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HOLY WEEK

Schedule

TUESDAY

APRIL 15

Confession 7pm

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 16

Tenebrae 7PM

THURSDAY

APRIL 17

Holy Thursday 7PM

FRIDAY

APRIL 18

Good Friday Service 3PM

Stations of the Cross 7PM

SATURDAY

APRIL 19

*Blessing of
Easter Baskets 12 Noon*

Easter Vigil 8 PM

SUNDAY

APRIL 20

Mass 10 am & 12:30 PM

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 30, 2025

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, calls us to rejoice amid our penitential season. The very word “Laetare” means “rejoice,” reminding us that even as we journey through the challenges and sacrifices of Lent, God calls us to remember the joy that awaits us. Our Gospel reading today is one of the most beloved parables ever told by Jesus: the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32). We encounter three key figures—the younger son, the older son, and the loving father. Each character offers us an invitation to reflect on our own journey of faith and our relationship with God.

The younger son’s story is one of recklessness. He demands his inheritance from his father and leaves home, squandering his wealth on a life of indulgence. It is not until he finds himself destitute, hungry, and humiliated in a distant land that he comes to his senses. This moment of conversion, born out of desperation, is one we can all relate to. How often do we, too, find ourselves spiritually impoverished because we have chosen our own way over God’s way?

But the most remarkable part of this story is not the son’s return, but the father’s response. Instead of anger or reproach, the father sees his son from afar and runs to embrace him. This loving father does not wait for explanations or apologies, he rushes to show mercy. In this way, the father in the parable mirrors the heart of God, who welcomes us back whenever we turn toward Him.

As we reflect on the father’s extravagant mercy, we must also consider the reaction of the older son. His heart is filled with bitterness, unable to rejoice in his brother’s return. He represents those of us who sometimes struggle to forgive and let go of resentment. His sense of justice is clouded by self-righteousness, and he misses the joy of reconciliation. The father’s gentle invitation to the older son challenges us to examine our own hearts and see if we harbor any unwillingness to forgive or celebrate the mercy shown to others. This parable calls us to conversion not only from the reckless ways of the younger son, but also from the pride and jealousy of the older son. Both sons are in need of transformation.

Perhaps you find yourself identifying with the younger son, having wandered far from God and yearning to come home. Or maybe you resonate with the older son, feeling overlooked despite your faithfulness.

As we celebrate this joyful Sunday, let us also consider how we, as a community, can mirror the father’s mercy. Are we quick to welcome back those who have strayed and invite those we know to live more fully? Do we rejoice when someone finds their way home, or do we hold onto old grudges?

God’s mercy is deeper than any mistake, and His joy at your return is greater than any resentment. May we, like the father in the parable, run to meet those who seek reconciliation and embrace them with love and mercy.

God bless,



MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 29 - APRIL 6

SATURDAY MARCH 29	5 PM ELI DE LA CRUZ FROM VIRGINIA ELBARODY
SUNDAY MARCH 30	10 AM ROBERT MATHIASSEN FROM LAURA HALSTEAD 12:30 PM. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUESDAY APRIL 1	12:30 PM. BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR FR. BRYAN PAGE FROM OLC STAFF
WEDNESDAY APRIL 2	12:30 PM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR DR. VIC JOSEPH FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA
THURSDAY APRIL 3	12:30 PM JULIO VALE' FROM THE CLARK FAMILY
FRIDAY APRIL 4	12:30 PM NIEVES C. ARBOLEDA FROM VIRGINIA ELBARODY
SATURDAY APRIL 5	5 PM HENRY & MARGARET HEISER FROM LAURA CZYSZ & KEN HEISER
SUNDAY APRIL 6	10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:30 PM. CARIDAD CAMILO FROM THE HEANEY FAMILY

Sunday Scripture

March 30

Jos. 5:9a, 10-12

2 Cor. 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

April 6

Is. 43:16-21

Phil. 3:8-14

John 8:1-11



THE MARK

MERCY

CONFESSIO

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 7PM
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Tenebrae

Wednesday
April 16
7 PM
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Updates to Our Prayer Life

Saint Isidore of Seville

Feast on April 4th

Pope John Paul II named St. Isidore of Seville the first patron saint of the internet because, even though he lived many years prior, Isidore was a learned scholar who set out to collect and organize all the information in the world – a wonderful goal!

Online
before the
internet?



Rejoice!

It's Laetare Sunday!



What is Laetare Sunday?

The fourth Sunday of Lent is called **Laetare** Sunday. Instead of **purple**, the altar and priest are dressed in **pink** or **rose**. This is similar to Gaudete Sunday during Advent, a day of rejoicing during a time of reflection and penance. The name comes from the words in Latin at the start of mass: "**Laetare Jerusalem**" – "Rejoice, O Jerusalem."

There is a tradition of visiting the church of your baptism, also called your "mother church," on this Sunday.

Ask a family member to tell you a story about where a grandparent was baptized, or a notable baptism story in the family!

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Canonization April 27th

Carlo Acutis will be canonized, or officially declared a saint in heaven, on April 27th!



He is the "first millennial saint." As a young boy, he was devoted to Eucharistic adoration and miracles. He started a website to share information about Eucharistic miracles. As a result, he will be made patron saint of the internet, and will help Saint Isidore of Seville intercede with all our prayers for the online world.