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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025



Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday - Sunday CLOSED

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Sacrament of Confession

Tuesday 9:00 am—9:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:00 pm

Library Hours

Wednesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Residence: Rev. George DaRoza

Office/Ministry: Rachele Harmon

Bookkeeper: Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Music Director: John Montanero

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

“Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent in the Catholic Church, is a time of joyful anticipation and celebration, marked by the use of rose-colored vestments and the theme of "Rejoice, O Jerusalem," derived from the entrance antiphon.”



My brothers and sisters, here we are at the midway point of Lent. In a few short weeks we will celebrate Palm Sunday, then Holy Week, and finally the great Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday liturgies. These last six months, for example, our community has experienced a whirlwind of activities and with the upcoming high holy days soon approaching we will only get busier.

Laetare Sunday is the Church’s way of giving us a “shot in the arm” as we approach the darkness and horror of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It’s an opportunity to savor and keep in the back of our minds what awaits us on Easter Sunday — the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and that our hearts will always be filled with joy!

One of many things I experience during these last weeks of Lent is the planning and preparation of the rituals, the music, the readings and the church environment. Thankfully we have wonderfully talented and committed men and women who assist me during this time. Sometimes planning these events can take a toll on me... I especially get overwhelmed by the many details that are involved in their preparation. With the assistance of Fr. George as my emcee; our music director, John Montanero and the talented environment ladies, they help to bring about, I hope, an atmosphere of inspiration, prayer and a sacredness to these beautiful events. It is always my hope, and that of the church, to transform us from the ordinary to the extraordinary... to experience a spiritual transcendence that is tangible, not just an ambient feeling, but an actual new reality; this coming together of heaven and earth is the same encounter we witness each Sunday during ordinary time.

On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent’s Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Call it pink — or, more fittingly, rose — this change in color indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.

Being aware of traditions and customs assists us in celebrating the beauty of our faith. As you can see, there is much associated with even a nondescript day like the Fourth Sunday of Lent — not to mention the rest of the season, or the 50 days of Easter and beyond. Take advantage of the richness of our Catholic traditions.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 1st
1st Tuesday of every month after 8:15 am mass
Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, April 2nd
Runs February 26th—April 9 on Wednesdays
10:30 am
Weekly Lenten Scripture Study
Parish Hall



Thursday, April 3rd
Holy Hour with Benediction
1st Thursday of every month
9:00 am — 10:00 am

Friday, April 4th
Every Friday during Lent/ March 7th—April 18th
9:00 am
Stations Of The Cross
St. Anne's Church

Wednesday, April 9
Runs February 26th—April 9 on Wednesdays
10:30 am
Weekly Lenten Scripture Study
Parish Hall

Friday, April 11th
Every Friday during Lent/ March 7th—April 18th
9:00 am
Stations Of The Cross
St. Anne's Church

Saturday & Sunday, April 12th—April 13th
Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Monday, April 14th
4:00 pm
Taize Prayer
St. Anne's Church



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3/29	5:00 PM	Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 3/30	9:00 AM	Special Intention: Sr. Carole Pesce's Birthday
	11:00 AM	Special Intention: Carlota Ardilles
Monday 3/31	8:15 AM	† Catherine Sinclitico
Tuesday 4/1	8:15 AM	† Ed Lalund
Wednesday 4/2	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Barbara Hughes
Thursday 4/3	8:15 AM	† Jim Risdon
Friday 4/4	8:15 AM	† Kenny Burkhart
Saturday 4/5	8:15 AM	† Norman Wachowski

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



DAILY
READINGS

PARISH FINANCIALS

February

Plate collections, donations, gifts, & bequests

February Donation	\$	32,214
Budget Donation	\$	32,500
Excess / (shortfall)	\$	(286)
Year to date excess/(shortfall)	\$	1,175
Dev. Fund February donation	\$	2,022
Dev. Fund Year to date excess/(shortfall)		\$ (563)

TAIZE PRAYER 4/14 — 4 PM

Please join us for Taize Prayer in the church this Monday, 4/14 at 4 PM. Taize Prayer originates from the ecumenical Christian community of Taize, France. Elements include scripture, prayer & short repetitive songs/chants drawn from scripture with extended periods of silence for personal reflection, listening to God or resting in his presence. Join us!

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jannet Tuvilla	Andrea Puccini
John Overgaard	Bunk Sicotte
Ann Enright	William Egan
Tom Hughes	Dan Feikert
Vicki Hughes	Edward Sheehan
Kevin M. Kelly	Martin Bailey
Sheila Wilkins	Nancy Herney

Names are on the list for 4 weeks. If you wish to be included, removed or continued for another 4 weeks, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross are held every Friday after daily mass at 9:00 am throughout Lent. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions (or stations) focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation.

The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual experiences station after station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. All are welcome.

*Let us pray
for all those
who have
recently
passed
away...*



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| + David Cox | + Douglas Todoroff |
| + Gordon Hepler | + John Lydecker |
| + Lois Johnson | + Joe Cellucci |
| + Dolly Ambrosini | |