Confession - 7-8:00 p.m. in the Church.
- Tues., Mar. 30 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m. / Parish Lenten Mission - Formed Forgiven Series 7-7:30 p.m. / Live Stream Chrism Mass from the Cathedral - 7:30 p.m. shown in Church.
- Wed., Mar. 31 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Parish Lenten Mission/Mass 7:00p.m.

WHAT IS TOTUS TUUS?

Totus Tuus, (Latin for Totally Yours), is a summer program that visits parishes throughout the diocese. The team of trained college students teaches the Catholic faith to children during the day and shares faith with teens in the evening. Totus Tuus is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. **Totus Tuus will be at St. Joseph's July 11-16; make sure to mark your calendars! High School and Middle School will meet Sunday, July 11-15 from 7-9:00 p.m., First Grade through Grade Six will meet Monday, July 12-16 from 9:00a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Watch for more information on this exciting week of faith, skits, fun, laughter, learning and much more!



**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
March 6/7**

Adult Envelopes- \$4,218.00
Child Envelopes- \$0
Loose- \$407.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,938.79
Religious Ed. Fund- \$380.00
Easter Flowers- \$10.00
Total- \$6,953.79

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
We were \$1,837.79 *ahead of* our budget for the month of March.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$265.00

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*

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A very special THANK YOU to everyone who is supporting a child or children through our Bolivian Mission Program.

"Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full." Proverbs 19:17

From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Susan Hartman, mother of Todd (Anjie) Hartman and grandmother of Andrew, Anthony and Anna Hartman, who passed away Sunday, March 11, 2021

May God welcome Susan home, fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

"We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but His grace transforms us and makes us new."

Pope Benedict XVI



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h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?

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