

4th SUNDAY IN LENT
March 29/30, 2025



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

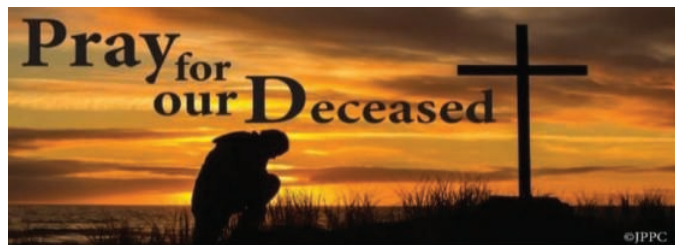
Mon	Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b Jn 4:43-54
Tue	Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16
Wed	Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30
Thu	Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47
Fri	Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat	Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53
Sun	Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11



MASS INTENTIONS/ OFFERTORY GIFTS

When more than one family has an intention for a single Mass, we suggest that a member of each family present the gifts (hosts and wine) to the Celebrant. Please notify an Usher

before Mass if you are in attendance and wish to bring the gifts to the altar and whether you would like the gifts to be placed in front of the first pew (if you are unable to walk the entire length of the center aisle)



Bereavement

St. Joseph Parish community mourns the passing of our loved ones.. Please keep them and their families in your prayers and offer your condolences and prayerful support to them throughout this difficult time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Tuesdays, Starting: March 11, 2025 thru
April 15, 2025 at 6:00pm**



REFLECTIONS

On this “Laetare” or “Rejoice” Sunday, the Fourth of Lent with features this year in the Scripture cycle the most famous parable of Our Lord which we commonly call “The Parable of the Prodigal Son.” That’s not a bad name, for sure. But it omits a significant part of the story involving the elder son. And it passes over the great heart of the father in the plot.

Regarding the wastrel son who rebelled against his father in a particularly awful way, the father was a beautiful example of forgiveness and love. I have often imagined him going out from his house each evening, scanning the horizon for that particular silhouette of the prodigal coming over the hill. Then turning back sad at not seeing what he came for. When that son finally comes home, he gets vested with a robe and a ring with a banquet to follow. That son represents us when we have seriously sinned against God and come running to the confessional with sorrowful hearts.

But now turn your attention to the older son. He has stayed close to home. He has rarely, if ever, been disloyal to his father. He has dutifully fulfilled his obligations, never seriously complained. He represents the faithful Catholic who keeps all the rules and lives out his or her baptismal promises as best he or she can. This late in Lent, the Lord is asking us which son best describes us. Perhaps we take turns being one or the other son at different times. Thank God and praise Him that God the Father’s forgiveness, available in the confessional, is present all the time. Apropos of that, there happens to be, on an unnamed tombstone outside of Sydney, New York, with just one word carved in it: “Forgiven.” ¹

God love you and give you His peace.

source: Rev. Leonard G. Peterson

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

We are still collecting “Dino’s Receipts.” To all those who continue to collect them, may your support, kindness and thoughtfulness be rewarded with Gods’ graces. I will be posting the amount donated by Dino’s in the next few weeks.

THANK YOU – THANK YOU



The **MISSION** of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our **VISION**: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material, and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

Mar 29
Sat 4:00pm In Memory of Mary and John Franklin (Ann Rem) by Mike and Nancy
&
In Memory of In Memory of Tyler Bernard (11th Ann), John & Frances Lewin (27th Ann) & George Soule (21st Ann) by Family

Apr 1
Tue 7:45 am Puopolo Mass for living and deceased members of St. Joseph Church

Apr 2
Wed 7:45am In Memory of Dawn Kwiatkoski by Joe Lavallee

5th SUNDAY IN LENT

Apr 5
Sat 4:00pm In Memory of Rita Brunette (22nd Ann) by her Family
&
In Memory of Walter Choiniere (B'day Rem) by his Family
&
In Memory of George Wellington (48th Ann) by Teresa, Colleen White and Family



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week **for all the sick, that they be healed in God's love and mercy** during this Lenten season.



Do you, or someone you know, need a prayer? **Call Pauline Prew 568-5644** and have our “Prayer Warriors” pray for your intentions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

		3/22/25
Weekly		\$1130.00
Monthly		\$15.00
Fuel		\$45.00
Mail In		\$175.00
Easter Flowers		\$135.00
Total Operating		\$1500.00
Holy Land/Good Friday		\$10.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Apr 12	CRS – Rice Bowl
Apr 18	Holy Land – Good Friday
Apr 19	Easter Offering for Catholic Charities
Apr 19	Monthly
Apr 26	Fuel

ON-LINE GIVING

Thank you to those parishioners who utilize Parish Giving. If you have not done so already, please visit our website-stjosephri.org to enroll in on-line giving. (See “Parish Giving” icon-bulletins lower left corner of the home page.)

PRAYERS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

Lord God, you have given us your law in love and fulfilled it through Christ our Savior. As we journey through Lent, help us to repent, seek your mercy, and walk in holiness. Draw us closer to you so that we may one day share in your promise. Amen.

Heavenly Father,
I offer you the day ahead of me: all of my hopes, fears, conversations, struggles, and blessings. Help me to make myself 100% available to you. Give me the grace to say yes to you in the big things and in the small things of the day. Open my eyes to see the needs of the people around me, the people I will come across in my family, in my work, and in every small interaction. And give me the wisdom to seek you and your dream for my life in every small moment of this day. Amen.
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