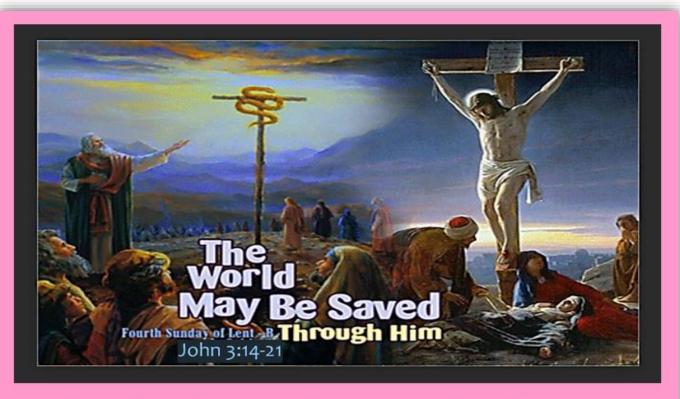
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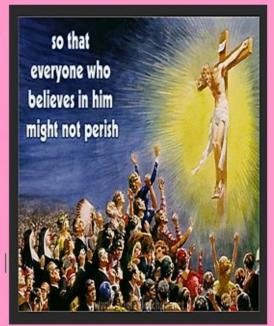


Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved

the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. The one who believes in him is not condemned; but the one who does not believe is condemned already, for not having believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.

"And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."



LAETARE SUNDAY Most Catholics today are used to the Mass being conducted in English, and they hardly ever think about the fact that Latin remains the official language of the Catholic Church. But occasionally, Latin reasserts itself, as it does in the case of Laetare Sunday.

Laetare Sunday is the popular name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Laetare means "Rejoice" in Latin, and the Introit (entrance antiphon) in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo is Isaiah 66:10-11, which begins "Laetare, Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem").

What is Laetare Sunday? The fourth Sunday of Lent



Laetare means to rejoice

The day takes its name from the opening words of today's Mass: "Laetare, Jerusalem"

"Rejoice, O Jerusalem" Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 66:10-11 ALSO KNOWN AS:
Mothering
Sunday,
Refreshment
Sunday,
Mid-Lent
Sunday,
Mi-Carême,
Mediana or
Rose Sunday



What's different?

- Priests may wear rose vestments at Mass
- Flowers may adorn the Altar
- The organ may be played

Why celebrate it?

Laetare Sunday provides us **encouragement** as we progress toward the end of Lent. Today is a small break from the penitential season that reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.



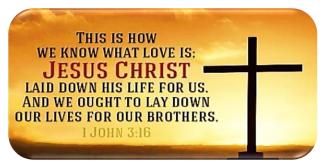
Because the midpoint of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, "rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow," and on Laetare Sunday, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead. Flowers, which are normally forbidden during Lent, may be placed on the altar.

Laetare Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday, and it has a counterpart in Advent: Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, when purple vestments are exchanged for rose ones. The point of both days is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of each respective penitential season.

CONFESSIONS ARE SCHEDULED DURING THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES:

March 14: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. March 19: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. March 26: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. March 27: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

GOSPEL SUMMARY:



This Gospel passage contains one of the most beloved and well-known verses of Scripture: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). Indeed, God's great love for us is clearly presented in this Gospel reading. The Gospel also calls us to keep coming into the light, to turn from our wicked ways, and to live the truth.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

God sent his Son into the world with a purpose, and that purpose was to save and to redeem those who believed in him. Take time to think about the world into which you are sending your children.



MASSES - MESSE

SATURDAY MARCH 13TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M. - + Ronald Hoven

SUNDAY MARCH 14TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – + John Earl Singleton

10:00 A.M. - Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Francesco Ferrante

Mike e Vito Cuoppolo

Felicia e Raffaele Vitro

Rosa e Vito Totino

Totonno e Rosaria Francella

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L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. - + Michael Abreu

1:30 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. - + Paolo & Giuseppina & Tony Manca

MONDAY MARCH 15TH - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. - + Olga Mallenwaratchy

11:00 A.M. - Oto Lam & Family

TUESDAY MARCH 16TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. - Arthur Hare

11:00 A.M. - + Paul & Pauline Lam

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. - + Roland & Ida D'Souza

11:00 A.M. - + William Joyce

THURSDAY MARCH 18TH - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Anna Miceli

8:30 A.M. - + Deceased Longo & Russo Families

FRIDAY MARCH 19TH - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. - + Elvira Fugaccia

7:00 P.M. - In thanksgiving

SATURDAY MARCH 20TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. - + Eustace De Souza

10:00 A.M. - Oto Lam & Family

What are you doing to prepare them to fulfill their purpose, their call, as sons and daughters of God? How are you showing them what it means to come to the light and to live the truth?

Dear Padre March 14, 2021

My friend's parish is having a St. Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need.

Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith.

Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage. Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

-- Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR --

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:



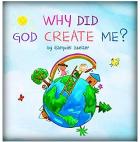
Think of one or more persons your family knows who might be experiencing a time of darkness, at time when it is difficult for them to remember that God loves them. Decide on

ways your family can reach out to those persons—perhaps by sending cards, making phone calls, fixing meals, or spending time with them. Make an action plan to follow through on your decisions.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- 1. One purpose for which God created me is...
- 2. A time I knew that God was with me and that God loved me was...
- 3. Someone I can be a light to this week is... I will do this by...

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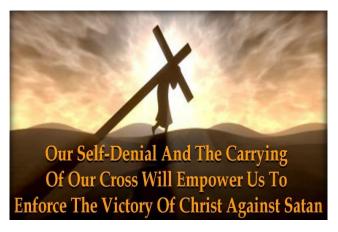
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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

Carrying our Crosses

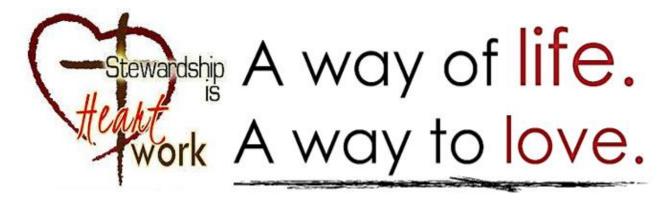
Spreading the Gospel can be difficult in our increasingly secular society. As stewards who are called to receive our gifts from God and put them at the service of the Church, this challenge can sometimes seem daunting. We may be tempted to think that today's society is just too far gone to accept Jesus. We may even see this within our own circle of friends and family members. However, this resistance from society is nothing new and nothing to fear.

In today's first reading from 2 Chronicles, we hear how God sent many people on His behalf to spread His word "but [the people] kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets." Even in the Old Testament, those who sought to serve God faced hardships and retaliation. Therefore, as stewards, we should not expect everything in our ministry to be perfect or easy.

Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew that whoever wants to follow Him must take up their cross and follow. To take up the cross is to take up suffering and hardships for the sake of serving Christ. As stewards, let us not shy away from these crosses but accept them willingly. The cross will forever be the symbol of our hope and salvation. To take part in the cross of Christ by carrying our own crosses is a supreme dignity. Therefore, the next time we face a difficulty in our stewardship, let us simply pray "Lord, help me to carry this cross out of love for you."

Summary: In the first reading from 2 Chronicles we hear about how God's messengers were persecuted and despised for listening to God. As stewards, we will often also face difficulties in our ministry which is a share in the cross of Christ. To suffer for Christ is a great dignity so the next time encounter sufferings in our stewardship, let us simply pray "Lord, help me to carry this cross out of love for you."





For your ongoing support of our parish, (including those for the St. Vincent de Paul) may be dropped off in person when the church is open for private prayer or sent through the mail.



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| Sunday Masses (Messe Domenicali) | | | | | |
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* Weekday Latin Masses subject to change due to funeral or absence of priest. Latin Masses are of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, according to the 1962 Missal. * Messe nei giorni feriali latino sono soggetti a variazioni a causa di funerale o assenza del sacerdote. Messe latine sono della forma straordinaria del Rito Romano, secondo il Messale del 1962.

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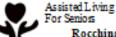
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