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**SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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Pastor**

**The Reverend Edwin Ezeokeke, Parochial Vicar
The Reverend Lino Gonsalves, In Residence**

Patricia Molinari, Secretary/Receptionist
Carlos Gomez, Director of Maintenance
Don Barnum, Music Director, Canoni Chorale

PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:30pm

**The Catholic Faith Community
of
Our Lady of Victory
and the
Church of St. Andrew
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OUR LADY OF VICTORY

MASSES

Sunday: 10:15, 12:15pm & 5:15pm

Mon. - Fri.: 8:15am, 12:15pm*

*** (All in Upper Church.)

* Following the 12:15, the Novena of the day follows.

Holidays: 8:15am, 12:15

Holy Day Vigil: 5:15pm

Holy Days: 7:15, 8:15, 11:45am

12:15, 1:15, 4:45, & 5:15pm

CONFESSIONS

Mon. - Fri.: 12:45-1:15pm

NOVENAS & DEVOTIONS

Mon.: Miraculous Medal

Sat.: The Rosary

Tues.: St. Anthony

1st Fri.: Sacred Heart

Wed.: St. Jude

Novena

Thurs.: The Holy Spirit

Fridays of Lent:

Fri.: The Rosary

Stations of the Cross

BAPTISMS: Please call the rectory for information.

ST. ANDREW'S

MASSES

No Mass at Saint Andrew Till Further Notice

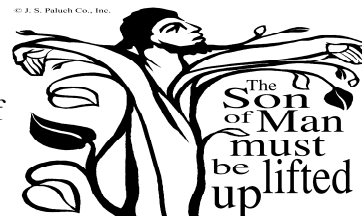
PARISH ACTIVITIES

As Announced 5:45pm – Legion of Mary (OLV)

**As Announced: 5:45pm – Patrician Catholic
Discussion Group (OLV))**

As Announced: FiDi Catholic Young Adults

March 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent



GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people

(2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or

Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;

Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the years, our tradition has come to see this Sunday as a transition, a midpoint, an oasis in the middle of six long weeks of preparation for Easter. The key is the Latin word *Laetare*, or "Rejoice," which was for centuries the first word sung in the Mass for this Sunday. In southern Europe, the first roses of springtime are appearing now, and there used to be a custom of honoring those to be baptized at Easter with roses on this Sunday. Long ago, this was also seen as a day for celebrating the ordination of priests. Many parishes retain the custom of using rose-colored vestments on this day. Normally flowers are banned from worship in the restrained season of Lent, but here, midway, these signposts of festivity pointing to the renewal of Easter springtime sometimes make a quiet appearance. A project for today would be to plant a few paperwhite or narcissus bulbs in a water bowl filled with river rocks. Like those elect who will soon be bathed in baptismal waters, they will come to full stature in the Easter season.

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GOD UPHOLDS ME

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me.

—St. Patrick

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;

Daylight Saving Time begins

Wednesday: St. Patrick

Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Friday: St. Joseph; Abstinence

Saturday: Spring begins

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021
God did not send his Son
into the world to condemn
the world, but that the world
might be saved through him.
— John 3:17



ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



Here are the Church regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent:

-Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

-Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

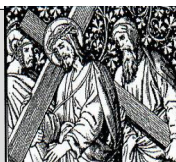
-On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

-Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On all Fridays during Lent, we will offer the Stations of the Cross immediately following the 12:15 Mass in the Upper Church.

All are welcome to attend.



SAINT JOSEPH

March 19th is the feast day of Saint Joseph, foster-father of Jesus.

St. Joseph is the patron saint of a myriad of causes, especially fathers, families, married couples, children, pregnant women, workers, craftsmen, against doubt, the dying, a happy and holy death, and the Catholic Church.



St. Joseph is one of the most loved saints because he is the man whom God chose among all others to be the special guardian of the Incarnate Jesus Christ and His mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was the human guardian of the Holy Family, and because of this sacred familial bond and divinely-given mission, he is also the foster-father to all Christians.

ANCIENT PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

Friday, March 19th 8:00 to 9:30 PM
MGN Online Support Group

Join us for the NY Chapter online Maria Goretti Network (MGN) support group for all those in any way affected by abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc) to experience healing in God's love and freedom through forgiveness. Abuse is never your fault and you are not alone.

Contact nyc@mgoretti.org for more information or visit www.mgoretti.org

Meeting Leader is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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6-DAY CANDLES AVAILABLE

You can now light a candle in the church and have it stay lit for almost a week for your prayer intentions, in thanksgiving to God or in memorial of a loved one!



These special votive candles have clear covers decorated with a cross design and can be placed inside one of the glass holders provided before the statues of Christ the King, Our Lady of Fatima, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Victory or Saint Anne, the Mother of Mary in the Upper Church only. Once lit, the candles will stay burning for your intention for about a week.

They are available for purchase from the parish office downstairs or from Carlos, our Sacristan, if you see him in the Upper Church.

If you wish, you can also purchase the candle and light for your home. The protective glass containers are also available for purchase.

The lighting of candles for your prayer intentions is a time-honored tradition in the Catholic Church that we are happy to provide at Our Lady of Victory and St. Andrew.

THOSE DUBLINERS SURE LIVE LONG!

Two friends are stumbling home to their Irish village after a little too much celebration on St Patrick's Day.

As they come up the country road in the dark, Sean says, "Look here, Liam! We've stumbled into the graveyard and there's the stone of a man who lived to the age of 103!"

Liam replies, "Glory be, Sean! Was it anybody we knew?"

Sean says, "No, it was someone called 'Miles from Dublin'."



***JOIN US IN PRAYING
THE DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET
MON-FRI
at 3:00 PM
in the Upper Church***

**For the sake of
his Sorrowful Passion have
mercy on us
and the whole world!**

MASS INTENTIONS

*** Indications "for the intentions of"

OUR LADY OF VICTORY ST. ANDREW CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

10:15am: Jin Zhu Zhang

12:15 pm: Natalie Dengler***

5:15 pm: Vocations to The
Priesthood

*No Weekend Mass at
St. Andrew's location*

*No Weekday Masses at
Saint Andrew Till Fur-
ther Notice*

MONDAY, MARCH 15

8:15 am: William Edwin

Dykes

12:15 pm: Frank O' Connor

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

8:15 am: William Edwin

Dykes

12:15 pm: Salvatore DiStefano

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

8:15 am: Augusto Wong

12:15 pm: Stacy Millevoi

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

8:15am: William Edwin

Dykes

12:15pm: Joseph Callandrillo

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

8:15 am: William Edwin

Dykes

12:15 pm: Stacy Millevoi

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

10:15am: Jin Zhu Zhang

12:15 pm: The Ronan Family

5:15 pm: Alexander Gerad