

Living the Gospel



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The Sunday of Joy

Lent is a season of silence, penance and prayer. We are called to seek conversion as we reflect upon the Lord's suffering and His great proof of love for all of humanity. It is a time of preparation for Easter when we will celebrate Jesus' triumph over the ancient enemy. It is also the celebration of our victory over our frailties and wicked inclinations. These are the fruits of the Lord's Resurrection, which became the foundation of our faith and hope of a new life in the Church. We gather together to worship a living God. That's the Good News; Jesus is alive in us, in the heart of His Church.

Today the Liturgy invites us to rejoice as Easter is drawing near. This Sunday is called "*Domingo Laetare*", the Sunday of Joy. To celebrate the Sunday of Joy in the middle of Lent is to affirm that the opposite of happiness is sadness and not penance. Though we may be enduring some sort of hardship Jesus reminds us that suffering is not the last word. Today's Gospel is focused on our salvation. "Indeed, God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him".

Jesus revealed to Nicodemus that the Son of Man would be lifted up as a sign of the New Covenant. He also promised to fulfill His part in the covenant giving us eternal life. He only asked us to believe in Him so that we would not perish. Thus we will become children of light and our deeds will not be hidden anymore. So faith is our part in God's Covenant! Let's be faithful to the Lord and rejoice for our salvation is assured!

Fr. Willyans, SCJ

Mass Intentions for March 10 - 17, 2018

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Ofelia Lim
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Maureen Camara
	10:00 a.m.	+Perfecto Abad Sr., requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Prudencia Salas, requested by the Lim family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Louisa Cobrana
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Carmon Patrick, requested by M. Patrick
	7:00 p.m.	+Souls in purgatory
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Hernani & Emilio Yambot, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Philomena D'Souza, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Souls in purgatory especially members of FOSS, requested by A. Myers
	7:00 p.m.	+Dolfred Pinto, requested by the family
		+Maria D'Souza, requested by the family
		+Amante Abad, requested by the family
		+Fara de Souza & Candy Fernandez, requested by D. & S. De Souza
		+Rufo Odina, requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Fe Benavidez, requested by J. Carrillo
	7:00 p.m.	+Tirso Manadero, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Allan & Grace Goodridge, requested by the Kovacs family

Youth Fundraiser – Easter Lilies

Our youth are taking orders for Easter lilies this weekend after all Masses. These lilies will be part of the altar display at Easter in memory of your deceased loved ones. A donation of \$10.00 is requested.

March 11, 2018

Parish Lenten Retreat Day

Saturday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m.



Our Priests of the Sacred Heart will lead a Parish Lenten Retreat Day on Sat., Mar. 17 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 3:45 p.m. Tickets for lunch (\$5.00) are available at the parish office and after weekend Masses.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Our parish Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Wed., Mar. 21 at 7:30 p.m. to prepare ourselves for the feast of Easter. We will have many priests available for confessions.

Youth Lenten Retreat

Our Young Adults for Christ and Youth Group are holding a Lenten Retreat on Sat., Mar. 24 for all youth in the parish. It will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please email Racine at stmyg@gmail.com for more information.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays at 6:20 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony

The Legion of Mary will have the Acies Ceremony (the annual Personal Consecration to Our Lady) on Sat., Apr. 7, 2018 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at Precious Blood Church (1737 Lawrence Avenue East). All Active, Senior, Junior and Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary are invited.

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Esperanza Cabrera, Neil Abray, Pierre-Claver Kayumba, Erinberto Austria, Yvonne Rampersaud, Phyllis Cogliano, Albert Vella and Daphne Chater. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

ShareLife 2018



Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife-funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, reflect on your ability to help "Live the Gospel" through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign.

**Next Sunday, March 18 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

A Reminder

Is it OK to be late for Mass?


The Eucharistic Celebration is a united whole celebration from the Opening Rite through to the Rite of Conclusion. This is based on the teaching of the Second Vatican Council. Since we now understand the meaning of the unity of the whole Eucharistic celebration, we should not be late for it and not leave before it is over.

If one is late because of factors not in their control they must ask themselves if they feel worthy to receive Holy Communion. But if one is deliberately late, even though they respect the Eucharist and Communion, one remains inappropriately contrary to the celebration of the Eucharist and of the Lord who is present in the Eucharist.

So, it is not OK to be late for Mass.

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