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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2015

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY – 6:30 PM
THURSDAY – 8:30 AM
FRIDAY – 8:30 AM
SATURDAY – 8:30 AM
VIGIL – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY – 10:30 AM
IN SPANISH – 1:00 PM
HOLY DAY – 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - 10 - 6:15 PM
SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon

BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM
HOLY DAY – NOON

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: *Chant by Cantor*

OFFERTORY: *"Have Mercy, Lord, On Us" #559*

COMMUNION: *Chant by Cantor*

MASS PARTS: *Siena Mass Chant, St. Michael Hymnal #149*

Pastor's Column

To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael:

The fourth Sunday of Lent is known as "Laetare" Sunday, which comes from the opening words of the Introit of the Mass: "Rejoice: Jerusalem." We are a little past the mid-point of Lent, and it is a time when the church historically allowed a brief relaxation of the strictures of Lent. I wear Rose vestments again as I did on the third Sunday of Advent as a visible sign of joy to come. The readings for Laetare Sunday this year are all about being open to the light of truth. From St. Paul: "Brothers and sisters: You were once in darkness, but

now you are in light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth."

This Sunday offers a day of hope and encouragement, knowing that Easter is at last within sight. It is a good time to reflect on our Lenten disciplines.

Are they allowing or enabling God's healing love to enter into our hearts? When we look at our faults and failings, is it with the sure knowledge that God already knows them and will help us overcome them if we allow

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his Grace to overcome self-destructive patterns.

Fr. Robert Barron in his program on Vice and Virtue stresses while it is absolutely necessary that we acknowledge how we have messed up, God does not dwell on the past, but instead wants us to move forward to be part of his mission to bring truth and love to the world. Think of the prodigal son and the rejoicing of the Lord when the son acknowledged his sin and returned.

It is a good time to reflect on our blessings. Your ability to set in a pew and read these words is an accumulation of numerous blessings. You have the health to be here. You have the means for clothing, food and transportation to get here. There were people in your life that instructed you on the faith so that you want to be here. You have the ability to read, hear and speak to fully partake in the liturgy

You have the privilege of experiencing heaven on earth in this Mass and being face to face with Jesus. You will hear the very words of God pronounced to increase your knowledge and ability to follow him. You will proclaim your membership in the mystical body of Christ by reciting the Nicene Creed -- your affirmation of the faith. You will physically or spiritually partake of the body and blood of Jesus -- this bread of heaven preserved in a church created by God and sustained by countless martyrs throughout history. Today in this church, you will be in the spiritual company of all the faithful throughout the world.

Laetare Sunday is a good time to reflect on the words of Pope Benedict XVI -- "Holiness does not consist in not making mistakes, never sinning. Holiness grows with the capacity for conversion, repentance, willingness to begin again, and above all with the capacity for reconciliation and forgiveness."

So this Sunday, if your reflection on your Lent this far is discouraging, rejoice that you have a Savior who wants nothing more than for you to see the truth and try again. And if your Lent has begun to bear fruit in your life, rejoice and thank the Lord. ad Jesum per Mariam, Fr. Dean

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, March 15:

SECOND COLLECTION -CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

No Religious Education Class, Spring Break

9:00 - 10:15 AM - Vice & Virtue Class in the Parish Hall

10:30 AM - Mass

11:45 AM - Women's Club Meeting

Tuesday, March 17:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, March 18:

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM - Adoration

6:30 PM - Mass

7:00 PM - No Confirmation and Dead Theologians Classes, Spring Break

Thursday, March 19:

8:30 AM - Mass

Friday, March 20:

8:30 AM - Mass

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21:

8:30 AM - Mass

9:00 - Noon - Adoration & Confessions

9:10 - 11:00 AM - Jr. Legion meeting in the Rectory

11:00 AM - Legion of Mary meeting in the Rectory

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 22:

No Religious Education Class, Spring Break

9:00 - 10:15 AM - Vice & Virtue Class in the Parish Hall

10:30 AM - Mass

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BAKE SALE MARCH 29

Sunday, March 15:

SECOND COLLECTION -CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

8:00 AM - Mass

Friday, March 20:

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 22:

8:00 AM - Mass

CONFIRMATION
WILL NOT BE MARCH 22

IMPORTANT DATES

FIRST COMMUNION
SATURDAY MAY 2, 10:00 AM

PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH: STAYING ON THE PATH TO HEAVEN

Last week in my sermon I mentioned the precepts of the church. It is probably something most of us remember as being important, but we may be hazy on the details.

So here are the precepts of the church from the Catechism. They are the absolute minimum duties needed to be performed by a Catholic to be considered in communion with the church. If you are able and do not follow and do these precepts, then you are in a state of mortal sin and need to go to confession to restore your relationship with God.

That statement makes our “stiff neck” of pride bristle. “Don’t tell me what I need to do Father.” Why these rules? Because our loving, all knowing God knows we need them to flourish and take up the unique mission he has for each of us. We have to choose him and let go of our own agendas.

The first precept (*“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor”*) requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The second precept (*“You shall confess your sins at least once a year”*) ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation,

which continues Baptism’s work of conversion and forgiveness.

The third precept (*“You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season”*) guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord’s Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

The fourth precept (*“You shall observe the days of*

fasting and abstinence established by the Church”) ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.

The fifth precept (*“You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church”*) means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAYS 9 TO NOON

HEALING

- *Annette Thomas
- *Nora Rabie
- *Kim Schott
- *Macky Hunter
- *Mike Ellis
- *Joyce Traugher
- *Shannon Bell
- *Don Cole
- *Eva Davanport
- *June Bell
- *Sandra Armour
- *Ann Marie Legate
- *Bea Heatherly
- *Susie Bess
- *Tom Cuff
- *Cheryl & Jerry Bush
- *Robert & Dorothy Bradley
- *Gloria Snow
- *Ernie Axley Sr.
- *Thelma Lee
- *Rosa Priest
- *Glen Isom
- *Mary Stout

PETITIONS

- *For the respect of human life from natural conception to natural death.

- *For the protection of persecuted Christians around the world.
- *For the Grace to conquer deadly sins and grow in virtue this Lent.

DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN
**Eternal rest grant them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

HOMEBOUND
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
*Dorothy Crosslin
*Claudia Traugher
*Mary Ann Klimek
*R.C. Boyle
*Dorothy Johnson
*Tom Crumpler
*Patty Zawierucha

ST. MICHAEL
*John Baker
*Elizabeth Jenkins
*Robert & Regina Head

DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS

Now is the time to donate money for Easter flowers. The donations may be made in honor of a person or in memory of someone.

Flower envelopes are available in the back of the Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Michael parishes. The deadline for Easter flower donations is Palm Sunday on March 29.



THE LENT FOOD DRIVE FOR UNITED MINISTRIES CONTINUES THRU SUNDAY, MARCH 29

GOSPEL: 3/16-21/15
MONDAY: John 4:43-54
TUESDAY: John 5:1-16
WEDNESDAY: John 5:17-30
THURSDAY: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a St. Joseph
FRIDAY: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
SATURDAY: John 7:40-53

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

3/8
Parish: \$3,448.25

ST. MICHAEL

3/8
Parish: \$1,161.00

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 3/21/2015

Lector: Kay Braddock

Extraordinary Ministers:

John Schwarz & Harry Lee

Ushers: Terry Kelch &

Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 3/22/2015

Lector: Lynn Wiemelt

Extraordinary Ministers:

Gloria Snow & Carol

Kuropatwinski

Ushers: Robyn Masoner &

Volunteer

Altar Servers: Jake & Carson

Rucker

Collection Counters: Paula

Moran & Pam Curran

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SUNDAY – 3/22/2015

Lector: Linda Harbert

Extraordinary Ministers:

Annecia & James Connaghan

Usher/Greeter: Debbie

Traugher

Collection Counters: Sandy

Sawyer & Bob Cyprus

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM
SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM
TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM
THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM
FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM
SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the intentions of Eugene Hollman
For the intentions of Sandra & Billy Armour
For the intentions of Eva Davenport
For the intentions of Carol Bray
For the intentions of Orvil Bray
For the healing of James Reeves by Harry & Thelma Lee
For the intentions of Jim & Paula Weller
For the intentions of John & Diana Butorac