

Laetare Sunday: “Fourth Sunday of Lent”

Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast." Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Communion Antiphon: "The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God." Cf. Jn 9: 11, 38

Reflection for this Sunday: The Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called **Laetare Sunday**, invites us to rejoice because the light of Easter is drawing near. The readings this Sunday center on the theme of **seeing with new eyes**—seeing as God sees. In the first reading, when the prophet Samuel is sent to choose a new king from among the sons of Jesse, everyone assumes that the strongest and most impressive will be chosen. Yet God surprises them by selecting David, the youngest and least likely. Through this moment we learn an important truth: while human beings look at outward appearances, **God looks at the heart**. The Gospel continues this theme as Jesus heals a man who was blind from birth. Using simple things—dirt and saliva—Jesus restores the man’s sight, showing that God can bring grace and healing even through ordinary means. But this miracle is about more than physical sight; it is also about **spiritual vision**. The man gradually comes to recognize who Jesus truly is, while the religious leaders, who claim to see clearly, remain spiritually blind because they refuse to believe. This Gospel also reminds us that suffering is not always a punishment for sin; rather, God can use even painful situations to reveal His glory and bring about deeper faith. The journey of the blind man—from darkness to light—reflects our own Christian journey, especially through **Baptism**, where we are brought from the darkness of sin into the light of Christ. During Lent we are invited to examine our own vision: Do we see others only by their outward appearance, status, or mistakes, or do we see them with the mercy and compassion of God? The story also echoes last Sunday’s Gospel of the woman at the well, where Jesus met an outcast and transformed her life. In both encounters Jesus reaches out to those on the margins and reveals Himself as the Savior. Yet while the woman’s community comes to believe, the religious leaders reject the miracle of the blind man, showing how easy it is to close our hearts to God. **Laetare Sunday** reminds us that Lent is not only about sacrifice but also about hope. Christ comes to open our eyes, to lead us out of darkness, and to help us live as **children of the light**. As we continue our Lenten journey, may we ask the Lord to heal our spiritual blindness, to help us see others with love and compassion, and to recognize His presence working in the ordinary moments of our lives.

****Cleaning & Decorating of St Edmund’s Church for Easter will be on April 4th @9am.**

***Religious Ed Bake Sale March 14 & 15**



Annual Corned Beef Dinner: St. Mary’s of the Fort Parish, Fort Covington Adult Center located at 2526 Chateaugay St, Fort Covington. Sunday, March 15, 2026, 11:00 AM – Sold Out. Corned Beef, Potatoes,

Carrots, Cabbage & Dessert. \$17.00 Per Meal, Take Out Only.

Highway to Heaven – May 16, 2026 | Sacred Heart Church, Massena: A special day of faith and fellowship will be held on May 16 at Sacred Heart Church in Massena. The event will feature the **Shroud of Turin exhibit**, inspiring talks by Fr. Jonathan Meyer on the Holy Eucharist, and music for Eucharistic Adoration led by Catholic musician Sarah Kroger. The day will also include Holy Mass, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, a Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Terry R. LaValley, the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit, films, vendors, and more. **Space is limited and registration is required.** For the schedule and to register, visit: <https://www.rcdony.org/h2h>. For more information, contact Mary Beth Bracy at marybeth-bracy@gmail.com.

Parish Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting: All members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils are invited to attend our next meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Church Hall at Ellenburg. Your participation is crucial as we discuss important matters regarding the spiritual and financial stewardship of our parish community. We look forward to seeing you there!

2025 Bishop’s Fund Appeal: Thank you to the **119 families** who have contributed **\$11,126** to this year’s Appeal! Our parish goal is **120 families** and **\$12,410.00**. Please consider making a pledge or one-time gift to support the ministries and programs that serve people across our Diocese. Gifts beyond the goal will help the Bishop’s **Good Samaritan Fund**, assisting families in need. Give online at www.rcdony.org/giving/donatenow-bishop-s-fund

****CDA #1300 Meeting March 17th @6pm.**

*****CDA Court #1548’s** March Meeting has ben Cancelled. CDA Court #1548 will have their annual Easter Memorial Tree. \$1.00/Egg.

****New Lector & Eucharistic Minister** schedules are in the back of the Church.

Mass & Envelope Schedule

Saturday 3/21	Sunday 3/22
4:00pm (SB) (L) Pat Chase (EM) Karen Trombley	8:00am (SE) (L) Mary Tomo (EM) Nancy Miller (EM) Andy Miller
6:00pm (SE) (L) Donna Curry (EM) Gale Tourville (EM) Betty Bulriss	10:30am (SB) (L) Diane Barber (EM) Diane Barber (EM) Joe Varin
Counters (Week 3)	Lynn Sheehan
March 15	March 22
Regular Collection Catholic Relief	Regular Collection

Second Collection – March 15, 2026: Peter’s Pence: This weekend our parish will take up the **second collection for Peter’s Pence**, which supports the charitable works and global mission of the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. Through this collection, Catholics around the world help the Pope proclaim the Gospel, promote peace and unity, and provide assistance to those suffering from poverty, natural disasters, and war. Your generous gift is a concrete sign of hope and a way to support the Holy Father’s outreach to people in need across the globe. Please keep the Pope and his ministry in your prayers and consider giving generously to this important collection.



Congratulations to MaKenzie & Jaxon Trombley (Baptized on *March 4, 2026*), *We welcome them into the family of God!*

Offertory Collections for Weekend of 3/8/26
Regular Collection: \$3,648.00 *Thank You*

Schedule of Holy Mass & Devotions

Laetare Sunday: “Fourth Sunday of Lent”

Saturday, March 14th, 2026

4:00pm(SB) Betty Gregory by Claire & Bernadette Kowalowski

6:00pm(SE) The People of the Parish

Sunday, March 15th, 2026

8:00am (SE) Geraldine Revior by The Benjamin Family

10:30am (SB) Marcella Poitras by Poitras Family

Monday, March 16th, 2026: Novena & Adoration

5:30pm (SE): Marguerite Colgan by Dennis & Phyllis LaBombard

Tuesday, March 17th, 2026:

9: 00am (SB) Margo Rounds by Guy & Lana Facticeau

Wednesday, March 18th, 2026:

No Mass

Thursday, March 19th, 2026: “Faith, Fellowship, and Reflection”

5:00pm (SE) Ron Tomo by Susan & Ken Roberts

Friday, March 20th, 2026:

9:00am (SB) Freda Whitfield by Patti & Jim Golovach

9: 30am (SB) Stations of the Cross

5: 00pm (SE) Stations of the Cross

Next Weekend

“Fifth Sunday of Lent”

Saturday, March 21st, 2026

4:00pm(SB) Robert & Annie Chase by Family

6:00pm(SE) Roland Dominic by Hoss & Sandy Manor

Sunday, March 22nd, 2026

8:00am (SE) Dan Bushey by Family

10:30am (SB) Lianne’s Health by Diane & Jerry Barber

In addition to mass dedications, sanctuary candles which remain lit on the altar for a full week can be dedicated for your prayer intentions.

SANCTUARY CANDLE (Week of March 15th)

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Schedule of Holy Mass

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
Heavenly Father, As we gather on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we are reminded of the journey of faith we undertake during this holy season. Grant us the grace to continue our Lenten disciplines with sincerity and devotion, that we may draw closer to you and grow in holiness. Help us to recognise the areas of our lives where we need to turn back to you, and give us the courage to repent and seek your forgiveness. As we await the celebration of Easter, fill our hearts with hope and anticipation and guide us to walk in the light of your truth. May the lessons of this Sunday's Gospel inspire us to embrace your mercy and love, and to share that same compassion with others. Amen.

To Love and Serve the Lord

Christ heals a blind man: Cathedral Church of Saint Patrick (Charlotte, North Carolina)