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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MISSA 'LAETARE'

MARCH 19, 2023

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PRELUDE *(For the 4th Sunday of Lent, Musical instruments are allowed to sound on their own.)*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

STAND

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hymn 192

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *(10:30 am only)* Pew Missal, page 116

✠. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R. Amen.**

✠. The Lord be with you. **R. And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT Pew Missal, page 4

KYRIE *Greek* Pew Missal, page 22

GLORIA *(The Gloria is not sung during the Sundays of Lent)*

COLLECT

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebration to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS Pew Missal, page 116

HOMILY

STAND

2ND SCRUTINY *(10:30 am only)*

The scrutinies are a series of rites for adults who wish to be baptized. They are celebrated in the third, fourth, and fifth weeks of the Lenten season. This is considered a period of purification and enlightenment for the elect. There are prayers of exorcism which are intended to help purify the elect from sin and sinful desires. The overall prayers and laying on of hands are to help the elect be enlightened by the Word and grace of God.

NICENE CREED Pew Missal, page 9

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL ✠. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord hear our prayer.**
(4:30 and 8:00 only)

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Pew Missal, back page

SIT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN *Come Down, O Love Divine* Hymn 110

STAND

ORATE FRATRES Pew Missal, page 11

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PREFACE DIALOGUE Pew Missal, page 11

SANCTUS *Latin* Pew Missal, page 26

KNEEL

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Prayer I - page 11; II - page 14; III - page 15*MEM. ACCLAMATION *ICEL Chant- Save us...*

Pew Missal, page 39

STAND

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

English 4:30 pm:

Pew Missal, page 17

Latin 8:00 & 10:30 am

PRIEST:

Praeceptis salutáribus móniti, et divína institutióne formáti, audémus
dicere:

P At-er nos-ter, qui es in cae-lis : sancti-fi-cé-tur no-men tu-um ; advé-ni-
at regnum tu-um ; fi-at vo-lúntas tu-a, sicut in cae-lo, et in ter-ra. Pa-nem nos-
trum co-ti-di-á-num da no-bis hó-di-e ; et dimít-te no-bis dé-bi-ta nostra,
sic-ut et nos di-mít-timus de-bi-tó-ri-bus nostris ; et ne nos indú-cas in ten-ta-ti-
ó-nem ; sed lí-be-ra nos a ma-lo.

THE PEACE

Pew Missal, page 18

AGNUS DEI

Latin

Pew Missal, page 27

KNEEL

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

Pew Missal, page 18

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion are inside the back cover of the Pew Missal.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Pew Missal, page 119

COMMUNION HYMN *My Song Is Love Unknown*

Hymn 195

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STAND

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into the world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendor of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Pew Missal, page 19

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Pew Missal, page 534

MARIAN ANTIPHON *Ave Regina Caelorum*

Hymn 96

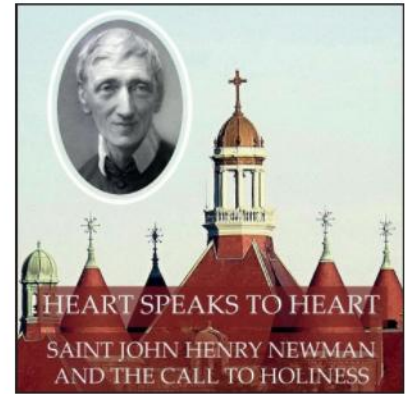
POSTLUDE

The Shape of the Liturgy

A Reflection on the Purpose of Lent

A few weeks ago, I presented Lent as a time each year to look at our lives and to look at our religious faith and to connect the two or re-connect the two, or still to better connect the two. Now, I had a seminary professor who would listen to our seminarian “practice” sermons and would sometimes respond to the seminarian who gave it by asking him, “What does this have to do with the price of eggs?” I have never forgotten Dr. Graham’s exhortation, and to do my best to make sure that in my words and writing I have tried to give something *practical* that anyone might easily remember and take home with them and put to use. So may I this week bring down to a practical level what I wrote by quoting St. John Henry Newman (1801-1890) on the subject of growing in Holiness, which means, growth in the perfection of charity. He entitled his composition “The Short Road to Perfection”, recalling our Lord’s words in Matthew 5:38. They are:

1. Do not lie abed beyond the due time to rise.
2. Give your first thoughts to God.
3. Make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament.
4. Say the Angelus devoutly.
5. Eat and drink to God’s glory.
6. Say the Rosary well.
7. Be recollected.
8. Keep out bad thoughts.
9. Make your evening meditation well.
10. Examine yourself well.
11. Go to bed in good time.



Simple but “challenging”. And they are very practical and they are ways to also grow in good habits.

And of course, our Lord does not give us something without the grace to accomplish holiness today. We all have the material needed to become saints. He gives each of us the gifts and strengths and grace necessary to move forward in our pursuit of holiness, and along with our weaknesses, He gives us the opportunity to overcome them. That’s how we grow in virtue. The saints were not perfectionists, but they did seek holiness. And if they fell, they got right back up and went right on.

Surely, we can take heart, not be discouraged with our own waywardness sometimes, and like the saints, get right back up and go right on consciously working out our salvation. And as St. Paul tells us in Romans 7:19: “For I do not do the good I want to do. Instead, but the evil I do not want is what I do.” Even St. Paul had his problems in this department.

May God richly bless each of us for a good Lent as we look forward to a glorious Eastertide.

-Fr. James Ramsey

P.S.: This reflection comes with credit to Cardinal Newman and to a sermon I recently heard on EWTN. And of course, to St. Paul!

ST. JOSEPH’S ALTAR CELEBRATION **AND POTLUCK AT ST. MARY’S** **THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

Today we have the traditional St. Joseph’s Altar which includes 1) a potluck meal, 2) treats placed on the St. Joseph’s Altar, and 3) a collection of non-perishable food for the needy. There will also be St. Joseph themed crafts and coloring pages for the young and the young at heart!

You will be able to drop off your items before the 10:30 am Mass.
Please come, even if you did not bring any items. Your presence is a blessing to others!



~ 40 HOURS DEVOTION ~
SPECIAL TIME OF EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

FROM THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST THROUGH
THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD

As part of our parish's participation in the national Eucharistic Revival, St. Mary's will host a 40 hours devotion this week.



Opening Mass:	Tuesday	March 21	7:00 am
Exposition:	Tuesday	March 21	8:00 am - 9:00 pm
	Wednesday	March 22	6:00 am - 9:00 pm
	Thursday	March 23	6:00 am - 6:00 pm
Closing Mass:	Thursday	March 23	6:00 pm

Please plan on coming to the church to spend an hour of adoration before our Eucharistic Lord sometime during this coming Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS,
SOLEMN VIGIL MASS FOR THE ANNUNCIATION,
FEAST DAY MEAL

THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 24, AT *5:30 PM*

Because of the Solemnity of the Annunciation, we will have Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm this Friday, instead of the normal 6:00 pm time. Stations of the Cross will be followed by a Solemn Vigil Mass at 6:00 pm with a feast day meal in the Activity Center, provided by the parish. Those who partake in the Solemn Vigil Mass will be dispensed from Lenten Abstinence after the Mass (meaning, you will be able to eat meat).



EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for Easter flowers are now being accepted. Forms and envelopes are located at the entrance to the church. Contact the church office or Georgia West (361) 935-6701 if you have any questions. Donors and intentions will be listed in an insert to our Easter Weekend bulletin.



NAZARETH ACADEMY

Nazareth Academy is currently enrolling students in PK4 - 8th grade for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in learning more about the school or setting up a tour or shadow day for your child, please contact Debbie Michalski at dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org or call the school at 361.573.6651. Space is limited in some grade levels so call today so that we can show you what Nazareth Academy has to offer.



ADORERS NEEDED

The Adoration Chapel needs adorers of the Lord on Mondays from 10:00 - 11:00 am., Fridays from 10:00 - 11:00 am., and Fridays from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Please prayerfully consider this holy opportunity. Please call Cindy Brewer at (361) 571-6510 to volunteer. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, Mar. 18 **Sat. of the 3rd Week of Lent**

4:30 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Theresa Wearden †
5:30 pm Confession Tom Tyng †

Sunday, Mar. 19 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Coffee and Donuts after 8:00 Mass in the Nazareth Convent Auditorium

8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Barbara Miller †
9:15—10:00 am Confession Wayne Dierlam †

BBQ Fundraiser at the KC Hall

9:30 am Holy Face Devotions—Chapel

10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish

Second Scrutiny at the 10:30 am Mass

St. Joseph's Altar Potluck Dinner after the 10:30 am Mass

5:00 pm Lenten Solemn Vespers at Incarnate Word Convent

Monday, Mar. 20 **Solemnity of Saint Joseph**

7:00 am—7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel

12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Mary Ann Immenhauser †

12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary

Tuesday, Mar. 21 **Tues. of the 4th Week of Lent**

7:00 am Opening Mass for 40 Hours Devotion Intention: Louise Orsak

8am - 9pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church

12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Addison Culak

12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary

3:00—4:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle in the Chapel

3:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution at the St. Agnes Building

6:30 pm Choir Practice in the Church

7:00 pm RCIA (Classes to become Catholic)

Wednesday, Mar. 22 **Wed. of the 4th Week of Lent**

6am - 9pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church

11:00 am—3:30 pm St. Mary's Homeschool Co-op

11:45 am Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in the Church

12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Donna Hauboldt †

12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary

6:00-7:15 pm CCD Classes (Religious Education for the Youth)

Thursday, Mar. 23 **Thurs. of the 4th Week of Lent**

6am - 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church

8:10 am Nazareth Academy Mass Intention: Wayne Dierlam †

9:00—2:00 pm Quilt and Craft Corner in the Activity Center

12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Tim Tyng †

12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary

6:00 pm Closing Mass for 40 Hours Devotion Intention: Raymond Vecera †

Friday, Mar. 24 **Fri. of the 3rd Week of Lent**

7:00 am—7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel

12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Bernice Kurtz †

12:35 pm Confession & Communal Rosary

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm Solemn Vigil Mass for the Annunciation Intention: Kasper Lyssy †

7:00 pm Feast Day Meal in the Activity Center

Saturday, Mar. 25 **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

4:30 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Mary Hyak †

5:30 pm Confession Daniel Jalufka †

Sunday, Mar. 26 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Donald Vrana †

9:15—10:00 am Confession Naomi Valdez Hernandez †

9:30 am Holy Face Devotions—Chapel

10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish

Third Scrutiny at the 10:30 am Mass

5:00 pm Lenten Solemn Vespers at Incarnate Word Convent

† symbol indicates the deceased

OFFERTORY GIFTS

March 6-12

Sunday Collection.....\$ 7,340.72

On-line giving.....\$ 830.00

Total.....\$ 8,170.72

amount needed weekly to
meet budget: \$9,019

MASS ATTENDANCE

Third Sunday of Lent

Sat., Mar. 11th at 4:30 pm.....148

Sun., Mar. 12th at 8:00 am.....90

Sun., Mar. 12th at 10:30 am.....172

Total410

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

Amount Needed for 2023: \$81,506

Amount Received....(updates forthcoming)

Balance on Pledges....(updates forthcoming)

Total(updates forthcoming)

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