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Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday
March 30, 2025

On the HORIZON

Stations of the Cross

April 4 Faith Formation
April 11 Hispanic Community

Lenten Confessions

April 2 6:30 PM Penance Service (Magnolia)
April 3 6:30 PM Penance Service (Wallace)

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.

Our Mission

To love and know more profoundly our Catholic faith, worship the Lord, minister to our members and to further spread our faith in the community.

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New Office Hours

Mon. 9-6 PM (Wallace)

Tue. Day-off

Wed. 9-12 NN (Wallace)

Wed. 2-6 PM (Magnolia)

Thur. 9-12 NN (Wallace)

3-6 PM (Wallace)

Fri. 9-12 PM (Wallace)

Call to make an appointment

Adoration

Mon. 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Thurs. 9:30-10:30 AM

Reconciliation

Thur. during Holy Hour

Sat. 4:30 PM or by appointment

Weekend Mass Schedule

Transfiguration of Jesus

Saturday 5:00 PM English

Sunday 8:30 AM English

10:30 AM Spanish

Santa Clara Mission

1:00 PM Spanish

Weekday Masses

Mon, Thurs-Fri 9:00 AM (Eng.)

Mon 7:00 PM (Esp.)

Wed (Santa Clara) 7:00 PM (Esp.)

The Pope's Monthly Intention (March)

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Prayer Tree Requests should be sent to all three committee members. This is to ensure that no prayer request goes unanswered. Also, please make sure that permission is given by the person or family needing prayer, to send out the request.

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Dear Jesus, we turn to You in the time of illness. O dearest Comforter alleviate our worry with your gentle love. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge whatsoever you do, you do for the love of us.

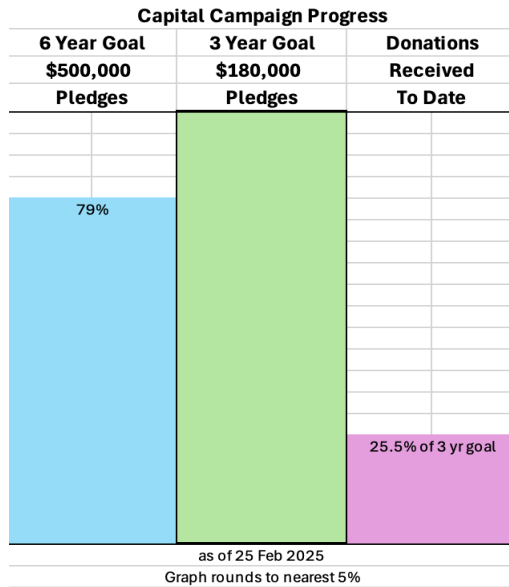
Laetare Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Why is the Fourth Sunday of Lent called Laetare Sunday?

- The name comes from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon for Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" — "Rejoice, O Jerusalem".
- The fourth Sunday marks the half-way point of the Lenten season, even though the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the actual middle day of Lent.
- Signs of joy are allowed on this day, expressing our belief in the hope of the resurrection and to inspire us as we continue our Lenten commitments to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Symbolizing joy, rose-colored Mass vestments may be worn instead of purple, to indicate the contrast between Laetare and the other Sundays of Lent. According to the Roman Missal, instrumental music is permitted and the altar may be decorated with flowers.
- The tradition of using the color rose is thought to come from the tradition of the Golden Rose; at one time popes sent golden roses to Catholic heads of state in Europe on this Sunday.
- The Fourth Sunday of Lent was once called Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, for the miracle of the boy with loaves and fishes in the Gospel of John.
- The Fourth Sunday of Lent was also previously observed as Mothering Sunday, in reference to Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, where the faithful are called "sons and daughters of God". Families visited the church where they were baptized, or made offerings to the cathedral, or mother-church, on this Sunday.

Parish Ministries & Committees

Capital Campaign Progress Report



Finance Committee (Monthly Financials)

	Dec. Budget	Dec. Actuals	Dec. Expense
Offertory	\$22,518	\$23,971	
Maintenance	\$3,350	\$3,740	
Others	2,855	1,369	
Total	\$28,723	\$29,080	\$14,702
Net Revenue			\$14,378

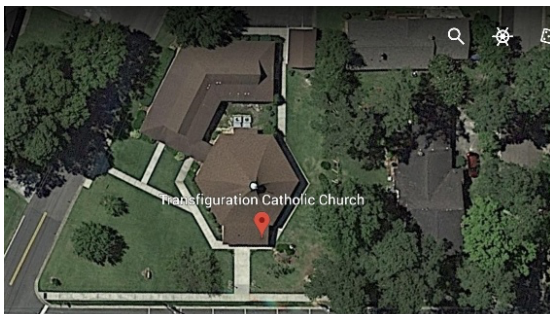
*Includes the Rectory Loan Payment of \$399.00

Holy Triduum Schedule

April 17	5 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper Washing of the Feet
	7 PM	Santa Clara
April 18	12 PM	Stations of the Cross
	3 PM	Good Friday Service
	6 PM	Santa Clara
April 19	8 PM	Easter Vigil
April 20		Usual Sunday Mass Schedule Easter Egg Hunting

Spring Parish Clean Up

Spring Yard & Church Cleanup
 Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church
Saturday, April 5th at 9:30



Stations of the Cross Schedule

Time:	6:30 PM
April 4	Faith Formation
April 11	Hispanic Community



3rd Degree Exemplification of Knights of Columbus
from Transfiguration and Santa Clara



walking with purpose

Women's Bible Study

every Tuesday at 1:00 PM in the Founder's Hall.
It begins on March 11 and last until April 15.

Weekly Schedule (March 29 – April 5)

<p>Saturday 4:30 PM 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Confessions Vigil Mass (English) +Angelene Dixon requested by John and Julia Callahan</p>	<p>Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:</p>	<p>Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 B Jaco B Jaco J Peterson D Conte, B Keeney, Deacon Wil M McCarthy</p>
<p>Sunday 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Holy Rosary English Mass +Lorraine M Evans requested by Joan Korman Faith Formation Classes Spanish Mass</p>	<p>Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers: Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:</p>	<p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 J Flatley, B Flatley B Harran D Davis, G Stracuzza M Orłowski, P George, Deacon Mike Leah, Neil, Isaac Jorge, Tino, Jorge, Elias, Valentin, Alberto Jorge, Tino, Jorge Francis M, Olga O Jorge, Saida, Carolina Josef, Dorian, Sofia, Jairo, Jose</p>
<p>Monday 9:00 AM 9:45 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Mass Bible Study Adoration Online Rosary: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3836517593 Mass (Spanish)</p>		<p>Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54</p>
<p>Tuesday 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Walking with a Purpose (Founder's Hall)</p>		<p>Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16</p>
<p>Wednesday 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Penance Service (Santa Clara)</p>		<p>Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30</p>
<p>Thursday 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Mass Morning Prayer/Adoration Parish Lenten Penance Service</p>		<p>Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47</p>
<p>Friday 9:00 AM 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Mass/Anointing of the Sick Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper</p>		<p>Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30</p>
<p>Saturday 9:30 AM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Church Spring Cleaning Confessions Vigil Mass (English)</p>		<p>Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53</p>