

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A.

Readings: I Sam. 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13, Eph.5:8-14, Jn. 9: 1-41
Theme: JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as LAETARE SUNDAY. The Entrance Antiphon is always from Isaiah 66: 10-11, begins with “Laetare Jerusalem” (Rejoice Jerusalem). Be as it may, normally, the middle of Lent is Thursday of the third week of Lent, which precedes the Fourth Sunday of Lent. At the middle of Lent, a type of respite is given in our Lenten austerity to provide us encouragement as we progress towards the end of the penitential season. This is why “Laetare Sunday” has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration. It is also called Refreshment Sunday, or even Rose Sunday. The purple vestment, a sign of sorrow and expectation worn during the Liturgical season of Lent is optionally set aside today and replaced with Rose. Today, the altar could be adorned with flowers which are normally forbidden during Lent. Also, musical instruments could be used. Laetare Sunday could be described as Gaudate Sunday (of the third Sunday of Advent). Therefore, on the Laetare Sunday, we have reasons to rejoice as adopted children of God, going during Lenten purification. After Lent, we experience the joy of Easter which we are partially savouring today.

In today’s gospel periscope, a man born blind regains his sight after meeting Jesus, the light of the world. When Jesus and his disciples saw the man born blind, he became the subject of the Lord’s conversation with his disciples, the blind man’s rebirth started.

The period of Lent was originally and still programmed to bring men and women who are blind through sin into contact with Jesus, the Lord. Lenten period is characterized with the activities of renewal and re-birth of the sinner like penance, prayer, and almsgiving (good works of charity).

After touching the life of the blind man, Jesus sends him to wash in the Pool of Siloam (Also named as King’s Pool in Nehemiah 2:14). John reported that the blind man was obedient to Jesus by going to the pool to wash. The blind man is the symbol of humanity who can not see the Lord’s operation due to sin, but through repentance and trust they can be saved. Therefore, in the course of their lives, most Christians/ believers lose their sight through sin and grope in darkness. In the period of Lent, the Church brings her blind members into healing contact with Jesus. Jesus Loves you, and so do I - Rev. Marcel Okonkwo

Our Parish Mission — ‘Nuestra Senora de La Luz’ (Our Lady of the Light) is a community that comes together to model Jesus to all peoples by addressing physical concerns and spiritual matters, and to do as Jesus did, giving everything to bring people into a closer relationship with God, in celebration.



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4th Sunday of Lent
March 22nd, 2020



Altar Servers (Carol Garcia)

All Masses have been canceled until further notice.

Readers (Carol Garcia)

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Comm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 pm

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Evening: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00am (Rosary recited before Mass)

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday - 8:30 am

Communion Service - Monday & Wednesday

Eucharistic Adoration - Thursdays after Mass.

Anointing of the Sick - 1st Friday of the Month

Mass Intentions

Sat: † For Tex Marak by his wife

& the health of Edward Stumpf

Sun: † Pedro & Amanda Martinez Sr.

& Nicholas Mancuso

Mon: For the Coronavirus Victims.

Tues: † Lavonne Dickman

Wed: † Poor souls in Purgatory

Thurs: † Margarito Garza

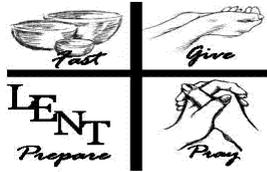
Fri: † Francisco Agripina

Sat: † Flora Samora & Rona Sedillo

Church Cleaners:

If you can't make your assigned date, please trade with someone else. If the Church is not open, please call Carol Garcia or the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
 10:00am - 4:00 pm - Or by appointment.
 Closed on all major holidays.
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Bishop Baldacchino has suspended all public celebration of Masses indefinitely. There will be no Stations of the Cross on Fridays. The Lenten Mission scheduled for March 22nd and the Men's Group scheduled for April 4th have also been canceled. The church will be open for private prayer and adoration on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays from 10:00am until noon. Let us pray for each other at this difficult and uncertain time and entrust ourselves to the care of our Blessed Mother Mary.



Our Lady of the Light Religious Education Program

Bishop Baldacchino has requested that all Diocesan Faith Formation Classes be cancelled until April 6th. Therefore, OLOL Religious Education Classes will be suspended until Tuesday, April 7th. If there is a change to when classes will resume, families will be contacted.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

John Herrera
 Stella Herrera
 David Kellar
 Martha Kellar
 Bob Kellar
 Danny Lucero
 Andrea Silva
 Clara Silva
 John Clute
 Marie Black
 Lane Dokken
 Lucas Gaukler
 Tilly Telles
 Diane Lopez
 Stacy Miller
 Lisa Gutierrez
 Sandra Wilder
 Anthony Lopez
 Margaret Brabson
 Tommy Garcia
 Bill Gayso
 Frank Borunda
 Erlinda Garcia
 Larry McEntire Sr.
 Edward Strumpf
 Sandra Carrillo
 Amanda Rose
 John Wilson
 Bobby Granados

Please pray for those serving in our military

Major Paul Weaver (USAF)
 Jeremiah Williams (USAF)
 Eric Gayso - (Army)
 SSgt. Eliza Granados (USAF)
 Tec. Sgt. Robert Seaburgh (USAF)
 Markie Campbell
 Raul Martinez Jr. (USAF)
 Capt. Amanda Armijo
 Katherine Agnew (Army)
 John Gill - USAF
 Andrew McLaughlin
 Clinton Caleb Muncy (Marines)
 Victor Baray (Marines)



Our Lady of the Light Food Pantry – Closed

The Food Pantry will be closed until Tuesday, April 14th. The pantry volunteers served 134 families on Tuesday, March 17th by distributing pre-packaged boxes of food. We would like to sincerely thank all of our Pantry Volunteers, parishioners and everyone who have contributed food items and given monetary donations to the food pantry. God bless you all.

From the Diocese of Las Cruces: During this time the faithful are encouraged to pray individually or as a family, with the Liturgy of the Hours, reading scripture, reciting the Rosary, and with other means. Spiritual resources, including a Family Home Celebration During Suspension of Mass, are posted on the diocesan homepage.

The Bishops of the United States Conference of Bishops have asked us to pray the following prayer:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
 Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
 We fly to you today as your beloved children.
 We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
 as you did at the wedding in Cana.
 Pray for us, loving Mother,
 and gain for our nation and world,
 and for all our families and loved ones,
 the protection of your holy angels,
 that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
 For those already afflicted,
 we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
 Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
 wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
 In this time of trial and testing,
 teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
 Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.
 We come to you with confidence,
 knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
 health of the sick and cause of our joy.
 Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
 keep us in the embrace of your arms,
 help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen

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