



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 29/30, 2025

Joshua 5.9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5.17-21;

Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Today, in this Laetare Sunday (“Rejoice Sunday”), fourth of Lent, we hear again that fetching fragment of Luke’s Gospel, where Jesus justifies his unprecedented practice of forgiving sins to regain men for God.

I always wondered if the expression “prodigal son”, which this parable is named after, is really understood by most people. I think we should rename it as the parable of the “prodigious father”.

Because the Father of the parable —so moved by the return of that son ruined by sin— is indeed an icon of our Heavenly Father reflected in the face of Christ: “While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him” (Lk 15:20). Jesus makes us clearly feel that any man, even the worst sinner, is so very important to God that He does not want to loose him in any way; and that He, with ineffable joy, is always willing to grant us forgiveness (even to the point of not sparing his own Son’s life).

This Sunday has an air of serene joy and, this is why it is mentioned as the “Rejoice” Sunday, initial words of the antiphony at the beginning of today’s Mass: “Rejoice O Jerusalem, celebrate all who love it”. God felt sorry for the man who was lost and stranded, and has shown in Jesus Christ —dead and resurrected— his mercy towards him.

In his encyclical “Dives in misericordia”, Saint John Paul II said that, in a story bruised by sin, God’s love has turned into mercy and compassion. Jesus’ Passion is the measure of that mercy. Thus, we may be able to understand that the greatest joy we can provide God with is, perhaps, to let him forgive us by exposing our misery, our sins, to his mercy. With Easter around the corner, we gladly come to the sacrament of penance and reconciliation, to the source of divine mercy: we shall give God a great joy, we shall remain full of peace and shall be more merciful to others. It is never too late to get up and go back to the Father that loves us!

### SUNDAY MASSES:

#### SATURDAY

5:00 pm - OLC (Pl)  
5:00 pm - St. Mary (En)  
5:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

#### SUNDAY

8:00 am - OLC (En)  
10:00 am - OLC (Pl)  
10:00 am - St. Mary (It)  
10:00 am St. Patrick (En)  
12:00 pm - St. Mary (En)  
12:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### MONDAY

7:00 pm - St. Mary (En)

#### TUESDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)  
7:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

#### WEDNESDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)  
7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

#### THURSDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)  
7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

#### FRIDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)  
7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

#### SATURDAY

9:00 am - OLC (Pl)  
*1st Saturday of the month*

### CONFESSIONS

#### OL CZESTOCHOWA

Saturday at 4:00 pm  
& before weekly Mass

#### ST. MARY

Saturdays at 4:00 pm  
& before weekly Mass

#### ST. PATRICK

Tuesday at 6:00 pm  
Saturday at 4:00 pm

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#### ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
beside St. Mary Church

## ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

March 24 to March 30, 2025	March 31 to April 6, 2025
<p><b>TUESDAY, MARCH 25</b>    <u><i>Annunciation of the Lord</i></u>  <i>*Stations of the Cross: 6:30pm*</i>  <b>7:00pm</b>            Int. of Graeme Annegret Hunter  <u><i>Novena Mass</i></u>       † DeWit Family                             † Maria De Melo                             † Paulino Faria</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, APRIL 1</b>        <u><i>Mary of Perpetual Help</i></u>  <i>*Stations of the Cross: 6:30pm*</i>  <b>7:00pm</b>            † Ottavio &amp; Phyllis Marino  <u><i>Novena Mass</i></u>       † Dec'd members of St. Patrick CWL                             † Teresa, Marino Couto; Souls in Purgatory                             † Albina, Jose, Jennifer Cordeiro</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26</b>  <b>9:00am</b>            † Teresa, Marino Couto; Souls in purgatory                             † Albina, Jose, Jennifer Cordeiro</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2</b>  <b>9:00 am</b>            † Souls in Purgatory                             Int.of Judith Golob &amp; Jessica</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, MARCH 27</b>  <b>9:00am</b>            Int.of Kathy &amp; Jamie Maczko                             † David Lockyer</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, APRIL 3</b>  <b>9:00am</b>            Int.of Halina Lockyer (Hulanicki)                             Int.of Joyce &amp; Ernie Redden</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY, MARCH 29</b>    <u><i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i></u>  <b>5:00 pm</b>            <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i>                             † Marlin Melizza</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY, APRIL 5</b>        <u><i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i></u>  <b>5:00pm</b>            <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i></p>
<p><b>SUNDAY, MARCH 30</b>        <u><i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i></u>                             <i>(Laetare Sunday)</i>  <b>10:00am</b>            <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i></p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, APRIL 6</b>        <u><i>5 Sunday of Lent -Lenten Mission</i></u>  <b>10:00am</b>            <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i>                             <i>For the Int. of successful Lenten Mission</i></p>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

### LENTEN MINI MISSION - April 6 to 8

Lenten Season is a time of prayer, fasting & almsgiving. Also, it is a time to go with Jesus to the desert and to the mount of transfiguration. We are planning a mini Lenten Mission at St. Patrick and St. Mary's Church.

We begin with **Sunday Mass on April 6 at 10:00am at St. Patrick** and at **12:00 Noon at St. Mary's**.

On Monday, April 7 - we will gather at St. Mary Church.

On Tuesday, April 8 - we will get together at St. Patrick, Confession at 6:00pm, followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

An hour before Monday and Tuesday Mass, there will be Confession with 3 Priests available.

### MEATLESS SOUP ON GOOD FRIDAY

After our **Good Friday services, 11:00am and 3:00pm** our CWL ladies will serve meatless soup at the Parish Hall. These would be free will offering events, proceeds will be directed to Development and Peace.

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - Lent 2025

Through their prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, Christians express their desire to turn toward God and to all God's children in preparation for Easter. The Bishops of Canada have reserved the Season of Lent for a collection to assist the Global South. Special envelopes can be found in your sets and at church entrance.

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY - Parish Family

We are finalizing with IPC Photo Services our pictorial directory! It will be going to printer soon. Wow!

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Holy Week is the week which proceeds the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday; it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of Easter Triduum.

During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of His life on earth, beginning with His messianic entrance into Jerusalem. (Passion Sunday)

On Monday, **April 14** - an evening celebration of the **Mass of Chrism**, at St. Peter's Cathedral at 7:00pm.

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Last Supper: **7:00pm**

Good Friday - Passion of our Lord: **11:00am & 3pm**

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil: **7:00pm**

Easter Sunday Solemn Mass - **10:00am**

### ALL DAY CONFESSION - April 9

The Day of Confession has been held every year in the Season of Lent since 2009. This year, once again, our Family of Parishes will have Priests available to celebrate the sign of God's limitless mercy and unconditional love for any and all who seek it. (Be reconciled with God & others)

### All Day Confession schedule in our Parish Family:

**St. Patrick's Church - 9:30am - 12:00Noon**

**Our Lady of Czestochowa - 1:00pm - 4:00pm**

**St. Mary's Church - 4:00pm - 6:30pm**

**COFFEE SUNDAY - at St. Patrick: April 6**

We are asking everyone to bring your favorite dessert to share at our coffee Sunday on April 6 after 10am Mass.