

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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El Greco, 1560

ST. RAPHAEL the ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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LAETARE SUNDAY

This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is Laetare Sunday. The Latin word "laetare" means "rejoice". As we move through Lent and come closer to Easter, the Church invites us to be joyful on this Sunday. It may seem odd to speak of being joyful at such an unsettling time as we are going through locally, nationally and globally.

Yet we are mindful today of St. Paul's word's 2000 years ago: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!...Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of

God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4)

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

We are attempting to broadcast Mass from St. Raphael church for this Sunday. Check our parish website (www.straphaelcatholic.org) and our Facebook page. For those who would like to follow the scripture readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, see: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14 and John 9:1-38.

THE ANNUNCIATION

March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord. Nine months before Christmas the Church celebrates the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus, recalling that the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary after she said "yes" to God's plan for her to be the mother of the Lord (Luke, Chapter 1:26-38). We learn from Mary that God can do infinitely more with us when we say "yes" to God's plan than if we say "no". We also marvel that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." As we reflect with wonder on the mystery of God becoming a human being in Jesus of Nazareth, let us consider new ways we can promote the sanctity of each and every human life.

BISHOP BARTOSIC POSTPONED

Bishop Mark Bartosic was scheduled to speak at St. Raphael on Wednesday, March 25. Given the precautions now in place for everyone's health and safety, we will reschedule Bishop Bartosic's talk at a later date.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The church will be open on Fridays of Lent from 8:00am until 9:30am and again from 6:30pm until 7:30pm for those who wish to pray or make the Stations of the Cross. Booklets with the meditations for the Stations of the Cross will be available on a table; if you take a booklet, please keep it. New booklets will be placed on a table each Friday. Remember we cannot make the Stations of the Cross as a group, so people are encouraged to provide proper space between each other if you are moving from station to station. I encourage you to pray for the sick and their families as you make the Way of the Cross.

CONFESSION IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

St. Raphael will still have confession available during Lent. There are new guidelines in place for health reasons. The penitent is asked to remain standing on the other side of the screen when speaking with the priest. I would ask that all people going to confession use the screen rather than speak face-to-face. Booklets that help you prepare for the sacrament are available in the church; if you pick up that booklet, please keep it for future use. Confession is scheduled for Saturdays at 3:00pm on March 28 and April 4. Additional times are schedule for the end of Lent. While waiting to see the priest please remain six feet distant from other people waiting for confession. Thank you.

In our Lord,

Fr. Mike McGovern

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† **Parish Office Hours** †
Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Cardinal Cupich has suspended public liturgy
for the time being.**

Baptism

Registered parishioners should contact the parish office at 847-395-3474.

Marriage Preparation

Registered and supporting members should call the office. A date should not be set until consulting the pastor.

THANK YOU TO OUR SEMINARIANS

For the health and safety of the community at Mundelein Seminary, all of the seminarians departed last week as the academic year was brought to an early conclusion.

Please continue to keep in your prayers:

Deacon Trevor Buster (Wichita) , Colin Patrick (Atlanta) and Jeff Frieden (Dubuque).

Deacon Trevor is scheduled to be ordained a priest in the spring; Colin and Jeff will return to St. Raphael in September. The presence of these three young men has been a genuine blessing to our parish. Please keep them in your prayers.

-Fr. Mike



Bundle Up Sunday, March 21-22, 2020

Before and after all Masses, a St. Vincent DePaul trailer will be parked outside for your convenience to drop off small household items, clothing, etc. Your donations help St. Vincent serve many people in need.

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Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, March 28 3:00-3:30 pm
Thursday, April 2 Noon-1:00 pm
Saturday, April 4 3:00-3:30 pm
Monday, April 6 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Good Friday, April 10 9:00 am-Noon

Deacons Round Table

WSFI 88.5 FM Catholic Radio
Fourth Saturday of the Month at 7:00 pm
Lively conversations and interviews
examine how to live a life of faith.

St. Raphael The Archangel Religious Education Program

No Class: March 25– Spring Break

Events

**(These services may have to be postponed
to a later date.)**

Friday, April 17, 7:00 pm

Confirmation Rehearsal, St. Raphael Church

Sunday, April 19, 1:00 pm

Confirmation, St. Raphael Church

Saturday, April 25, 9:30 am

First Holy Communion Practice,
St. Raphael Church

Sunday, April 26, 11:00 am

First Holy Communion, St. Raphael Church

For more information about our Religious Education Program, please contact Annette Wynn, Coordinator at (847)395-3474 or religiouseducation@straphaelcatholic.org



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Deadline for Catholic Financial Life Catholic School Scholarships is MARCH 31

Catholic Financial Life had awarded thousands of dollars in Scholarships to members of Chapter #929 St. Raphael the Archangel over the past several years. Catholic Financial Life scholarships are available to members that attend Catholic Grade school and High school. Scholarships are available to members that attend college as well (Catholic or not).

Application deadline is March 31st and can be found on the Catholic Financial Life website <http://www.Catholicfinanciallife.org> under member benefits.

If you have any questions or would like more information on how you or your child can become a member of Catholic Financial Life and be eligible for future scholarships, please contact Matt Tomlinson at 847-548-6288.

Mass Intentions

Week of March 22, 2020	Intentions for:	Requested by:
Saturday, March 21, 2020	The Siron Family † Bonnie Piasecki	Evelyn Ong Donna and Paul Pavelski
Sunday, March 22, 2020	Parishioners of St. Raphael The Archangel † Helen Northcutt † Eileen Lincoln	William & Irus Jan Moran
Monday, March 23, 2020	† Tabitha Winger	Beverly and Lucien Matuszewski
Tuesday, March 24, 2020	† Eugene Latz	Cecile Latz
Wednesday, March 25, 2020	† Encarnacion Hernando	Evelyn Ong
Thursday, March 26, 2020	† Norbert and Ida Dolan	Marilyn Dolan
Friday, March 27, 2020	Laura Tebben	The Tebben Family
Saturday, March 28, 2020	The Siron Family † Eliza Moreno Vasquez	Evelyn Ong The Cardenas Family
Sunday, March 29, 2020	Parishioners of St. Raphael The Archangel † Vytas Suopys † The Slonskis Family	The Suopys Family The Slonskis Family

Father McGovern will offer Masses privately for the Intentions listed above.
 If you would like to have a Mass said for a beloved family member, friend, or special intention,
 please call the parish office at 847.395.3474. (†Deceased)

Prayer Requests For the Sick
 Please pray for those in our parish
 and community who are sick:

- Frank Link
- Paula Emmerth
- Dean Pedersen
- Bob Geske
- Rod Loomis

Residents of Rolling Hills

Open Arms Mission Food Pantry
 1548 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

St. Raphael the Archangel parishioners
 volunteer the second Wednesday and fifth
 Tuesday of each month. Tuesday, **March 31,**
2020 is the next date when our help is needed.
 To volunteer, call Pat Clark at 847.395.5683.

GIVE GOD PERMISSION

Mother Teresa of Calcutta had a wonderful way of saying very important things using very few words. A Catholic bishop once asked Mother Teresa how he could improve his spiritual life; Mother replied: "Give God permission." Those three words convey an important spiritual truth: that we have to give God permission to direct us and our entire lives according to His holy will.

Many of us ask God for signs: signs that will reassure us about the decisions we are making, or what is the best direction for our lives. We seek signs that reassure us that God genuinely cares about us and that we are not alone. Yet, how many of the saints like Mother Teresa remind us that Christian faith is not so much about asking God for signs, but giving God permission to make me into a sign; that my very life becomes a testimony to the presence, love and action of God at work in the world. As we make the journey of Lent this year, I encourage each of us to give God permission to be God of our lives and transform us into living signs of His presence and love.

DIAPER DRIVE – March 28-29

One in 3 children under the age of 3 live in economically disadvantaged families. Diapers are often overlooked as an everyday item needed by families with limited financial resources. PLEASE HELP. Your donation will enable Catholic Charities to buy diapers for less than you can at just 13 cents each. They then distribute to local food pantries, maternity programs and shelters. Checks should be made out to *Catholic Charities*. Cash, full or partial packages of diapers are also accepted. Thank you for your support!

Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Sodality Women's Club

Events for the Week of March 22, 2020							
Sun 22	Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25	Thur 26	Fri 27	Sat 28	Sun 29
Bundle Up Sunday	8-9:30 Church Open for Prayer	8-9:30 Church Open for Prayer	8-9:30 Church Open for Prayer No Religious Ed Classes	8-9:30 Church Open for Prayer	8-9:30 Church Open for Prayer 6:30-7:30 Church open for Prayer	3:00 pm Confession	7-11:30 Church open for Prayer Diaper Drive
<p>Please submit any articles, events or activities that you would like included in the bulletin, no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, eleven days prior to publication. All articles are subject to approval. Please include your contact information in case we have any questions.</p>							