

March 15, 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Pastor's Notes:

Gospel Commentary: The Fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

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Holy Week Liturgies: I am happy to let you know that we will have Fr. Pio Antonio as Presider at the Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. He is currently the assisting Chaplain at Essentia St. Mary's. We are truly blessed by this turn of grace, otherwise the liturgies for Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil would have been celebrated at only one parish in the cluster.

St. Patrick's Day Prayer! May God Grant You Always, A Sunbeam To Warm You, A Moonbeam To Charm You, A Sheltering Angel, So Nothing Can Harm You, Laughter To Cheer You, Faithful Friends Near You, And Whenever You Pray, Heaven To Hear You! Blessings! Fr. Michael

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through your support with today's Collection, you help Jesus in disguise. Please be generous.

Out of the Office: Cindy will be out of the Parish office on Monday, March 16 & Tuesday March 17. If you have an urgent need, please leave a message on her cell phone 218-220-1582 and she will respond as quickly as she can.

Faith Formation will meet **Wednesday, March 18** starting the night out with dinner at **6 pm**, followed by education at **6:30 pm**. For **Adult Faith Formation**, we will continue our journey through the Decision Point program. This is something you can join in on at any time so if you haven't joined us yet, come check it out. We would love to see more people involved. Everyone is invited for dinner and education. If you'd like to attend but have children who are too young for the Faith Formation program, child care is provided.

LITURGIES FOR THE SACRED THREE DAYS

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - 7:30 PM
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3 - LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - 12:15 PM
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4 - EASTER VIGIL MASS - 8:00 PM
(No Saturday Mass at 7:15 pm)
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - 8:30 AM

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Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** Call — 226-3639 or 226-3351

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Saturday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	03/14/15
7:15 p.m. Mass - Intention for Audrey Lavoy ☩ Reader.....Susan Frericks Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept. Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Rose Elam Chalices....Mary Wright Servers.....Mita & Sheena Frericks Gifts.....Volunteers		
Sunday	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	03/15/15
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance 8:30 a.m. Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Greg Johnson Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept. Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Jerry Bahar Chalices....Tom Frericks Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Jason Blood Gifts.....Volunteers		
Monday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	03/16/15
Tuesday	<i>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</i>	03/17/15
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting		
Wednesday	<i>ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM</i>	03/18/15
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer		
Thursday	<i>ST. JOSEPH</i>	03/19/15
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass – Intention for Healing for JR & Kim Samler Family 8:50 a.m. Adoration		
Friday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	03/20/15
5:00 p.m. Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross		
Saturday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	03/21/15
7:15 p.m. Mass - Intention for Healing for George Thomas & Gloria Thornborrow Reader.....Maria Riederer Cantor.....Andy Buell Plate.....Don Seipke Chalices....Leann Buell Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Caleb Geissler Gifts.....Volunteers		
Sunday	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	03/22/15
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance 8:30 a.m. Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Ed Hynes Cantor.....Lanay Frericks Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson Chalices....Tom Frericks Servers.....Mita & Sheena Frericks Gifts.....Volunteers		

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Sue Bahar, Terry Scallen, Betty Dugas, Alma Ferris, Suzanne Seguin, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson, Vicki Johnson.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Jody Reineccius, Bob Martinsen, Dick Kunz, Johnny Jerabek, Lincoln Traut, Amy Buckner, Allison Bahar, Mae Dehnhoff, Pat LeBlanc Sr., Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Emma Cavataio, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, please call the church office to let us know that you would like to renew the request. Names will be routinely removed if updates aren't received, so please, call if continued prayers are needed.

Lenten Opportunities

Lenten Prayer Group will meet every Thursday during Lent following Mass. Please join us on our Lenten adventure; we will have prayer, coffee, toast and fellowship.

Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross – Fridays during Lent, **soup at 5 pm** followed by **Stations at 6 pm**. The soup supper is a perfect way to warm up before going to Stations of the Cross. These delicious soups will be prepared by our volunteer cooks. If you are interested in preparing a soup or providing bread for a soup supper, please contact Cindy in the Parish Office. Donations to Operation Rice Bowl will be accepted during the soup supper. This is another great opportunity to enrich your Lenten season.

Good Used Clothing Wanted- As part of our almsgiving again this year, we are having a clothing drive. Please drop good usable clean clothing in the corner of the Church Hall near the coat racks. Lance and Rodney have volunteered again this year to deliver them to the Damiano Center in Duluth.

If you wish to donate money toward **FLOWERS FOR EASTER**, there are envelopes prepared for this purpose on the bulletin table. The suggested donation is \$8.00 and can be dropped into the collection basket. Please remember to include a name with your donation so your memorial can be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. We thank you for your generosity.

Last Week's Contributions

General Collection.....\$1906.00