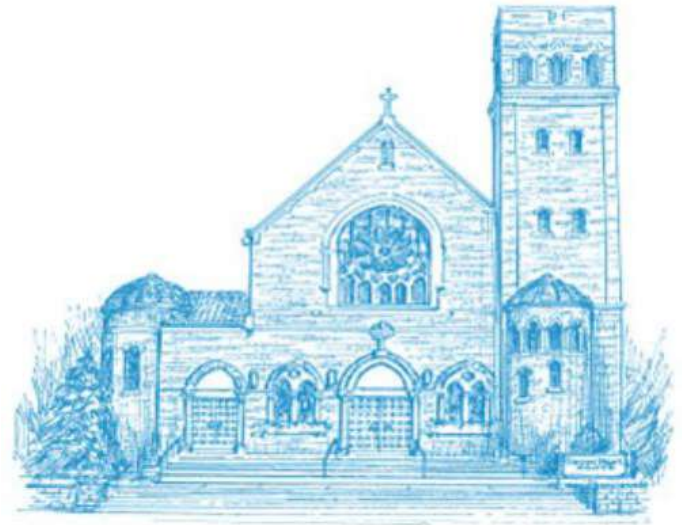


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The Fourth Sunday of Lent– March 14, 2021



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Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

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Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

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Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

### Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

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**Office Hours** - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

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**Pro Life Rosary**: Tuesday 9 AM

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Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

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Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

### Sponsor Certificate

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

### Websites:

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**MARCH 14, 2021**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**THE CONFITEOR**

I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; and I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, and all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord Our God. Amen.

**READING 1                      2 CHR 36:14**

**-16, 19-23**

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power.

All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

**Responsorial Psalm                      PS 137: 1-2, 3,4-5,6.**

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, And our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

## **READING 2**

## **EPH 2:4-10**

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

### **VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL JN 3:16**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

### **GOSPEL JN 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” 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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**


I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from Heaven (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



*John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

## A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Yesterday, we commemorated the eighth anniversary of the papacy of Pope Francis. We thank God for giving us the Holy Father and we pray for him every day. A month ago, Pope Francis reflected on the first chapter of St. Mark's Gospel: *A leper came to [Christ] and kneeling down begged Him and said, "If You will, You can make me clean. Moved with compassion, He stretched out His hand, touched him and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left immediately, and he was made clean.* (verses 42-45).

The Holy Father points out, "This is how He fulfills the Good News He proclaims: God draws near to our lives. He is moved to compassion because of the fate of wounded humanity and comes to break down every barrier that prevents us from being in relationship with Him, with others and with ourselves. He drew near... Closeness. Remember this word, closeness. Compassion. The Gospel says that Jesus, seeing the leper, was moved with compassion, tenderness. Three words that indicate God's style: closeness, compassion, tenderness." (Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, 14 February 2021).

Francis says the leper emerges from his isolation because in Jesus he finds God who shares his pain. "Jesus' behavior attracts him, pushes him to come out of isolation and entrust Him with his painful story." As a result, the good Lord touches him with love. "To touch with love means to establish a relationship, to enter into communion, to become involved in the life of another person even to the point of sharing their wounds. With that gesture, Jesus reveals that God, who is not indifferent, does not keep Himself at a safe distance. Rather, He draws near out of compassion and touches our life to heal it with tenderness. It is God's style: closeness, compassion and tenderness."

The Holy Father appeals to St. Paul, who said: *For our sake He [God] made Him [Jesus] to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.* (2 Corinthians 5:21). He invites us to look at how God "tainted" Himself to draw near to us, to have compassion and to make us understand His tenderness. God wants us to open our hearts, says Francis, in order to undo what sin does. Sin clos-

es us in on ourselves because of the shame and humiliation of having fallen. But God wants us to open our heart, like the leper did. God treats us with every bit of closeness, compassion and tenderness as He did that poor man. He "taints" Himself "with our wounded humanity and is not afraid to come into contact with our sores."

Instead of clinging to our brokenness, feeling sorry for ourselves, crying over our failings or complaining, the pope urges us to go to Jesus just as we are and admit in all sincerity and simplicity, "Jesus I am like this." It is then, says the pontiff, that we "will feel that embrace, that embrace of Jesus that is so beautiful."

As the leper discovered, there is a great catharsis when this occurs and a subsequent freedom, the liberty of the penitent leaving the confessional absolved. Our blessed Savior Himself said: *Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for My yoke is easy and My burden is light.* (Matthew 11:28-30).

God bless you!

Father Eric



**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 14, 2021**



**Saturday, March 13:**

5:00 Jose L. Galina & Maria T. Orta

**Sunday, March 14:**

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 Eileen McGarry  
11:00 John Fleming  
1:00 People of the Parish

**Monday, March 15:**

9:30 Nicholas Torello

**Tuesday, March 16:**

9:30 Mary Kirincich

**Wednesday, March 17:**

9:30 Joseph & Anna Walsh & James Scully

**Thursday, March 18:**

9:30 Joseph Russell

**Friday, March 19:**

9:30 John J. Clarke

**Saturday, March 20:**

9:30 Keri Bloom  
5:00 Helen Kelly

**Sunday, March 21:**

7:00 People of the Parish  
9:00 Al & Sue Amore & Susan Pellecchia  
11:00 Lizann Mooney  
1:00 Laura Cambria

**Saturday, March 20:**

5:00 PM Jack Gordon

**Sunday, March 21:**

7:00 AM Theresa Zulch  
9:00 AM Kennedy Apoe  
11:00 AM Patricia Jezycki  
1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, March 20:**

5:00 Abigail Cruz

**Sunday, March 21:**

7:00 Anthony Basile  
9:00 Jason Suazo  
11:00 Jacob Torres  
1:00 Jack Smith

**COLLECTIONS:**

March 7th.....\$10,247.00  
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**ATTENDANCE MARCH 7TH: 528**

**CAPACITY FOR EACH MASS: 210**

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**2022 Mass Book:** The 2022 Mass Book has been opened and parishioners are welcome to book their Mass intentions for the year. We kindly ask that if you have three or more intentions that you prepare a list with your telephone number and drop it into the collection along with payment. Be sure to mark the envelope "Mass Intentions" and the secretary will contact you to confirm the Masses.

**First Penance:** We are extremely proud of our 2nd grade students both in our school and in our CCD program who made their First Penance last Saturday. Congratulations to **Amiyah Ferguson, Mia Gallupa-Larios, David Hernandez, Arylie Marcus, Kevin Moreno, Travis O'Neill, Milan Payano Jimenez, Luis Reyes, Noelle Rivicci, Devan Tacardon, Nila Wall, Frederick Adams, Aiden Bocco, Daenerys Chirieleison, Michael Contardo, Gino Farinacci, Charles Fernandez, Isabella Greco, Logan Holdman, Owen Mallen, Cali Marrero, Ethan Massa, Anthony Montano, Robert Pedro, Brandon Pak, Jayden Peets, Catalina Rallon, Maddox Rallon, Vivian Russo, Donato Santoro, Sophia Santoro, Charles Tripo and Ava Vanpelt.** May God bless them all and their families.

**Catholic Relief Services:** This weekend, March 14th, the second collection will be the annual collection for *Catholic Relief Services*. This money goes to serve Catholics in some of the most marginalized communities around the world. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

## SAINT JOSEPH

**FEAST DAY: MARCH 19TH**

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