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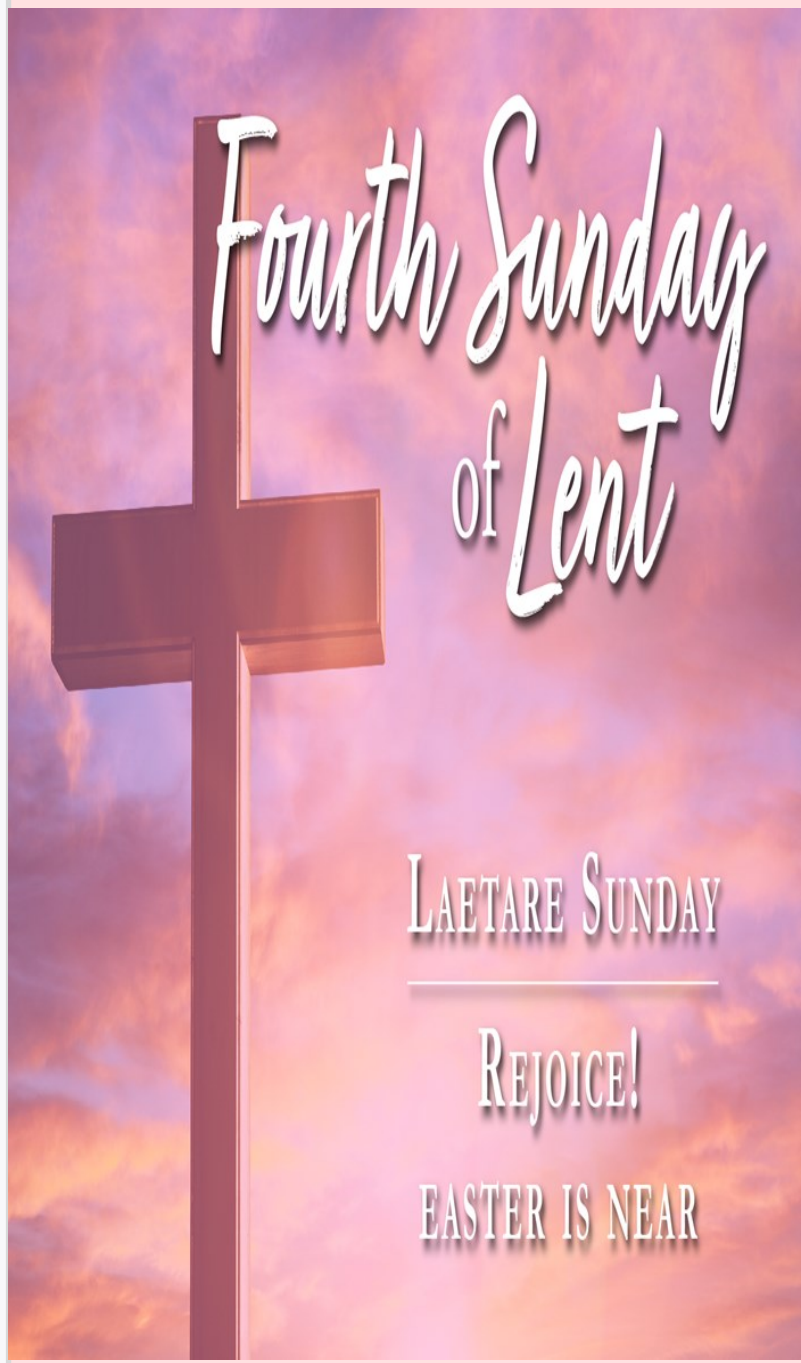
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**March 10, 2024**  
**Forth Sunday of Lent**

**Masses**

- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: (Chapel)  
 (Monday, Thursday, Friday (8:00am Chapel)  
 Wednesday (5:30pm Chapel)
- First Friday :  
 (of the Month) Anointing of the Sick
- Fridays: Devotion To Sacred Heart  
 Adoration 8:30 - 6pm



**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm  
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**TODAY'S READING'S**

**Reading I 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23**

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, And our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

**Reading II Eph 2:4-10**

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

**Gospel Jn 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

**Reflection:**

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God's covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai. In today's First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God's final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David (see 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89:3). His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today's Psalm. But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple (see Isaiah 44:28–45:1, 4). God is rich in mercy, as today's Epistle teaches. He promised that David's kingdom would last forever, that David's son would be His Son and rule all nations (see 2 Samuel 7:14–15; Psalm 2:7–9). In Jesus, God keeps that promise (see Revelation 22:16). Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation (see Wisdom 16:6–7; Numbers 21:9). Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to Himself (see John 12:32). Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father's love condemn themselves—as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves. But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God's handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth. Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see John 19:37) and rededicate ourselves to living the "good works" that God has prepared us for.

On the 4th Sunday of Lent, known as Laetare Sunday, the church in her wisdom allows us to take a break, to pause & refresh ourselves, to encourage us in our course through the season of penance for the final weeks of Lent and the Passion of the Lord. **Laetare means "Rejoice"**.



**The Lady's club is selling beautiful Easter flags and decorations in the vestibule. Check them out!!**

**Holy Week Mass Schedule**  
**Palm Sunday:** Saturday, 4pm  
 Sunday 8 & 10:30am  
**Holy Thursday:** 'Washing of the feet' 6pm followed by Adoration.  
**Good Friday:** (No 8am mass)  
 'Stations of Cross' 3pm followed by 'Veneration of the Cross' 4pm  
**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil 7pm  
**Easter Sunday:** 8 & 10:30am

**Stations of the Cross**  
**Friday's 6:00pm (Church)**  
 4th week: Fr. Mark & youth group will be leading the 'Stations of the Cross'

**PENANCE SERVICE**  
**WILL BE WEDNESDAY,**  
**MARCH 20TH AT 6 PM IN THE CHURCH.**

**Knights of Columbus**  
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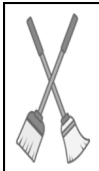
**Act of Contrition**  
*My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.*

**Lent Fish Fry Friday's**  
 Annunciation Lady's Club will be having their Fish Fry every Friday during lent,  
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**Please call the office with mass and special intentions for your loved ones. Dates are open.**



**Church Cleaning**  
 Team 3 this week

***MASS INTENTIONS***

Saturday	March 9	4pm-	Peggy Ladner+
Sunday	March 10	8:00am-	David Arnold White+
		10:30am-	Parishioners of Annunciation
Monday	March 11	8:00am	Robert & Peggy Stewart +
Tuesday	March 12		
Wednesday	March 13	5:30pm-	Abbie C. Whitedeer+
Thursday	March 14	8:00am-	Anthony Lind
Friday	March 15	8:00am-	Collen McGrath



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Total Yearly Financial Obligations	t-b-d
Amount needed each Week	t-b-d
Last Sunday Collection	\$4,670.00
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YTD Collected	\$33,019.00
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