

# St. Michael Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent

LAETARE  
SUNDAY

REJOICE!  
EASTER IS NEAR!

March 10, 2024

What is  
**Laetare Sunday?**

**When?**  
On the fourth  
Sunday of Lent

ALSO KNOWN AS:

- Mothering Sunday
- Refreshment Sunday
- Mid-Lent Sunday
- Mi-Carême
- Mediana
- Rose Sunday

The day takes its name from the opening words of today's Mass:  
**"Laetare, Jerusalem"**  
**"Rejoice, O Jerusalem"**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: ISAIAH 66:10-11

**Laetare**  
MEANS  
**"to rejoice"**

**What's different?**

- Priests may wear rose or violet vestments at Mass
- Flowers may adorn the altar
- The organ may be played

**Why celebrate?**

It provides us **encouragement** as we progress toward the end of Lent. This day reminds us of the **joy** and **hope** ahead at Easter.

**Rejoice!**

Easter is  
Near!

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The Love of God is universal and at the same time it is personal. God is concerned of each person individually yet at the same time he loves us as a community. God wants us to carry his divine love into the world and give the message of the newness of life and light. On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we are invited to renew ourselves and experience the loving nature of our Lord. In the first reading, we see the compassion and patience of God. The house of David seems to have come to an end. But God's plan of salvation continues to move forward. In the second reading Paul overwhelms us with the message of God's mercy. In the Gospel Jesus declares that he must be lifted up on a cross to glorify God and bring salvation to the world.

St. Paul explains to the Ephesian community that God is rich in mercy. He teaches us that, although we don't deserve anything from God on our own merits, God has chosen to love, save, and give life to us because of His great mercy and love. Through his grace, those who believe in him have been saved. God continuously showers his grace upon his people to show them his compassion. There is nothing that we can do to secure our salvation. To inherit God's gift of salvation we need the gift of the grace of God and faith in Jesus Christ.

Jesus states to Nicodemus that rebirth by water and the Spirit is an essential condition for entering the Kingdom of God. Jesus explains to him that he must believe Jesus' words because He is the Son of God. Jesus also told him that it is God's will that he himself should be lifted up on the cross so that those who believe in him may have eternal life. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Eternal life is a life lived in the unending presence of God. It can begin in here and now for those who have faith in Jesus. During this Lent, let us clean our hearts and walk in the Light of Jesus Christ so that we may become worthy of the eternal salvation.

Fr. Mathew Kunnel, CMI  
Pastor

## Mass Intentions

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the Parish Office.

### Monday, March 11

**Office Closed**

**8:30am** Rosary, Confession

**9am** Mass (Mike Ryan Family Intentions)

### Tuesday, March 12

**5:30pm** Adoration, Confession, Rosary

**6:30pm** Mass (Sr. Gemma+)

**7pm** CWL Mtg

### Wednesday, March 13

**8:30am** Rosary, Confession

**9am** Mass (Pueschel Family Intentions)

**9:30am** Coffee Fellowship

**10am** Lay Led @ Planeview

**6pm** Confirmation Class

**7pm** St. Vincent de Paul Mtg

### Thursday, March 14

**8am** Mass (Joshua Lazowski)

**8:30am** Rosary

**6:30pm** RCIA

**7pm** Zoom Rosary

### Friday, March 15

**6:30pm** Way of the Cross and Mass (Lincoln Lazowski)

### Saturday, March 16

**8:30am** Rosary, Confession

**9am** Mass (Cade Meiklejon)

**5pm** Mass

### Sunday, March 17

**9am** Mass (Manu Jacob)

**11am** Mass (Donna Callin)

**St. Vincent de Paul Collection**

### Monday, March 18

**Office Closed**

**NO MASS**

### Tuesday, March 19

**10am** Lay Led @ Lifestyle Options

**5:30pm** Adoration, Confession, Rosary

**6:30pm** Mass (Souls in Purgatory+)

### Wednesday, March 20

**8:30am** Rosary, Confession

**9am** Mass (Mary Karolin & Volga Sebastian)

**9:30am** Coffee Fellowship

**9:45am** Lay Led @ Salem

**11am** Mass @ Extencicare

**6pm** Confirmation Class

**7pm** Parish Mission

**7:30pm** 1st Communion Parent Meeting

### Thursday, March 21

**8:30am** Rosary,

Confession

**9am** Mass (Souls in Purgatory)

**6:30pm** Penitential Service

**6:30pm** RCIA

**7pm** Zoom Rosary

### Friday, March 22

**6:30pm** Way of the Cross and Mass

(Katie Kinsella)

### Saturday, March 23

**8:30am** Rosary, Confession

**9am** Mass (Tijo/Karolin Family Intentions)

**5pm** Mass

### Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday

**9am** Mass (Souls in Purgatory+)

**11am** Mass (Souls in Purgatory+)

**Grocery Card Sales after all weekend Masses**

*"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven."*

*- St. Rose of Lima*

# SACRAMENTS

## BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the Baptism of your child. Parents are required to meet with the Pastor and participate in a Baptism preparation class. Godparents must be Confirmed Catholic Christians.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

### Registration for Reconciliation

For more information call  
Jolyne DeMarco at Parish Office.

## FIRST COMMUNION

**1st Communion Parent Night Mtg is on Wednesday, March 20 @ 6pm**

*If you have not registered your child, please call the Parish Office*

For more information call  
Jolyne DeMarco at Parish Office.

## CONFIRMATION

**First Class for Confirmation 2024 will take place on March 13, 2024 @ 6pm**

For more information call  
Jolyne DeMarco at Parish Office.

## RCIA

### (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This is a process for persons over 18 wishing to become Catholic.

Contact the Parish Office 780.986.3253

## BAPTISM OF OLDER CHILDREN

If a child is between the ages of 7 & 12, he/she and parents must take part in a RCIC process similar to the RCIA.

## QUESTIONS? MORE INFORMATION?

For all sacramental information, please contact the Parish Office, 780-986-3253 or e-mail: StMichael.Leduc@caedm.ca

For more information call  
Jolyne DeMarco at Parish Office.  
Email: Jolyne.DeMarco@caedm.ca

## Triduum Schedule

### Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024:

**Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm - Adoration until midnight**

### Good Friday, March 29, 2024:

**The Celebration of the Lord's Passion 11am & 3pm**  
**Good Friday Procession of the Cross through Leduc 5pm**

***Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.***

### Holy Saturday, March 20, 2024:

**Blessing of Easter Foods ~ 11am in the church**  
**Resurrection of the Lord ~ Easter Vigil 9pm**

### Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024:

**Resurrection of the Lord ~ Mass 9am & 11am**

## Parish Penitential Service

Our Easter Penitential Service will take place on

**Thursday, March 21, 2024  
@ 6:30pm**

We will have several priests available to hear confessions.

**"Repent and believe in the Gospel"**

## The Passion of Our Lord - Eucharistic Adoration

In the early 18th century, God raised up the last of the Crusaders and the last great Monastic penitent of modern times, St. Paul of the Cross. At Mary's request he was to teach the people how to meditate on the bitter Passion of the blessed Christ and to help them to be mindful of Christ's sufferings, and be grateful to the God who had endured so much for them.

In preparing our heart for the **Resurrection of our Lord**, we invite you to participate in a 12 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament using guided Meditations on the Passion of the Lord. For every hour of adoration, guided meditations will be provided.

**Join us on  
Wednesday, March 27, 2024  
starting with Mass at  
9am and ending at 9pm.**

**Sign up sheets at the back  
of the Church.**

## St. Michael's Lenten Mission

### Divine Mercy & Reconciliation

*Guest Speakers:  
Sister Benedetta and Sister Monica*

*Sisters Benedetta and Monica will lead us into a deeper understanding of the Divine Mercy of our Lord and the sacrament of Reconciliation as we journey towards Holy Week and the resurrection of Jesus.*

*Join us on  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024  
from 7pm to 9pm*

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You are invited to join us on our  
**Annual Outdoor Way of the Cross**

**Friday, March 29, 2024 @ 5pm**

We will be meeting here at the church at 5pm and walking approximately 1.6Kms. Children are encouraged to attend and bring along their own crosses. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall following the walk.

Take Up Your Cross Daily and Follow Jesus

by Donald Whitney

### A Lenten Prayer

God, I pray for my prayer life to become vibrant and strong in this season of Lent. I pray that your voice, even though a whisper, would ring loud and true in my life. I pray for the courage and boldness to follow wherever you lead, to love and serve whomever and however you invite me. Amen

## CREATE HOPE

Share Lent 2024 Annual Collection will take place the week-ends of:  
**March 10 & March 17, 2024**  
Envelopes will be in pews and at the back of the Church.

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### Confirmation 1st Reconciliation 1st Communion

If you missed Sacramental Prep registration, it's not too late.

Join us at the first Confirmation class on **Wednesday, March 13 at 6pm.**

The parent meeting for First Reconciliation First Communion is on **Wednesday, March 20th at 7:30pm.**

### Bereavement Support Group

*The death of someone we have loved leads us to question life's purpose and meaning. We find ourselves asking many questions.*

*St. Michael's Parish will be offering a grief support group this spring. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please join us on a six week journey to healing on:*

**Thursdays, beginning  
April 4, 2024 @ 1pm**

**Please phone the Parish Office to register.  
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### Ecole Notre Dame Elementary School

(Offering French Immersion)

66 South Park Drive 780-986-9300

### St. Benedict Elementary School

75 Alton Drive 780-986-7480

### Fr. Leduc Elementary and Junior High School

400 Sheppard Blvd  
780-986-0045

### Christ the King High School

3511 Rollyview Road 780-986-6859

### STAR Catholic Outreach School

4815 - 50th Ave 780-980-0955

## Grocery Card Fundraiser

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Please review the cards available and support our endeavor.

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