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Sunday: (English) 8:00am

Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00pm

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Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30am

Tuesday 6:00pm (English)

Thursday 6:00pm (Spanish)

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Tuesday & Thursday: 5:40pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8:10am

Saturday: 5:15pm

Sunday: 7:15am & 12:15pm

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and by appointment 936-825-3920

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March 27, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Lent



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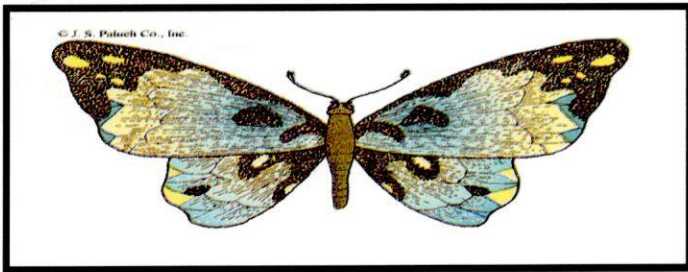
SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

5:15 PM EUCHARIST CELEBRATION

7:00 PM DINNER

St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church
7810 Cypresswood Dr. Spring, TX 77379

*Please RSVP to Mary Blanton at
rsvp@silcc.org or 281-370-3401*




**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27, 2022**

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.
—2 Corinthians 5:17

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Every 1st weekend of the month (Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses) blessing of all who have a birthday or Wedding Anniversary during the month.



PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

to the Priesthood and Religious Life especially in our Archdiocese.

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MEMORIALIZING THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you are interested in memorializing the Sanctuary candle, in memory of, in personal reverence and petition or Special Intention for the week, stop by the parish office for more information.

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936-873-5002

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Refreshment will be served after Masses the first Sunday of each month. The refreshments and service will be provided by the following:

Altar Society—January and July
Pastoral Council—February and October
Finance Council—March and September
R.E. Board—April and August
Stewardship—May and November
Choir—June and December

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

4th Sunday of Lent *"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan."* Joshua 5:12 Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

REFLEXIONES DEL BOLETIN DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

4to. Domingo de Cuaresma *"Ya no hubo más maná para los Israelitas, que ese año comieron del rendimiento de la tierra de Canaán."* Josué 5:12 En los cuarenta años que los israelitas viajaron por el desierto, Dios les proporcionó el maná para comer. Tan pronto como fueron capaces de disfrutar de los frutos de la Tierra Prometida dejaron de recibir el maná. De la misma manera, las bendiciones de Dios para nosotros pueden cambiar a través de los años, pero es importante confiar que Dios siempre nos proveerá de todo lo que necesitamos.

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HAPPINESS — Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

—Anonymous

IGNITE

Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00
Gifts Amount Received \$75,683.00
39 Donors

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39 Doner

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Helen will order the study guides, cost is \$27.00.



The Spring start of the men's program called That Man is you! (TMIY) Session 14-26 has started. Weekly meeting are held on Friday Mornings 5:30 AM to 7:00 AM. In St. Patrick Hall, 510 Manley Street Christ Our Light. That Man is You is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teaching of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Join us for food, fellowship, and faith Fridays at 5:30 am. We will be done by 7:00 am. All men are welcome. Learn more at tmiy.org or call/text Mike Kimball at 281-923-8314.

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We need volunteers for the following ministries: Parish Council, Finance Council, and English Baptism Coordinator. Please pray and consider offering your time, talent and treasure to serve our parishioners. Thank you for all you do.

Please contact Fr. Eli or Nelda Kurten at the parish office.



**LAETARE
SUNDAY**

REJOICE!

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12 | 2 Cor 5:17-21 | Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today we celebrate Laetare (which means “rejoice”) Sunday. As we mark the midpoint of Lent, we allow ourselves to look ahead with joyful anticipation of Jesus’ resurrection, even as we continue our practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Amidst these penitential practices of Lent, this day offers a reminder that we have reason for hope. The parable of the prodigal son shows us what hope looks like. When the father caught sight of his wayward son, he did not see the young man who made bad choices, wasted his inheritance, and disobeyed him. He looked at him with eyes of unconditional love, rejoicing that “he was lost and has been found.” That’s how Jesus viewed the sinners and tax collectors, and how the Father views us, his wayward sons and daughters, when we return to him in contrition and love. So as we continue our Lenten practices, let’s take time to give thanks for the goodness and mercy of God today, knowing that the Lord awaits us with open arms when we acknowledge our sinfulness and rely upon him for all that is good.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Is it me, or are some of the parables hard to figure out? The parable of the prodigal son is one we’ve heard over and over again, and resonates across ages and generations. Some of us may relate to the prodigal son and others to the dutiful brother. The parents and grandparents among us may have been in the father’s shoes at some point. What better time than Lent to reflect on what the story means to us at this point in our lives: Are we awaiting the return of a disaffected loved one? Are we in need of repenting for our own actions? The answer will be different for each of us, but we can rejoice in the fact that we are loved unconditionally by God wherever we are on our Lenten and life journeys. Our challenge is to open our hearts to that love; as we do so, we can’t help but be transformed and in turn share that love with others through friendship, service, and generosity. As St. Paul writes, “Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: The old things have passed away.”

ACT On Laetare Sunday, priests may wear rose-colored vestments as a symbol of joy. Carry this sense of joy into your day by placing roses at the table, bringing flowers to a friend, or calling someone with whom you’ve fallen out of touch.

APRIL 2022

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Sunday Connection



God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. Understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle C

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Background on the Gospel Reading

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.

The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree.

Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father.

First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

Gracious Givers

Lay Reader Message

A Sure and Certain Hope

Hebrews 11 begins with very familiar words: *"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see"* (Hebrews 11:1). The rest of the chapter is devoted to those whom we call "heroes of faith." We read about Abel and his sincere sacrifice, Enoch who pleased God, Noah who built an ark, Abraham who followed God to a place he didn't know, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, even Rahab, the prostitute, along with judges, kings, and prophets of God's people – all servants of God who, through faith, pleased him with their acts of obedience. *"The world was not worthy of them"* (Hebrews 11:38), the writer concludes.

"None of them received what had been promised" (verse 39), but they believed. They were sure of what they hoped for and certain of what they could not see. We, too live by faith. We didn't see Jesus on the cross; we didn't see his risen body; we didn't watch him ascend into the clouds, but we, too, are sure of what we hope for and certain of what we cannot see. We have an advantage, though. We are on the other side of Calvary. We have the Word of God, given us through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, written by those who were in Gethsemane, those who did stand at the foot of the cross, those who did run to find the tomb empty, those who did touch his hands and sides, those who did stand staring into the heavens when Christ ascended.

Those eyewitnesses turned the world upside down, because they themselves had been turned upside down. Those who had deserted him (Mark 14:50), denied him (Mark 14:66-72), and hid themselves away in a locked room in fear (John 20:19) were transformed by the living Christ. They came out of the room, they declared themselves his followers and servants, and they found they could not *"help speaking about what [they] had seen and heard"* (Acts 4:20).

And that's how we know. We have hope built on faith passed on to us by God's people through the power of his Spirit. And that's how others will know – by our *"speaking about what we [have] seen and heard."* This is our awesome and joyous privilege and responsibility as God's stewards.

You are invited to join Fr. Paul Lockey
on an 11-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land!

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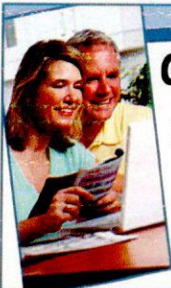
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