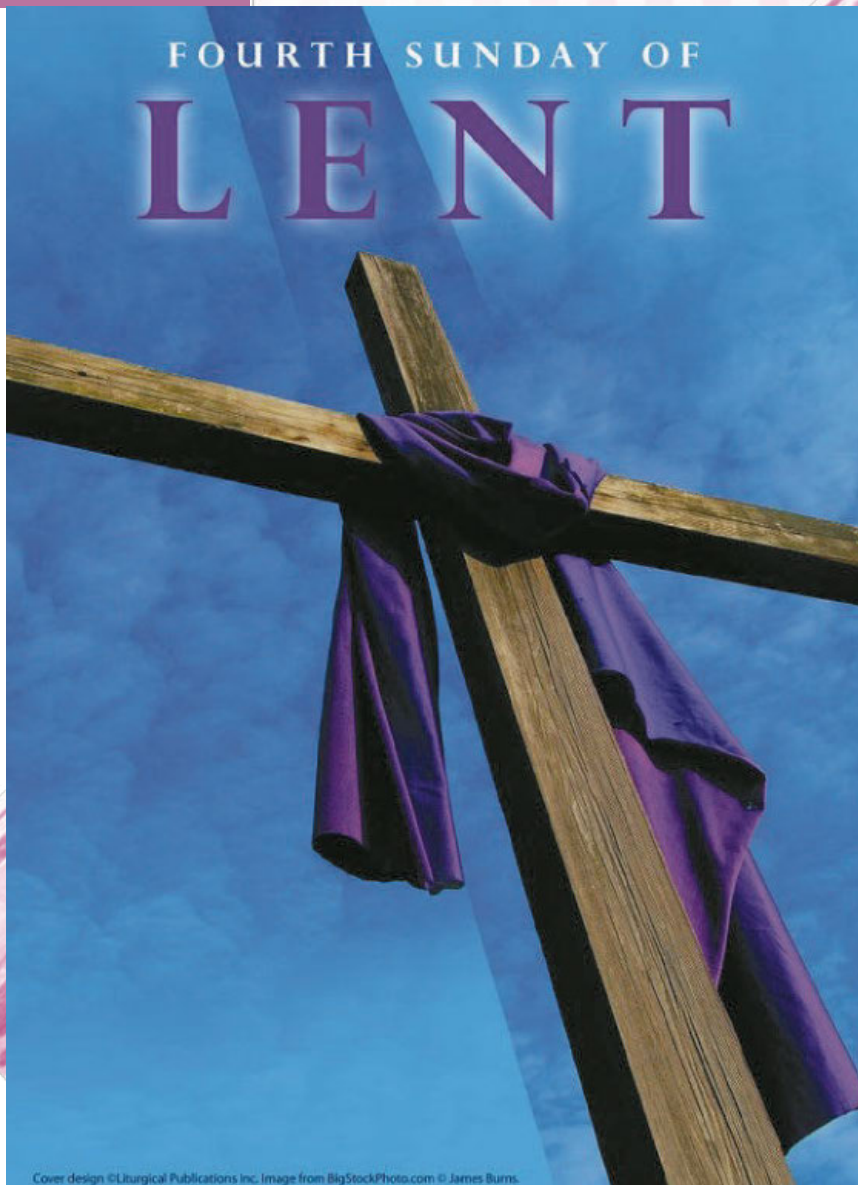


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ST. JOSEPH'S AND
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES
LAETARE SUNDAY
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis
Wednesday | No Mass today
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's
6 pm St Francis (summer only)
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis
10:30 am St Joseph's

Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8 am St Francis

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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (29) 4 pm

Addie & Paul Gallachi + Ron & Paula Cornell
 MaryLou Lochyer + Ron & Paula Cornell

Sun (30) 10:30 am

John F Rosenzweig + Joe & Barb Trimarchi
 Adam McGoff + Joe & Barb Trimarchi
 Healing of Kitty Tate + Ann Sargalis

Mon (31) 8:30 am

Rev. Thomas Keveny, Rev. Thomas W. Phelan

Friday (4) 8:30 am

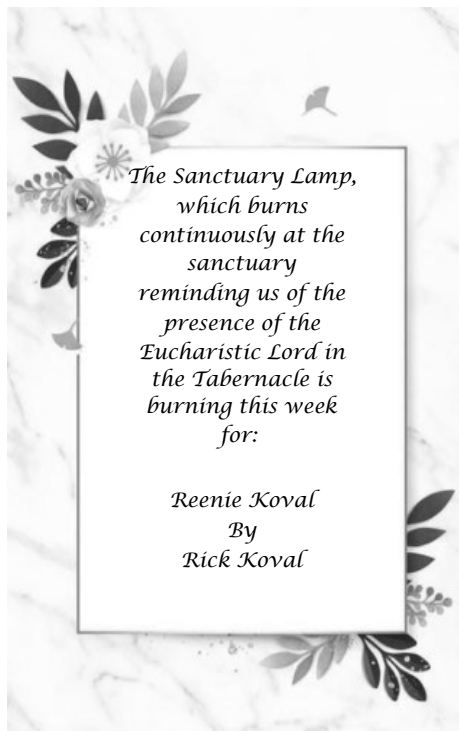
Stanley Korona + Gen Reuss, Joe & Judy Korona

Saturday (5) 4 pm

Dan & Don Frasier + Ann Frasier
 Mary Lou Lockyer + Roberta Domblewski
 Stephanie Pischel + Bernie Brooks

Sun (6) 10:30 am

John F Rosenzweig + St. Joseph's Office Staff
 Theresa Ritz + Ritz family
 MaryLou Lockyer + Christine Lockyer



ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Sun (30) 8:30 am

Elwood Bronner + Ginger Driscoll
 Anna Saksen + Rick Koval

Tues (1) 8:30 am

Rev. Michael McCarthy, Msgr. Paul A. Leduc,
 Rev. Thomas Barrett

Thursday (3) 8:30 am

Rev. William P Doherty, Rev. William Turner

Sun (6) 8:30 am

Our parish family

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ Three and a half weeks into this forty-day journey through Lent, we may have become lost. Perhaps we have returned to our normal habits, chafing under the disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Perhaps we've slipped and found ourselves rationalizing our failures. The story of the prodigal son, which we hear today, reminds us that no matter what we have done or failed to do, God stands always ready to welcome us back. No matter how far we have strayed, rejoice! for we are never too far gone to return to God.

WORD OF LIFE ~ "With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth" (The Gospel of Life 95).

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

.Mini Reflection: God doesn't need our repentance. We need our repentance.

The Apology:

I like to imagine the Prodigal Son practicing his apology in the mirror.

He wouldn't have, of course. Mirrors weren't exactly a dime a dozen back then. But I imagine him anyway, rehearsing the words as he contemplates his own gaunt reflection: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. Treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

In other words, I have done wrong. I deserve nothing from you. But please, don't let me starve. Save me.

The apology wasn't necessary to move the heart of the father. We know that because before they meet, before anything is said, the father is overcome with compassion - not because he got his satisfaction, that long-awaited "I'm sorry, I was wrong." No, he's simply overjoyed to see his son alive. Even without apology, we know the father will beg his son to stay.

So why does the son apologize?

The father doesn't need the "I'm sorry." He isn't starving and lost. He knew all along it was a bad idea. He doesn't need to learn any lessons.

But what a tragedy it would have been, if the son had never said he was sorry. Undoubtedly, his father would have let him stay as a hired worker, and he would have had food to eat. He would have survived. But he wouldn't have been what he was born to be.

I often think of the son's apology as I am kneeling in the confessional, awkwardly reciting sins God already knows and is eager to forgive. *Why are you doing this?* some people would ask. *God doesn't need this.*

It's the apology, you see. The apology means everything. The Prodigal Son was dead. The apology brought him back to life.

God doesn't need our repentance. *We need our repentance.* ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption. ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2025 ~ Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32; **Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54; **Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16; **Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30; **Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47; **Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30; **Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53; **Next Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

SJ Lector	4/5/25 ~	C Pifko	4/6/25 ~	C Lazarus
SF Lector	4/6/25 ~	R Koval		

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8 am pray the Rosary
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 6:30 pm Rosary Society Meeting
Each Wednesday - SF 2 pm Prayer Group in John Paul II Hall
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
April 13 ~ Palm Sunday
April 17 ~ SF 5pm Potluck 6:30pm Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass
April 18 ~ SF Good Friday service 6 pm
April 19 ~ SF Easter Vigil Mass 8 pm
April 20 ~ Easter Sunday (SF @ 8:30am SJ @ 10:30am)

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

Save the dates!
July 17, 18 & 19, 2025
Volunteer today - forms are in the vestibule.

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3/30/25 Class
4/6/25 Class
4/13/25 No Class



Grades 6-10

3/31/25 Class
4/7/25 Class
4/14/25 No Class

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers & sisters in need. This collection makes grants to 6 Catholic agencies that provide relief & support for struggling communities & work for peace & for reconciliation among our marginalized brothers & sisters, both here & around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025
Diocesan Appeal 2024 - 2025
"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
ROMANS 12:12

The offices of the Diocese really are part of our day-to-day work here at the parish. Your support of the Diocesan Appeal quite

simply underwrites the services they provide to us, just as your offertory gifts underwrite our parish staff and operating expenses. As an impact of less funding of the diocesan operating budget, for example, there has been a 20% reduction of full-time staff.



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Matthew 6:21

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3/9/25	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 8:30
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