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The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

March 14, 2021



“St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood...His fatherhood is expressed concretely ‘in his having made his life a service, a sacrifice to the mystery of the Incarnation and to the redemptive mission connected with it...’”

Pope St. John Paul II,
Redemptoris Custos

Solemnity of St. Joseph
Friday, March 19

Parish Mission Statement

Blessed Sacrament Parish forms and nurtures active disciples of Christ, who love God and neighbor, through the Dominican pillars of Prayer, Study, Community, & Ministry.

Parish Vision Statement

To be a flourishing faith community, with all parishioners engaged in transforming lives through evangelization and discipleship.

Mass Times

Monday & Friday: 8:30 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:00 & 8:30 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM & Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 to 10:00 AM & 4:15 to 4:45 PM

Sunday: 7:00 to 7:30 AM & 10:15 to 10:45 AM

The 4th Sunday of Lent



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The 4th Sunday of Lent is **Laetare (To Rejoice) Sunday**. I am not rejoicing. Frustration and disappointment seem to have kept rejoicing at a distance. Lent is not unfolding as I anticipated. Is it because I expected too much of myself? Maybe. Probably it is due to God not cooperating with my plans and instead offering me a different opportunity for growth. My way may lead me to what I think would be beneficial to my salvation but not to the salvation that God has in mind for me.

At the beginning I had three parts to my Lenten plan/journey. Actually, I had three parts and a side point. The side point was attempting to grow a beard. Which technically is not something I am doing but that my body is accomplishing on its own. All I can do is stop doing what I normally do (shave). The first weekend of Lent I preached on the aspect of letting Lent unfold instead of accomplishing something during Lent. That is being open to where the Spirit is leading. A notation was offered that God is acting in many ways in our lives if only we can become aware of them and embrace them as opportunities. No progress on "my" plan. Yet the Spirit seems to be reminding me/revealing to me my posture towards God's action in my life.

Not going further into the three parts I undertook but looking at the side point is possibly revealing. My beard is not where I would expect it to be, especially after giving it so much time. (My use of words continually reminds me of the need to be in control, to be in charge.) Not only to judge but condemn. To say to myself it is time to quit and shave the stubble off. This is not going to work out. The Spirit replies "wait to see what might happen." I admit there is more to my beard than there ever has been before. Why does my anticipated ending point have to come at this moment? Maybe it will come at the end of Lent? Or maybe the "desired" will truly only become apparent when sufficient time has been given. Who is in charge of these things? Can't something be done?

Doing something is different than understanding something. As I look at other men who have beards, I can see that many do not have the same standard as I do. I would shave them off. But why are they satisfied with them? Maybe this is the case regarding so many expectations we have. Demanding perfection instead of accepting something less, or possibly different than what we were expecting. The Spirit could be hinting that accepting is not the same as "something less" just "different or unexpected" that can still be beneficial to us. Something like accepting grace instead of requiring answers to our prayers.

Laetare Sunday is not the time to rejoice at how much has been accomplished but to rejoice at the Spirit's desire for us to continue, accepting grace to move us toward further discovery of God's presence and action in our lives. Or maybe it is simply God's sense of humor reminding us that so much of our lives we have no control over. Especially God's love, forgiveness and _____. Now ask the Spirit to help you fill in the blank. Maybe something that would cause you to rejoice on this day or at the end of Lent.

Fr. Ron

New and Noteworthy

Ready to cultivate a life of prayer?

Let the Evangelical Catholic show you how!

You might be sick of this question by now, but how has your Lent been going? Fasting is its own challenge and is usually the one that we focus on the most. Opportunities abound for almsgiving, whether in the form of direct service or financial generosity. What about prayer? Even in the midst of a global pandemic when life has taken on a slower pace, it can be difficult to find time to pray. Let's say we make the time, though. What then? Those standard Catholic prayers that we all know are beautiful and worthwhile, but there must be more to conversation with God than that!

Join us in the church at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 15th, as Peter Andrastek from The Evangelical Catholic gives a talk on why we should cultivate a prayer life and some practical skills for how to do it. Following this event, we will have 1% Challenge™ cards available to help you set aside 15 minutes each day for conversation with God.

The cards have 30 hand-picked Scriptures verses for meditation to help you grow into a practice of daily prayer this Lent and beyond. Peter's talk will also be streamed and recorded on our YouTube channel. Either way, we hope you will join us!

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday in Lent, 7:00 pm, in the Church

Some exciting news!

The Central Province has shared that Rev. Br. James Pierce Cavanaugh, O.P., will be our next Parochial Vicar beginning July 1! He will be with us for three years. You may remember Br. James Pierce from his pastoral year at Blessed Sacrament in 2017-2018; we're excited to welcome him back!

Holy Week at Blessed Sacrament

Palm Sunday (March 28):

Usual Sunday Mass schedule

Monday, March 29-Wednesday, March 31:

Usual daily Mass schedule

Holy Thursday (April 1):

7:00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
After Mass until 10:00 pm: Adoration in the Assembly Hall

Good Friday (April 2):

3:00 pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday (April 3):

8:00 pm: Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday (April 4):

Usual Sunday Mass schedule

All of the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday services/liturgies will be live-streamed on YouTube, with additional seating in the Assembly Hall.

Holy Week is two weeks away!

Looking for a way to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection as Easter approaches?

The Augustine Institute (the creator of FORMED) is hosting a virtual bible conference that will dive into key moments in the Lord's Passion and Resurrection on Saturday, March 27 starting at 11:00 am and concluding at 2:00 pm. Dr. Tim Gray, Dr. Brant Pitre, Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Dr. John Sehorn, and Dr. Michael Barber, all professors at the Augustine Institute, will present. Learn more and register for this free event at bibleconference.augustineinstitute.org.

Opportunities to Give and Serve

Luke House Meal Program

Blessed Sacrament has committed to providing meals for Luke House on the 4th Monday of the month for the 2020-2021 school year and we're looking for volunteers to provide food and other items! If you sign up, please note that you are committing to providing items EACH month. See this sign-up for more information and to see how you can help! tinyurl.com/yyxrwaxa

Mass, Church, and Office procedures

We are no longer requiring sign-ups for Sunday Masses, but keep an eye on our website and parish communications for changes to this. See our website (blsacrament.org/safety-updates) to learn more about our Mass safety procedures.

The Assembly Hall is open during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses on Sundays! We will use our projector to broadcast the live-stream of the Mass. Please follow all normal safety precautions if you sit in Assembly Hall.

During private prayer and confessions (see front cover for adoration and confession times!), please keep adequate distance (6 feet or more) from others.

Per Dane County's emergency order #8, please wear a mask in the church during Mass and private prayer when others are present, and when entering the school and parish center.

Readings for the Week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/ Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/ Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/ Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially:

Andy Devine, Dan Brigham, Alexander Kotloski, Henry Pitot, David Stiennon, John Ouellette, Paul Werth, Cormac Bower, Helen Karls, Sarah Opitz-Stapleton, Dave Wirka, Ila Elizabeth Scullion, Linda Kelly, Joe Cooper, Margaret Sommer Sazani, and Colleen Brown.

Mass Intentions

+ indicates the person is deceased

Saturday, March 13, 2021

8:30 AM For our family to carry out God's will

5:00 PM +Al Corrow (*Celebrant: Fr. Ron*)

Sunday, March 14, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Mark Burdulis (*Fr. Ron*)

9:00 AM Our Parish Family (*Fr. Andy*)

11:00 AM +Jim Terrance (*Fr. Andy*)

Monday, March 15, 2021

8:30 AM The intentions of the members of the Seven Sisters Apostolate

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

7:00 AM Mary Ann Poole

8:30 AM The deceased of the Frank Martinelli family

Wednesday, March 17, 2021—St Patrick, bishop

7:00 AM +Mary Jean Whelan-Iacovani

8:30 AM +Maureen Moore

Thursday, March 18, 2021

7:00 AM In thanksgiving

8:30 AM The Pitot family

Friday, March 19, 2021—St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM (solemnity)

8:30 AM +Al Corrow

Saturday, March 20, 2021

8:30 AM Marielle Shiring

5:00 PM +Darlene Olson (*Celebrant: Fr. Andy*)

Sunday, March 21, 2021 - 5th Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Our Parish Family (*Fr. Andy*)

9:00 AM +Therese Murphy (*Fr. Ron*)

11:00 AM — (*Fr. Ron*)

Mass intentions are available by calling the parish office at 608-238-3471 or emailing erin@blsacrament.org.



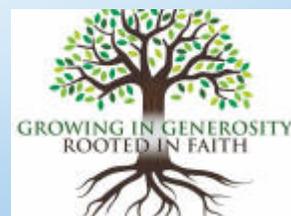
We are still having Wednesday adoration and are in need of adorers! Please consider spending an hour with Our Lord. Visit blsacrament.org/adoration to sign up!

Stewardship Report

February 2021

Total: \$53,807.84

February 2020: \$67,160.60



There is still time to give to the Diocese of Madison's Annual Catholic Appeal! Go to madisondiocese.org/aca to give online, and make sure to indicate that you are a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

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Creation Care Corner

THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:
**This Lent, consider a sacrifice focused on care for
God's creation**

Why a Lenten Creation Care Fast? Food is a precious life-giving resource requiring enormous energy for growing and distribution.

WEEK FIVE: The average U.S. family wastes \$1,600 of food each year. Before shopping, check what you have on hand. Plan your meals for the week, (how often will you eat out?), then buy only things needed for those meals. Prepare perishable foods soon after shopping. Food waste in landfills generates greenhouse gas (methane). Reducing waste and composting minimizes this.

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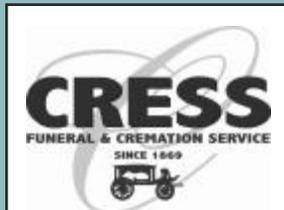
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