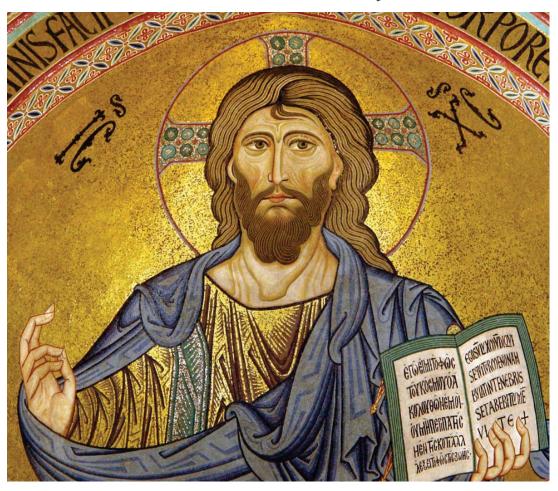


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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. Jn. 3: 19-21



Today's gospel for Cycle B (and next weeks) is more abstract and does not contain a story that lends itself to direct imagery as is more often the case, so today's artwork relates to gospel's symbolism. Above, is a famous *type* of mosaic art that depicts a particular theological message about Jesus: Christ as *Pantrokrator* (Greek for "all powerful"). It shows Christ in a formal pose as the almighty ruler of the universe. Expressions range from paint and fresco to mosaic (shown here). Due to its three-dimensional quality, mosaic creates a beautiful otherworldly quality with the unique way it refracts and reflects light. This example is in an *apse* (half dome, often above and behind the altar). Christ is shown holding a book in his left hand and makes a blessing gesture with his right (from which we can derive two additional meanings). In a single gesture he is also signing his abbreviated name in Greek letters "ICXC" (IC = Jesus, XC=Christ), which are also echoed above him to the right and left. Additionally, the two fingers he holds up symbolize his perfect dual nature: all man and all God. The book he holds is open to John 8:12 part of which reads "I am the light of the world," which the gold mosaic visually reinforces.

#### GATHER HYMNAL 1026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday, March 9

4:00pm Patrick Blaney by his family 6:00pm Spanish Mass

#### Sunday, March 10

7:30am Matt Pessia
by his family
9:00am Jean Orlando
by Wednesday Morning Book Group
11:00am Joseph Fournier
by his family

5:30pm Billy Belle CHARISMATIC MASS
Dorothy Blake & Dana Akerley

#### Monday, March 11

9:00am Caroline Murphy (Birthday Intentions) by Dennis & Helen Kay

Tuesday, March 12 9:00am Christine Smerlas

by Callery family

Wednesday, March 13

9:00am Jean-Marie Newey

by Bobbie & John Cruse Thursday, March 14

9:00am Sophie Kay (Birthday Intentions)

by Helen & Dennis Kay Friday, March 15

9:00am Abigail French (BirthdayIntentions) by Helen & Dennis Kay

#### Saturday, March 16

4:00pm Margaret "Peggy" Gleason by Mongeau family 6:00pm Spanish Mass

Sunday, March 17

7:30am Charles D. Davis, Jr. (5<sup>th</sup> Anv.)
by Cousin Paul
9:00am John McKenna
by his family
11:00am Special Intention

by family







We invite you to pray the Rosary everyday after the 9am weekday Mass Monday through Friday

#### Please Pray for...

Nicole Bates, Susan Bailey, Jonathan Tomashefsky, Brian Howland, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, Becky Rawson Katie Hedrick, Bev Longime, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau Annabelle Duvane, Shirley DePalma, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins, Kupaa Keiley, Tiffany Kelley, Margie Morcone, Sharon Beaulieu, Nick Johnson, William Fargelli, Stephen & Kimberly Bankcroft, Toby Claufon, Joe Smith, Dawn Haight, Carol Aloisi, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti, Charles Arkle, Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott, Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney, Tim Jackson, Sarah McMenemy, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley, Brendon Crowley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett, John Lynch, Kathleen Farrar, Kirolos Gergis, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao, Lynn St. Jean, Gene Buffo, Christine, Patrick, Robert & Coutinho family Maryann Bisco, Susan Garry, Melvin Boucher, T.J. Bautz, Joan Fallon, Edward Hubbell, Nancy Camp, David Perry, John Durnan, Linda Darby, Annie Mason, Nancy Santory, Laconya Mobley, Maria Matejko, Gary Wilson, Jr., Debbie Giroux, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez, Joel Rivera, Mary Payant, James Thomas, Christina Narensky, Chloe Nascimento, Ann Martin, Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland, Sofia Shahin, Sarah Cox, Hailie McLatchey, Barbara Auger, George Cabana, Beverly Taylor, Jeanne Amendola, Jack Walker, Daniel Baker Rebecca Coax, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo, Joan Sanders, David Sawyer, Madison Knopf, Claire Kennedy, Susanne Ollman, Frank Sannelli, Pat & John Lusek, Michael Zancewicz, Kristy Cautello, Judy Melfa, Neil Kenny, Joseph Malzone, Lois Kerbel, Michael Turpin, Elise Ollman-Kahle, Patricia Amorelli, Connor Blaney, Debbie Krikler, Demetrius Mobley, Gary Shults, Erin Magrane, George Beecher

Let us remember to pray for all the men and women who are over seas in harm's way.

We remember those who have died Charles Vilandre, David Valk

#### EXPOSITION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT & ADORATION
TUESDAY 9:30AM TO 6:00PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Prayers For Sanctity of Life 5:00pm
BENEDICTION AT 6:00PM

SCF	RIPTURE READINGS 2024 YEAR B
SUNDAY Mar 10	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
MONDAY Mar 11	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2+4, 5-6, 11-12a+13b/Jn 4:43-54
TUESDAY Mar 12	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
WEDNESDAY Mar 13	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
THURSDAY Mar 14	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
FRIDAY Mar 15	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21+23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
SATURDAY Mar 16	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
SUNDAY Mar 17	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15/Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33
4	Pilot Bulletins

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## Join Fr. Diego and his team for a Lenten Retreat

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Wednesday, March 20th In Church

**6:00 - 7:00 PM**Worship and Song
Reflection and Prayer

**7:00 - 8:00 PM** Fellowship & Light Snacks

Refreshments hosted by Women of St. Luke's (WOSL)

(\*)Bring a friend!.. and men are more than welcome to join us too!



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday, 3:00-3:45pm and by personal request. The Reconciliation

room is handicapped accessible.

During Lent, we will have additional opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Tuesday evenings: 5:00-6:00 pm (Prior to Benediction) Friday, Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm

(Prior to Soup and Stations in the Church)

#### THE FOREVER YOUNG

(St. Luke's Senior Adults)



#### BAKERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL (SR. ADULTS) SPRING BAKE SALE MARCH 23 – 24

Baked goods can be dropped off in the Vestibule of the church by 3:00pm on Saturday March 23rd



#### ALL BAKED GOODS ARE GREATLY





The language of faith is love. Some speak it so well that their example inspires others to lives of generous service. Mother Teresa spoke it well, as did Pope

John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. Others speak it too, but are perhaps not as well known, people like our parents and families, pastors, teachers, fellow parishioners, friends and neighbors. God speaks it too. And when God spoke, the Word became Flesh.

Wherever the Gospel is preached, the message is the same. To rulers and peasants, to refugees of war and to promoters of peace, to the high and mighty and the poor and lowly, to the living and to the dead, the message never changes. God is rich in mercy; God loves people; God so loved the world that He sent His only Son. The good news is for everyone, of all times and all places.

It can be easy to doubt God's love, especially when we are aware of our sinfulness and failings. But God's love is unconditional. We do not have to earn it, or work for it, or be someone to receive it. God's love is a gift offered to everyone. It is offered to saints and sinners, to the holy and the not so holy. The cross is the sign of God's love for us. On it, He gives you His life: through it, He gives you His love;

John 3:16
For GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting LIFE.

by it, He gives you eternal life. The language of love is easy to learn and understand. Just open your heart and mind to hear the good news.

James Gaffney

*March* 10, 2024

#### SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



#### **COFFEE WITH** CHRIST

St Luke's friends enjoying First Friday sharing coffee at South Street Diner after 9am Mass, Stations of the Cross and Rosary.

Drop-in after Mass next First Friday, April 5th at South Street Diner!



#### **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE 2024**

Saturday, March 16 at the DCU Center in Worcester - Only two weeks away from this great gathering! Join hundreds of men to pray, listen, reflect and share their faith with each other. Wonderful speakers, celebration of sacraments, and a variety of booths. Jesus said where two or three are gathered in His name, He will be there! Registration fee increases this week, register as soon as possible. For more information and to register, look for the brochures in your parish or check out our website: catholicmenworc.com.



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." (John 3:16) Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but

He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Sunday Ordinary Collection Monthly

Month of December 2023	73,823
Month of January 2024	63,828
Month of November 2023	72,206





We invite you to join us on Friday, March 15th at 7 PM at St. Mary's Parish in Shrewsbury for an evening of contemplative Taizé Prayer, embracing the spirit

of Lent. This ecumenical service includes communal singing, scriptural reading, prayer, and silence. Taizé prayer originates from a small villagThe service is held in a candle-lit church, creating a peaceful, sacred space. e in France. It is known for its international, ecumenical monastic community founded as a place of reconciliation, kindness of heart, and simplicity after World War II.

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through the eyes of those that met him in the hit series *The Chosen* by Dallas Jenkins

us as we see Jesus

We are blessed to have Desiree and Tony Hassan leading the program and discussions.

Meetings will be held once a week for 8 weeks Please contact Denise Pelkey @ dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org or Melissa Baril-Lower @ religiouseducation@stlukes-parish.org For more information Prayerful **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** was followed by a joy-filled Lenten meal with our St. Luke's parish family this past Friday, 3/1. Thanks to our children for participating as readers and candle bearers and the many parishioners who donated time, talent and food to Westborough Food Pantry and The Bridge making the night such a blessing!

Mark your calendars for Friday, 3/22 at 6pm for the next Stations of the Cross! Readers and helpers are welcome to help again! Chris (4farmers@verizon.net) for more info.



ASP Youth volunteers will be in church this weekend seeking sponsors for their biggest fundraiser of the year, the ASP Rock-a-thon. Please support our youth and this important mission trip!

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4PM, in Spanish 6PM Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

Weekday Masses
Monday through Friday,
9:00 AM

## NEW TO THE PARISH WELCOME

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Please call Maria at 508-366-5502 for information

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45PM ~ also by personal request. Reconciliation Room is handicapped accessible

#### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Please contact a Priest at least six months in advance

#### **RCIA**

Contact the parish secretary if interested in becoming Christian in the Catholic faith tradition.

#### VISITATION OF THE SICK

Our extraordinary ministers are always pleased to bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. If you or a family member would like to receive Communion, please call Julie at 508-366-8509. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.

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