



Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, which is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday. The Latin word Laetare is the command to rejoice and is applied to this Sunday because the entrance antiphon for the Mass calls upon Jerusalem to rejoice over the presence of God coming as our Savior. It is also a day to rejoice because we are now halfway through Lent and now we are closer to Easter. While during Lent we seek to be renewed through repentance from our sins in the sacrament of Reconciliation and our Lenten penances and denials as well as the acts of charity that we seek to do, we need to reflect on prayer on how much God loves us that He was willing to come and suffer and die for us for our salvation. So, while we might be plodding through the doing of our Lenten practices, we remember the resolve of the Son of God to offer up his very life for us on the Cross. So, when we struggle in being faithful to what we have decided to do for Lent, let what Christ decided to do for us be our motivation to make a good Lent by offering up what we can in union with His sacrifice for us. Also, Jesus has revealed to various saints that he is so very pleased when we meditate on His Passion and appreciate all that he suffered out of love for us. If you have not come to the Stations of the Cross on Friday, perhaps come, at least, one of these remaining Fridays of Lent do come in order to show Jesus your appreciation for all that He suffered for us. Or come at least once during the week to Mass as a sign of your extra thankfulness for the awesome reality that His Sacrifice on the Cross is re-presented to us in the Mass. So, let us remember and rejoice in what our Savior has offered up for us—his very life—out of love for us and, in return, let us in

return offer up our time in reflecting on His Passion and unite with his sufferings our Lenten penances. If we do so, we will know true joy!

Have a blessed, grace-filled week and rejoice!

God bless you, Fr. Gutowski

Mass Intentions for the Week

MARCH 31 THRU APRIL 6

Monday	Charles Gaglirdi
Tuesday	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 8 a.m.	Priest's Intention
6 p.m.	Kenneth Kellogg
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Bill Urbanski
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

LADIES GUILD EVENT - HOPE TOTES

During Lent, the Ladies Guild will sponsor a Hope Tote drive to benefit the Open Door Mission/Lydia House. Why "give up something" for Lent when you can "give something" to the needy. Hope Totes will be available in the back of the church with a list of items to fill the bags. They include but are not limited to: toothpaste, toothbrushes, tissue, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, underwear, socks, feminine products, lotions, razors, shaving cream, hand sanitizer, etc. After you have filled the bag, return the tote to the back of the church. We will deliver the filled bags to the Open Door Mission at the beginning of Holy Week. If you have questions, contact Karen Schmidt at [402-253-2575](tel:402-253-2575). Thank you for your generosity.

