

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst... ‘Repent and believe.’”

BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA



**Giving - Fasting - Praying**  
**Repenting - Forgiving**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish**  
**Rockaway, New Jersey**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 27, 2022**  
**LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

*Carlos Carbajal, Miguel Fojas, Mary Merz, Joe Maulbeck, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Robyne LaGrotta, MaryAnn Eleuteri, Andrea Najduch, Martha Salvesen, Jimmy Buckley, Craig Huffman, Lucy Rovegno, William Doyle, Msgr. George Dudak, Mario Dugonjic, Elmer Maximo, Andrea Jones, Sue Fuco, Bob Nielsen, Bob Wasilewski, John Murphy, Jerry Praschak.*

**PARISH POLICY –PLEASE NOTE:** All Catholic families living within the parish boundaries are encouraged to register as members. Registration has many benefits, and in particular facilitates any arrangements for baptisms, marriages, sponsors, etc. Please contact the rectory at 973-627-0422

**Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence:** Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Fasting means to limit yourself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

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<p><b>Sunday, March 27– Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>                      5:00 p.m. – Joseph Tironi req. by family                      8:30 a.m. – Anthony Martinelli req. by the Maulbeck family                      10:00 a.m. –Tom Gorman req. by Karen Skutka  <b>Monday, March 28 – Lenten Weekday</b>                      12:00 p.m. – For the intention of protection for the people in Ukraine  <b>Tuesday, March 29- Lenten Weekday</b>                      12:00 p.m. – Richard Deckard req. by the Romano family  <b>Wednesday, March 30- Lenten Weekday</b>                      12:00 p.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish  <b>Thursday, March 31- Lenten Weekday</b>                      12:00 p.m. –Ethel &amp; James Gorman  <b>Friday, April 1- Lenten Weekday</b>  <b>No Noon Mass</b>  <b>6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross</b>                      6:30 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament                      7:00 p.m. – Tom Skutka req. by the Maulbeck family  <b>Sunday, April 3– Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>                      5:00 p.m. – Ronald Cooke req. by Aunt Geri                      8:30 a.m. – Venancio Maximo Sr. req. by Elmer Maximo                      10:00 a.m. – Rose Marie Wheelwright req. by family                      12:00 p.m. – Filipino Mass</p>
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<b>Sacred Heart Church</b>	
<b>Collection Goals - 2021/2022</b>	
<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>3/20/2022:</b>
Collection - Cash & Checks:	\$ 1,794.00
WeShare - Electronic Giving:	\$ 645.50
Total Weekly Collection:	\$ 2,439.50
<b>Yearly Collection Goal (Budget):</b>	<b>\$203,500.00</b>
<b>Weekly Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 3,676.47</b>
<b>Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,236.97)</b>
<b>Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$32,668.38)</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:**

Nicholas DelCore, Air Force Captain Jessica L. Rotile-Rudo,  
 Kenneth Rudo: Warrant Officer 1, Justin D. Gosden PFC,

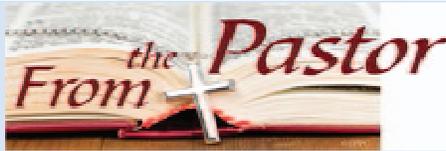


**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** *Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ben Marvilla, Michelle Monslave, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Jose Prado, Arlene Berlin, Marge Vogel, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary & Pat Skelly, John Skutka, William McBurney Anne& Richard Riordan, Linda Hoffman,, Mike Izzo, Edward Frame, Adam Hayward, Carol Centonze, Carol Ann Boyle, John Krause, Ethan Chandra, Dorothy Murray,*



**Our Condolences to the Family of Olga Daisy DeSimone**  
**Eternal Rest Grant to her O Lord**

<b>Sacred Heart Parish Diocesan Ministries Appeal:</b>	
<b>2021 Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 11,210.00</b>
<b>Cash received as of March 7, 2022</b>	<b>\$12,600.00</b>
<b>Amount over goal:</b>	<b>\$ 1,390.00</b>
<b>March rebate:</b>	<b>\$ 695.00</b>



Today is known as Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. This Sunday (Laetare) takes its name from the Latin word which begins the entrance antiphon (introit) at Mass. Laetare means rejoice. "Rejoice, Jerusalem ... Be joyful, all who were in mourning!" Isaiah: 66. On this Sunday, we look with expectation to the great Solemnity of Easter for which we have been preparing ourselves as a Church during the Lenten season. By its anticipation of the joy of Easter, Laetare Sunday is meant to give us hope and encouragement as we come closer towards the Paschal Feast. On both Laetare Sunday and Gaudete Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent), a priest may wear rose-colored vestments. The color rose is used as a sign of the joy which characterizes these two Sundays.

Many of us know today's Gospel parable as the parable about a prodigal son but it is also known as a parable about a merciful father who represents a true face of God. We know well this parable, when a father having two sons allows the younger to leave his house and then this younger son, after years of his sinful life, decides to come back being totally transformed. The older son who didn't have the same opportunity of being away from the house and losing his portion of the father's heritage is mad at his father for his unjustly attitude, as the father embraces his younger son. Everything seems to turn against the goodness of the father, whose attitude from the point of view of human justice looks not logical and unjust. The divine point of view represented by the father from this parable is totally different. God out of his love He allows a man to leave from his source of love and he suffers because of this decision, but always waits, hoping that he would come back some day. The very moment of his comeback is a great feast which he celebrates, throwing a big party. If God proceeded in our human logic not one of us would be saved. This is the lesson of divine mercy showed to us by Jesus Christ in that parable. The goodness and mercy of God were also a reason why the unfaithful Israelites entered the promise land and enjoyed its fruits, as the first reading speaks about. In Jesus Christ, then God shows mercy to everyone not counting our sins but expecting our coming back to Him.

Father Pawel

**Welcome Home to Healing:** Every Monday evening during Lent, March 7 to April 4, every parish in the Diocese of Paterson will be open from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for confession. All of us are directed to the sacrament of penance during this holy season as per our venerable tradition prior to the great feast of Our Lord's Holy Resurrection.

**An Invitation** – This will be the third year now that the annual ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHESES held at the First Presbyterian Church have been cancelled due to COVID 19. In lieu of this cancelled ecumenical event the Methodist Church of the Rockaways located on Hoagland Avenue invites residents to join them each Friday at Noon for a musical program of reflection. We pray that next Lent will allow us to return to our Lenten lunches for ecumenical fellowship.

**Family Faith Formation:** Religious Education for grades 1-8th (and parents) will meet the 4th Sunday of each month for the 10am Mass, followed by class from 11-12pm. We will begin in September and end in June. For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer at [shofjesusfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:shofjesusfaithformation@gmail.com)

**Collections for Ukraine** – Thus far we have collected **\$1,937.00** to assist our Ukrainian brothers and sisters who are suffering from the aggression and war which has devastated their country. Several drives are taking place in our local area to help the people of Ukraine. Your support is greatly appreciated: Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will be collecting cash and/or checks (made payable to Sacred Heart Church with UKRAINE written in the memo line), Medical/Infant Supplies for Ukraine throughout Lent; Pain relievers like Advil or Tylenol, alcohol swabs, ice packs, bandaids, first aid supplies, diapers, wipes, sanitary pads, infant formula and Ensure is needed. Bins will be located in the back of church and can also be dropped off at the rectory during business hours. The list of items needed is in the back of church. If you have any religious items such as rosaries, holy pictures, small prayer books, crucifixes or medals, there will be a separate bin for those items. The Ukrainian Orthodox Church humanitarian aid drive items can be brought to 635 Broad Street, Clifton daily from 10:00 am to 8:00 p.m. May God bless you, my good people, for your faith and generosity! – Father Pawel

**The Compassionate Friends-Parsippany Chapter:** A Self-Help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents, all meetings are held every 2nd Thursday of each month, our next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7:30pm, St. Christopher/Church School Room 101/Gymnasium. Please join our private face book page "The Compassionate Friends Parsippany Chapter" for more information regarding in-person or virtual meetings. Program for April 14, 2022: "Speaker: Lisa Athen, MA; Grief Specialist". For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164 or email: [lilycap1972@gmail.com](mailto:lilycap1972@gmail.com)

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**

*Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.*

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

*Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.*

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

*The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.*

