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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10th, 2024



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Our mission : We joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

Parish Hours

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am
FRIDAY 7:00 pm
SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm
SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Be Transformed

"We must ... be transformed by becoming humbler and more selfless, sharing love, compassion and forgiveness with others.

But in our everyday lives, we often fail to recognize Jesus when he appears to us "transfigured," hidden in someone who is in some kind of need....

With the eyes of Faith, we must see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters, the children of God we come across each day and, by His grace, respond to Him with love and service."

Source of Quote: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-03/sunday-reflection-vatican-news.html>



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 11 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. HEALING OF LINDA FERNANDO
+ VICTOR CARPIO
+ NESTOR GARDON

TUESDAY, 12 MARCH

9:00 AM + JESUS B MISAJON
+ PEDRO TAGUILASO
+ INNOCENCIO & JOSEPHINE PACHECO

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. FOR DIAS & D'SOUZA FAMILIES
+ THELMA RODRIGUES
+ EDMIN RUBEN

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH

9:00 AM + ANA MARIA MENDOZA
+ MARY SCULLION
+ JOSEPHINE SUBIN

FRIDAY, 15 MARCH

6:30 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO OUR LADY FOR
BLESSINGS RECEIVED
+ JACK BRETT
+ HERMAN SHIM

SATURDAY, 16 MARCH

9:00 AM + GLENYS WRIGHT
+ LESLIE D'SILVA
+ FIDELIS & CHARLOTTE MONTEIRO
5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 17 MARCH

8:30 AM S.I. DAMIAN JULIAN
+ MARIA ABREU & ADELINO GOMES
+ BAPTIST TRAVAS
10:15 AM S.I. SEDRAN FAMILY
S.I. CAMILLE JACQUES-CARR
+ TERESA GOMES
12:00 PM + MAVIS RAGELL
+ ZALDY TAGUICANA
+ LUIS DIOLATA & FAMILY
7:00 PM + PHILOMINA KRISHNAPILLAI



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – March 28 - NO 9 AM Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm.
Adoration until 10:30pm

Good Friday – March 29 - NO 9 AM Mass

11 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM Service.
Gospel will be sung at the 3pm service.
Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

Holy Saturday – March 30 - NO 9 AM or 5 PM Masses

Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM (no confession)

Easter Sunday (March 31)

Masses 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, and 12 Noon - No 7 PM Mass



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays during Lent: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adoration
6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

LENTEN CONFESION NIGHT

On **Wednesday 20 March**, St Francis de Sales will have its annual Lenten Confession Evening from **7-10 PM**. There will be many priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity as it will be your last chance before the celebration of Holy Week.



Calling all CWL members and ladies of the parish! On Wednesday March 13th we will have our general meeting. Mass will be at 7pm followed by the reception and pinning of our new members. Those looking to join the CWL are welcome to attend. There will be no craft class on Thursday March 21.

Please note, Children's Liturgy is on hold for March Break and Easter. We will resume our program on April 6/7. Thank you and we wish all the children a blessed break!



Let us pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.



On Tuesday 19 March we celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph.

MEMORARE TO ST. JOSEPH

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR JANUARY 2023

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$49,075
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$4,779
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$5,165
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$1,802,479



The next Edge night is scheduled for March 22nd and Life Teen is on April 6th. Registration for Edge Camp for students in grades 5 to 8 & high school camp is now open, please email Noah for more information.

ShareLife

Our Share Life contribution total for 2023 was **\$91,430.77**, which was **117%** of our goal of **\$77,700**. Our suggested ShareLife goal for **2024** is **\$99,000**. The dates for our Share Life collection are March 17, April 28 and June 2. We thank-you for your continued generosity.

We invite all parishioners to consider donating to the different initiatives run by our Youth Ministry. Envelopes can be found in the foyer and can be dropped into the collection basket during Mass the following weekend. We thank you for your generosity and for participating in the action of almsgiving during this season of Lent.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children on receiving the beautiful sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please contact Mrs Selda if your child did not submit their passport. The First Communion preparation classes will begin in April for all the children attending our six parish schools and the RCIC classes will also resume in April. We know that many families are beginning to look for your child's First Communion attire. Please see below for the guidelines for attire:

Boys -in their Sunday best with white dress shirt and dark pants

-preferably in a suit but not necessary -First Communion arm bands are allowed

Girls -in a white or off-white dress -no gloves, no purses and no veil covering the face

For both boys and girls: no running shoes, no prayer books, and no rosary beads during the time of Mass

We look forward to seeing the children at Mass each week as they prepare to receive Jesus on their First Communion Day!

CONFIRMATION

There are no classes for the next two weeks due to the March Break. **Classes will resume on March 24/25**. Below you will find the Confirmation rehearsal dates; attendance is mandatory. **Lenten confession date is now on March 20th**. Please mark it on your calendar as it has changed. Remember to bring your own pencil or pen to class as we unfortunately don't have a sufficient supply to provide our confirmandi. Even though you may be picking up your child "quickly" and leaving right away, please **DO NOT** use the accessible parking unless you are parking for Mass or going to the parish office. We thank you for your cooperation. God Bless

School Group	Confirmation Rehearsal Date	Confirmation Mass Date	Lenten Confession ***NEW DATE***
St. Josephine Bakhita	Tuesday, April 16 at 7pm	Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7pm	The Lenten Confession night is now on Wed. Mar. 20 from 7pm - 10pm
St. Jude	Tuesday, April 16 at 7pm	Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7pm	
St. Catherine of Siena	Wednesday, April 17 at 7pm	Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7pm	
St. André Bessette/Virtual	Wednesday, April 17 at 7pm	Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7pm	
Public/Private	Wednesday, April 17 at 7pm	Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7pm	
St. Patrick	Saturday, April 20 at 10am	Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7pm	
St. Francis de Sales	Saturday, April 20 at 10am	Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7pm	
Other Catholic	Saturday, April 20 at 10am	Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7pm	



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