



Mass Intentions for the Week Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 18	
5:00 PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday, March 19	
8:00 AM	Lee Rand Burne
11:00 AM	Rudy & Marion Vaccari
6:00 PM	Spanish Mass
Monday, March 20	
7:30 AM	Jerry Graham
Tuesday, March 21	
7:30 AM	Molly Coates
Wednesday, March 22	
7:30 AM	Celso Caro
Thursday, March 23	
7:30 AM	Jean Duarte
Friday, March 24	
7:30 AM	Lorraine Sgro Zodda
Saturday, March 25	
5:00 PM	Lia Marks
Sunday, March 26	
8:00 AM	H. Flint Ranney
11:00 AM	Our Parish Family
6:00 PM	Spanish Mass



The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all that Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

March 12: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: *** Diocesan Assessment

Please note that the Diocesan Assessment envelope in your packets has a date of March 19, this weekend. But this weekend is the collection for Catholic Relief Services. So we took up the Diocesan Assessment on March 12th. Thank you.

March 19: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services

March 26: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Operation Rice Bowl

April 2: Weekly Parish Collection



This year Easter will be:
April 9th.
LENTEN SCHEDULE:
Daily Mass during Lent:

Mass will be at **7:30 am.**

Rosary: The Rosary will be prayed **every morning at 7:10 Monday through Friday** before daily Mass.

Holy Hour: Mondays at 7:00 pm. Also on Mondays, **Confessions** from 7:15 – 7:45 pm.

Stations of the Cross: Will be bilingual and held weekly during Lent on **Friday at 6:00 pm.**

Book of Prayer provided in the Lobby of the church for you to write your intentions for anyone to be remembered in prayer.

Please Note: Names will stay in the bulletin for 2 months, unless you call to have them re-moved. They are only listed if permission is given. Please pray for all who serve our country and are in harm's way.

SICK: Pray for: Pamela Marchant, Marge Mock, Charles Howard, Xavier Andrade, Kevin Dugan, Shirley Souza, Fernando Gutierrez, Felix Soares, Brad Giles, Perry Roderick, Bella Ikova, Dick Phelan, Theresa Andersen, Ritch S. Leone, Shannon Haynes, Paul R. Driscoll, Jr., Jonathan Perez, Steve Thompson, Tom McSparron, Jeannette Lipka, Nancie Taylor Daley, Daley McCallum, Claudio Clavijo, Ellen Conway, Doyle Marchant, Barbara Boehm, Lily Kraljevec, Linda Sullivan, Patricia Cennamo, Patty Snyder, Jimmy Harrington, Bloxy Baker, Frank Malaro, Dick Mack, Louise Hubbard, Cicely Ilg, Harry Cooper, Jacqueline Killen Weyand, Tom Cahill, Mark Albright, Jane Carty, Patricia Casey, Frank Balester, Billy Medeiros and Fred Stencil

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14;

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: 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

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

LAETARE SUNDAY

The name comes from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon for Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" — "Rejoice, O Jerusalem".

The fourth Sunday marks the half-way point of the Lenten season, even though the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the actual middle day of Lent.

Signs of joy are allowed on this day, expressing our belief in the hope of the resurrection and to inspire us as we continue our Lenten commitments to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Symbolizing joy, rose-colored Mass vestments may be worn instead of purple, to indicate the contrast between Laetare and the other Sundays of Lent. According to the Roman Missal, instrumental music is permitted and the altar may be decorated with flowers.

The tradition of using the color rose is thought to come from the tradition of the Golden Rose; at one time popes sent golden roses to Catholic heads of state in Europe on this Sunday.

EASTER FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

There were envelopes for this purpose in your giving envelope packets, and extra envelopes are available at the back of the church. And you can give online. Just indicate those in whose memory (deceased) or in whose honor (living) you are making the offering, and drop the envelope in the collection basket at any time, or at the rectory. Names will be published soon after Easter, and the 11AM Mass Easter morning will be offered for them.



Palm Sunday, April 2nd

8:00 am and 11:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Spanish Mass

Palms will be distributed at all Masses

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday, April 6th

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual), with Washing of the Feet, Procession to the Parish Center for Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00 am (enter from Cambridge Street)

Good Friday, April 7th

4:30 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's Cemetery

7:00 pm Passion of the Lord(bilingual) – Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

Easter Vigil, April 8th

8:00 pm The high point of the Church's Liturgical Year (bilingual)

Easter Sunday

8:00 am and 11:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Spanish Mass

From Our Diocese of Fall River

Lent, the forty-day season of prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving in preparation for the joyous celebration of Easter, began on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

Parishes throughout the Fall River Diocese marked the start of Lent with the traditional rite of distribution of ashes.

The Church calls for days of abstinence and fasting during Lent:

- Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday for those aged 14 and older;
- Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those aged 18 through 59. Fasting is defined as eating only one full meatless meal. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs.

Those who are not obliged to fast or abstain from meat are encouraged to join in those disciplines to the extent that they are able.



Here's a great way to keep in touch, and up to date, on all the good things that happen here at St. Mary's. Please follow this link: [St. Mary - Our Lady of The Isle // Flocknote](#) and add your email address. Or call the parish office and we can add it for you. It will help us keep in touch and alert you of any news which needs to be shared.



Dear Friends,

The Lenten Season is more than half completed. How's it going for you? This weekend we celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our young people preparing for First Holy Communion. It's always a joy to celebrate this Sacrament with children but in a real way, it's even more joyful with adults. Let's

be honest, we are much "better" at committing sin than children are!

So, here's my question -- when is the last time you went to Confession? If you're like most adults it's not a regular practice, but it should be! You might be thinking, "what have I got to confess? I haven't killed anyone!" If that's our standard, then we are all in trouble!

For the remainder of Lent there will be additional times available for Confession. The schedule is here in this very bulletin! Please avail yourselves of this Sacrament. It's such a gift. There's no need to worry about saying the right words or if it's been years since you've been to Confession. I'm here to help.

Here are some links to a couple of examinations of conscience that help in making a good Confession:

ascensionpress.com/pages/examination-of-conscience

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/Examination-of-Conscience-Ten-Commandments.pdf>

I go to Confession as well, regularly - about once a month. Let's get holier together!

God bless you all!

Fr. John

Confession Times

Monday-Wednesday 1pm to 2pm

Tuesday 6pm to 7pm

Saturday 11am to 12pm

****There will be a different Schedule for Holy Week, please stay tuned!***

Lenten Devotion

See the copies, from the series entitled *Keeping the Seasons* at the back of the church through Lent and the Easter season. This is a great family devotion to do together. Copies are also available on our website.



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for once again hosting another enjoyable coffee and donut get together this past Sunday, March 12th