



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20

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Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

SUN 3/14	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
MON 3/15	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
TUE 3/16	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
WED 3/17	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
THR 3/18	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
FRI 3/19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
SAT 3/20	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
SUN 3/21	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

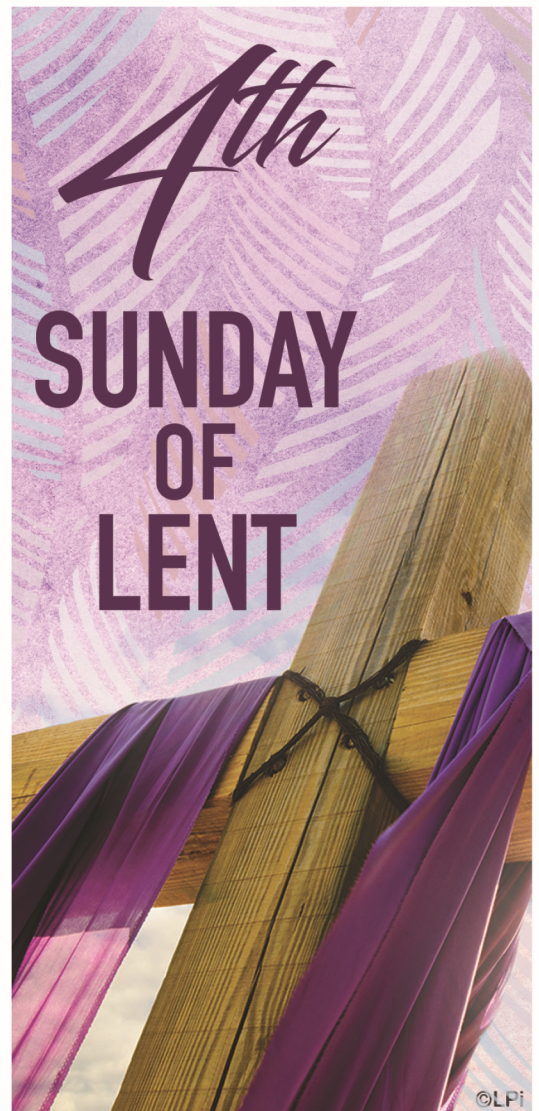
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday:	St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
Thursday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday:	5 th Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.



*"We need to find
God and He
cannot be found in
noise and restlessness.
God is a friend of
silence."*

— ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. | Convent Chapel

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.
Sunday (Gospel Mass) 10:00 a.m.
Livestreaming available on our website,
Facebook and YouTube

Baptisms: 4th Sunday of the month except
during Lenten Season

Weddings: Contact the rectory six months prior
to desired wedding date

Confessions: One-half hour before Sunday Mass



"Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind..."

Saturday, March 13, 2021

For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Elodie Gabriel, Darrell Gabriel and Bruce Gabriel

Sunday, March 14, 2021

For Joyce Anthony, Essence Banks and Gwen Temple-Johnson

In Memory of: Hazel Rita James Coleman and Catherine Hite



Please remember in your prayers: The intentions of the Holy Father and for:

Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Patricia Adam, Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Marie Alexander, Diane Austin, Nathaniel Banks, Nancy Barabino, Hazel Barnes, Barbara Blanchard, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Herman Cade, Augustine Cain, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Joyce Coleman, Honora Curry, Lamar Davis, Souleymane Diop, Elaine Ewell, Leo Francisco, Cameron Fritz, Beverly R. Gilmore, Gilda Griffin, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Olga Jackson, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Anna Jones, Evelyn Johnson, Virginia Johnson, Fern Kern, Ruth Kennedy, Shanna Lucien, Felicia Meyers, Arizona Moore, Germaine Nash, Thomas Phillips, Audrey Pierce, Janice Picou, Bernice Pinkney, Albert Poree, Gertrude Powell, Mildred V. Prudeaux, Joyce Randolph, Nakeisha Rhea, Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Matilda Romero, Janice Sawyer, Lula Mae Schexnayder, Carrie M. Shedd, Scott Schryver, Jane Silva, Angela Simon, Enjoli Sims, Kaila Sims, Kira Sims, Geraldine Small, Alma M. Smith, Bill Starr, Marquerite Stepter, Glenda Stewart, Annie Stoot, Eugene Stoot, Diane Sims Tillman, George Tillman, Mildred Tillman, Perry Tillman, III, Sherman Todd, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

How does the undeserved mercy
God shows me inform the way I
treat people who have wronged me
or those whom I see as sinners?

Prayer Line

508.924.5792

Noon Prayer

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Bible Study

Thursdays | 6:00 p.m.

Rosary

First Monday of Month | 6:00 p.m.



Parish News!

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- **CONFESSION:** Confessions will be heard on last two Wednesdays in Lent - March 17 and 24 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.
- **GET READY TO VOTE:** Election Day is Saturday, March 20th. Early voting runs, March 6 - 13. If you need a free and safe ride to the poll, MICAH Voter/Free Ride Service will be available. EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE. LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!
- **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** We have been asked to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, which is sponsored by the Woman's New Life Clinic. You may place coins, cash or checks in the bottle. Please, return all Baby Bottles and your donation to the Church by March 21st. Point of Contact: Johnnie Tillman 504.432.6189
- **ADORATION:** As we celebrate the Year of the Eucharist, please join us in the edifice or on livestream for Adoration on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 beginning this Wednesday, March 10 through November 10.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Join us on each Friday of Lent at 6:00 pm in the edifice or livestream. Mass will follow.
- **NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH:** As we celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, please consider praying the 30 days Novena to St. Joseph. Our faith community will recite the novena during the month of March. Prayer link [2019-30-Days-PrayerPamphlet_V4.pdf \(josephites.org\)](#); hardcopy attached to email.



Parish Fundraiser

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- **DOUBLE GOOD POPCORN FUNDRAISER:** Our Parish Fundraiser has profited \$10,006 to date!!! There's still time to GIVE! Those interested in making a direct donation, without receiving popcorn, may do so online or by dropping/mailling donation to the Rectory. Thanks again to all who supported by selling and purchasing popcorn.

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