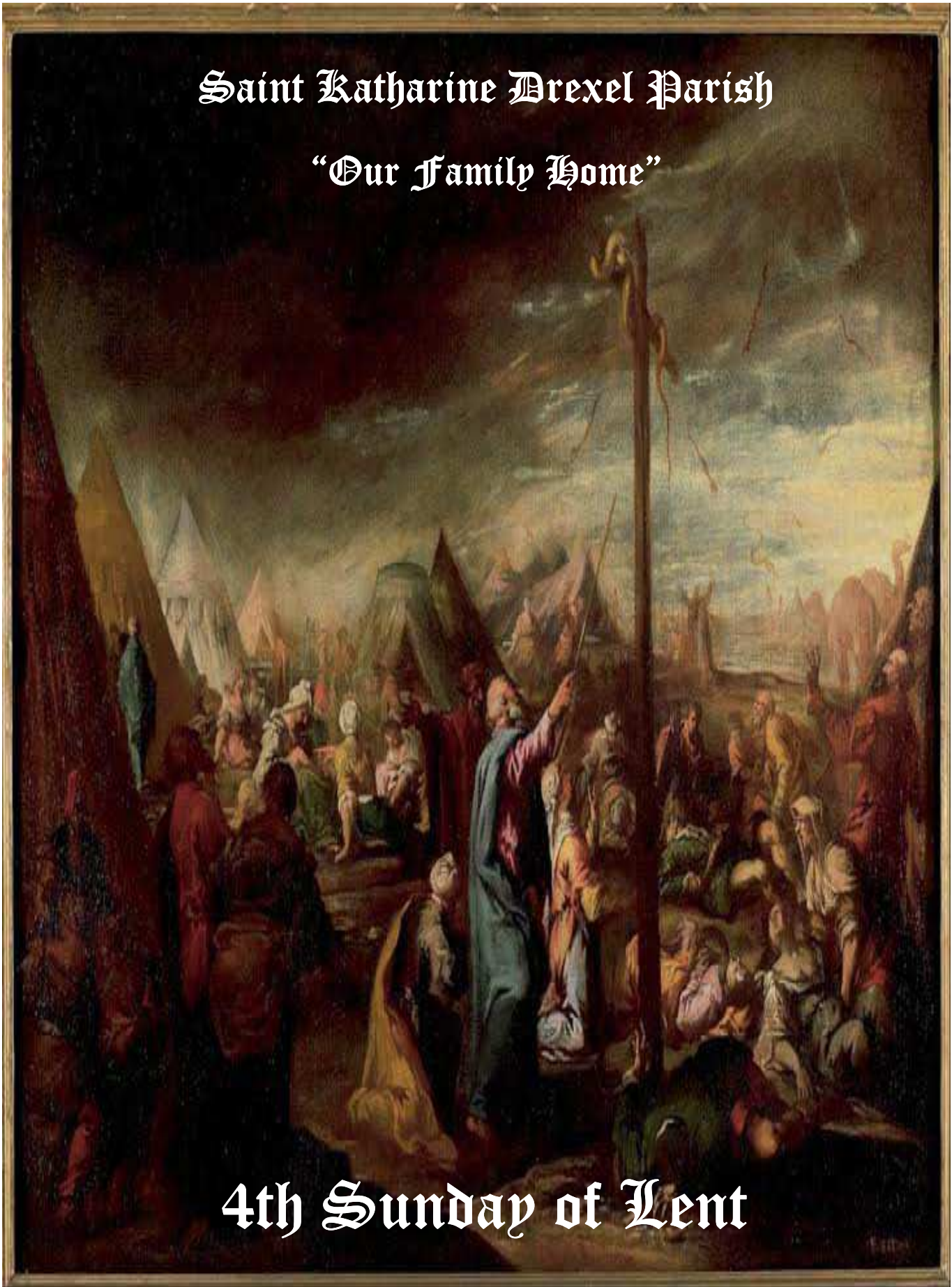


Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

“Our Family Home”



4th Sunday of Lent



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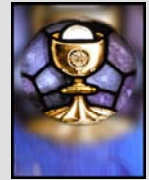
Website: www.saintkatharinedrexel.org

Mass Times:

8:00 am & 10:00 am

1:00 pm (Nigerian Community)

Daily Mass 9:00am Monday-Saturday
(Ruggles Street)



Rosary: Sundays 12:30 pm

St. Katharine Drexel Parish
is a Black Catholic Community
of believers,
celebrating and rejoicing
in the love of GOD



JN 3: 14-21

**"A true religious (Christian) is like a CANDLE
BURNING WITH SACRIFICE..."**

ST. K.D.



(Twitter@Pontifex)
Pope Francis' Tweet

"If we are too attached to riches, we are not free. We are slaves."

Pope Francis

LECTORS

Sunday	8am:	Felix Okonkwo	Larry Anderson
03/15	10am:	Patricia Smith	Ruth Andrews
	1pm:	Peter Uzoma	Dominic Anidi

Sunday	8am:	Lorraine Valentine	Njida Mbuyi
03/22	10am:	Jemma Joseph	Mohana Bailey
	1pm:	John Okafor	Obinna Uchendu

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday	8am:	Marion Peters	Larry Anderson
03/15	10am:	Pat Smith	Sr. Christine S.
	1pm:	Sr. Christiana O.	Francis Ibili

Sunday	8am:	Marion Peters	Robert Gittens
03/22	10am:	Jacquie Townes	Maurice Tshitenge
	1pm:	Sr. Christiana O.	Tina Kamalu
		Chinwe Kate Okoye	

Scripture for the week of March 15th

15 SUN 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
 16 Mon Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
 17 Tue Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
 18 Wed Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
 19 Thu 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 20 Fri Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 21 Sat Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
 22 SUN Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33



EVERY THURSDAY 7PM-8PM
 PARISH CENTER, RUGGLES ST.

MARCH 19TH

DEUT. 30: 15-20

**OUR CHOICES, APPETITES
 TEMPERAMENTS, INCLINATIONS!**



MIDWEEK REFRESHER

READ: John 3: 14-21

REFLECT: It is a paradox of human living that signs of death are so frequently signs of healing. To this day the ancient caduceus, one or two snakes wrapped around a pole, stands as a sign of a pharmacist or physician. We know that the venom of vipers is used to make the antidote which heals those bitten by the same snakes. Despite the commonness of this paradox we still find it difficult to say "Amen" to Jesus' preaching of death as the way to life. All of us want to be lifted up--but not upon the cross. All of us want to have eternal life--but none of us wants to die. When it comes to matters of sin and alienation the cure seems worse than the disease. The prophet Jeremiah attempted to point out the same sort of paradox to his people. Was it truly possible that God could restore the nation at the hand of Cyrus, the king of Persia? We do not look to the enemy for healing and integrity. But God is always breaking through human expectations. Paul knew that whenever we begin to think that healing is wrought by our own hands then we begin to think in very restricted categories. If healing and wholeness are God's work then the possibilities are as limitless as they are undeserved. Lent is an invitation to think the impossible and to live in impossible ways. Whoever rejects the impossible chooses condemnation. Whoever believes, whoever dares to live lifted up; with Christ on the cross, is drawn with Christ to God.

PRAY: Pray for the strength to embrace the cross given you.

ACT: Help lighten the burden of the cross for another.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Dear Lord, we are happy for life here on earth! Heavenly Father, we are deeply concerned about peace in the world, especially in our communities. We know that true peace is not merely the absence of tension, it is the presence of justice. We ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to descend upon our communities to eradicate the injustices. We know that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere and that what affects one directly affects all indirectly. Send down your rain so the children will be refreshingly bathed. Send your sunshine so they may bask in the rays. Spread your rainbow so the children will be delighted of its beauty. Let them drink of lemonade from the lemons of life. Our faith is strong in you Dear Lord. We thank you for the power of the Holy Spirit who you gave us as our Advocate. May you inspire us in our mission as St. Katharine Drexel Social Justice Committee to bring about the peace and love of Jesus Christ that will truly be an example of Social Justice both locally and globally. It is well with our soul that you will hear our prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Intentions for the Week

MARCH 15TH—1PM

Praying for a successful surgery and healing for Simpson.

Requested by: Adesuwa Igbineweka

Praying for the repose of the soul of Akunne Vincent Onochie. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Requested by The Family of Augustine Onochie

Thanking God for His goodness and mercies upon him.

Requested by Ralph Ilona

Thanking God for His faithfulness, for all favors received and for special intentions for the year 2015 and forgiveness of sins.

Requested by Anonymous



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Barros, Cleophus G. Bynoe, Clarine Fenton, Alicia (Renee) Fullerton, Marilyn Hicks, Sr. Joanne McGovern, Mary Ramos, Herb Stephens, Mavis Walker

Thank You!

FISH FRY THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone in St. KD Community for making Sunday's Fish Fry a success.

Thank you for your enthusiastic support in purchasing dinners/sandwiches and sharing in fellowship.

We appreciate all the hard work behind the scenes by SJC Members and special gratitude to "Ma" Lorraine for the tasty food. —SKD Social Justice Committee

Attention!

Hello friends, please see attached flyers about free citizenship application assistance. Catholic Charities and other local partners will provide free naturalization application assistance to eligible lawful permanent residents who want to become U.S. Citizens. The Citizenship workshop will be held:

Date: Saturday, March 21st

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Place: SEIU 1199, 150 Mt. Vernon St, Dorchester

Visit: www.miracoalition.org
citizenship@miracoalition.org
 617-500-5998



SENIORS

Our 40th Annual St. Patrick's Day Party is sponsored by the TWL (Those With Leisure) Club of St. Patrick's Church, Roxbury.

Date: Tuesday, March 17th Time: 11:30-2:00pm

Place: St. Patrick's Church, 40 Dudley St., Roxbury

Come and enjoy the delicious Luncheon, Irish Music and Prizes!!



40 HOURS WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please come for a visit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during "40 Hours" of Adoration and Prayer.

Time: 4:00am March 18th—7:00pm March 19th
 With a Mass

Place: St. Joseph Church, 114 High St., Lower Church

The special intention of the 40 Hours is to pray for the sanctification of families, families in need, families in crisis. Light refreshments will be available in the meeting room at the rear of the Lower Church.

Donations are most welcome.

To sign up for an hour or for more information:

Call: 781-391-1396

adoration24sj@comcast.net



ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH SENIOR CITIZEN CYBER CAFÉ PROGRAM TIMOTHY SMITH FOUNDATION SECOND SEMESTER 2015

Day: Fridays (Bi-Weekly) Time: 10:00am-Noon

Place: Computer Room, 2nd Floor, 175 Ruggles St.

Dates: March 20th
 April 10th; April 24th

Instructors are Sister Karen Hokanson, SND, Ed.D. and students from Emmanuel College. Lessons are one-to-one tutoring and include assistance with the Internet, Email, and Microsoft Office.

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PRAYER FOR NIGERIA

All powerful and merciful Father, You are the God of Justice, Love and Peace. You rule over all the nations of the earth. Power and might are in Your hands and no one can withstand You. We present our country, Nigeria, before You. We praise and thank You for You are the source of all we have and are. We are sorry for all the sins we have committed and for good deeds we have failed to do. In Your loving forgiveness keep us safe from the punishment we deserve. Lord, we are weighed down not only by uncertainties, but also by moral, economic and political problems. Listen to the cries of Your people who confidently turn to You. God of infinite goodness, our strength in adversity, health in weakness, our comfort in sorrow, be merciful to us your people. Spare this nation, Nigeria, from chaos, anarchy and doom. Bless us with Your kingdom of justice, love and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OFFICE HOURS AT THE PARISH CENTER
 (175 RUGGLES STREET)**

**TUESDAY: 10AM-2PM
 THURSDAY: 10AM-2PM
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**Beginning at 7 p.m. every Friday during Lent
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The RCIA program is open to all who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. At this time, we are beginning a group of participants preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. The Archdiocese of Boston will be scheduling Adult Confirmation for this year. Now may be the time for you, a friend or family member to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please contact Sr. Christine Smith at 617-442-0980 or see Sister or our Pastor before or after Sunday Mass.



**REMEMBER OUR FOOD BARREL
 IN THE CHURCH VESIBULE**

**Try to drop something in once a month.
 It will be well used.**

PLEASE: NOTHING OUTDATED

Thank You!

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

GENERAL: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

MISSION: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

TRUE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Fast from judging others;
Fast from emphasis on differences;

Fast from apparent darkness;
Fast from thoughts of illness;

Fast from words that pollute;
Fast from discontent;

Fast from anger;
Fast from pessimism;

Fast from worry;
Fast from complaining;

Fast from negatives;
Fast from unrelenting pressures;

Fast from hostility;
Fast from bitterness;

Fast from self-concern;
Fast from personal anxiety;

Fast from discouragement;
Fast from facts that depress;

Fast from lethargy;
Fast from suspicion;

Fast from thoughts that weaken;
Fast from shadows of sorrow;

Fast on idle gossip;
Fast from problems that overwhelm;

Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Feast on the unity of all life.

Feast on the reality of all light.
Feast on the healing power of God.

Feast on phrases that purify.
Feast on gratitude.

Feast on patience.
Feast on optimism.

Feast on God's providence
Feast on appreciation.

Feast on affirmatives.
Feast on unceasing prayer.

Feast on non-resistance.
Feast on forgiveness.

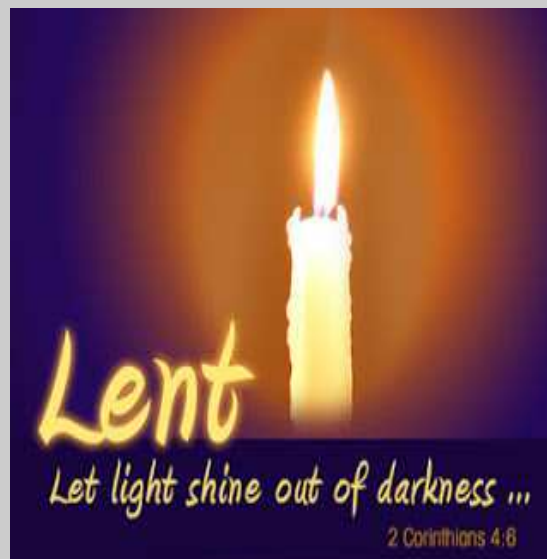
Feast on compassion for others.
Feast on eternal truth.

Feast on hope.
Feast on verities that uplift.

Feast on enthusiasm.
Feast on truth.

Feast on promises that inspire.
Feast on the sunlight of serenity.

Feast on purposeful silence.
Feast on prayer that sustains.



CATHOLICTV'S MARCH PROGRAMMING

SPANISH MASS

Starting March 1st, CatholicTV will now air a weekly Spanish Mass at 8am, 5:30pm & 10pm from the Chapel of Holy Cross.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Spend St. Patrick's Day with CatholicTV while we host Mass, This is The Day & Divine Mercy Chaplet from Ireland!

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Mass, Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday, Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Mass

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March 8-16

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