

March 27 2022  
Fourth Sunday of  
Lent



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY  
MARCH 26  
4 PM  
+ ROSEMARY BROWN  
SNYDER

SUNDAY  
MARCH 27  
8:30 AM  
+ WILLIAM F BRIERLY

11 :00 AM  
HEALTH & HEALING OF  
SIMON SCHUM

TUESDAY  
MARCH 29  
8:00 AM  
JACK WORRELL  
SPECIAL INTENTION

WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 30  
8:00 AM  
MARTHA BROWN WORRELL  
SPECIAL INTENTION

THURSDAY  
MARCH 31  
8:00 AM  
+ REV LOUIS R O'HARE

FRIDAY  
APRIL 1  
8:00 AM  
+ THOMAS O'HARE

SATURDAY  
APRIL 2  
4:00PM  
ALIANA HUSLEY  
SPECIAL INTENTION

SUNDAY  
APRIL 3  
8:30 AM  
+ HEALTH & HEALING  
OFSIMON SCHUM

11 :00 AM  
+ BILL DUMAS

## Collections

First collection \$ 2919

Flowers \$ 30

St. Patrick's day dinner  
donations \$ 69

Today second collection for  
the Catholic relief services



Our Lady  
of Lourdes  
Parish Hall  
Tuesday  
at 6PM



KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS -AND-  
LADIES AUXILIARY  
#8740



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was the  
word...

Our Lady of  
Lourdes Liturgy  
Committee



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Friday stations of the cross by Knights of Columbus  
and Ladies Auxiliary.

Flower donation envelopes are placed at the pews asking for  
help to pay for the EASTER Flowers/Church decorations.  
Flower delivery is scheduled for Friday April 15th.

Church will be decorated on Saturday, April 16th at  
10:00am.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate.

## WEEKLY

## READINGS

Sunday  
March 27

Jos 5:9a, 10-12  
2 Cor 5:17-21  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Fourth Sunday of  
Lent

Monday  
March 28

Is 65:17-21  
Jn 4:43-54  
Monday of the  
Fourth Week of Lent

Tuesday  
March 29

Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Jn 5:1-16  
Tuesday of the  
Fourth Week of Lent

Wednesday  
March 30

Is 49:8-15  
Jn 5:17-30  
Wednesday of the  
Fourth Week of Lent

Thursday  
March 31

Ex 32:7-14  
Jn 5:31-47  
Thursday of the  
Fourth Week of Lent

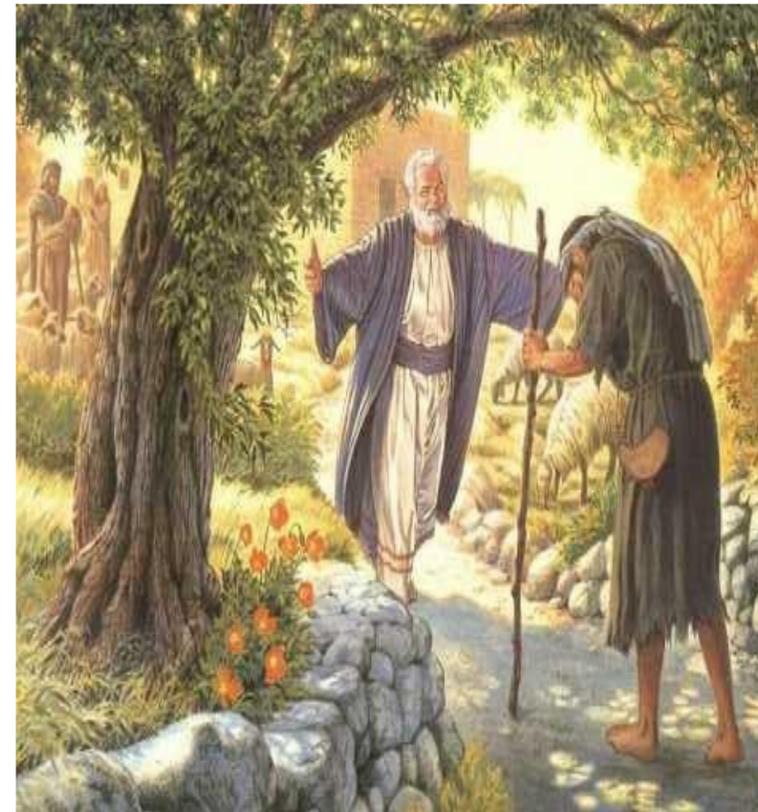
Friday  
April 1

Wis 2:1a, 12-22  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Friday of the Fourth  
Week of Lent

Saturday  
April 2

Jer 11:18-20  
Jn 7:40-53  
Saturday of the  
Fourth Week of Lent

REV. PRABHU AROCKIASAMY, PASTOR  
ED CONNICK, DEACON



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND MASS SCHEDULES

SATURDAY  
3:15PM  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION  
3:30 PM – HOLY ROSARY  
4:00 PM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY  
8:00 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
8:30AM- HOLY MASS  
10:30 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
11:00AM- HOLY MASS

REGULAR  
WEEKDAYS  
MONDAY-COMMUNION SERVICE  
TUESDAY-FRIDAY  
8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ During the Lent, After the Stations on  
Fridays (5:00pm), the knights and  
Ladies Auxiliaries sell the Lenten fish  
fries for \$ 10

♦ Ladies Auxiliary is holding a paper  
di- aper and wipes drive to assist  
the pregnancy and family services  
wom- en's health center in  
providing life af- firming  
pregnancy help. Diaper/ Wipe  
donations will be collected in the  
Vestibule or give to a lady auxilia-  
ry member.  
• Sedar Meal on April 12 at 6:00 pm  
in the Parish hall. Please sign up.

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Friday : 9AM to 1PM SATURDAY &  
SUNDAY : OFFICE CLOSED

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## Tour on Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

### CHAPTER THREE

#### God's Salvation: Law and Grace

#### THE MORAL LAW

##### **415. What is the moral law?**

The moral law is a work of divine Wisdom. It prescribes the ways and the rules of conduct that lead to the promised beatitude and it forbids the ways that turn away from God.

##### **416. In what does the natural moral law consist?**

The natural law which is inscribed by the Creator on the heart of every person consists in a participation in the wisdom and the goodness of God. It expresses that original moral sense which enables one to discern by reason the good and the bad. It is universal and immutable and determines the basis of the duties and fundamental rights of the person as well as those of the human community and civil law.

##### **417. Is such a law perceived by everyone?**

Because of sin the natural law is not always perceived nor is it recognized by everyone with equal clarity and immediacy.

For this reason God "wrote on the tables of the Law what men did not read in their hearts." (Saint Augustine)

##### **418. What is the relationship between the natural law and the Old Law?**

The Old Law is the first stage of revealed Law. It expresses many truths naturally accessible to reason and which are thus affirmed and authenticated in the covenant of salvation. Its moral prescriptions, which are summed up in the Ten Commandments of the Decalogue, lay the foundations of the human vocation, prohibit what is contrary to the love of God and neighbor, and prescribe what is essential to it.

##### **419. What place does the Old Law have in the plan of salvation?**

The Old Law permitted one to know many truths which are accessible to reason, showed what must or must not be done and, above all, like a wise tutor, prepared and disposed one for conversion and for the acceptance of the Gospel. However, while being holy, spiritual, and good, the Old Law was still imperfect because in itself it did not give the strength and the grace of the Spirit for its observance.

##### **420. What is the New Law or the Law of the Gospel?**

The New Law or the Law of the Gospel, proclaimed and fulfilled by Christ, is the fullness and completion of the divine law, natural and revealed. It is summed up

in the commandment to love God and neighbor and to love one another as Christ loved us. It is also an interior reality: the grace of the Holy Spirit which makes possible such love. It is "the law of freedom" (Galatians 1:25) because it inclines us to act spontaneously by the prompting of charity.

"The New Law is mainly the same grace of the Holy Spirit which is given to believers in Christ." (Saint Thomas Aquinas)

##### **421. Where does one find the New Law?**

The New Law is found in the entire life and preaching of Christ and in the moral catechesis of the apostles. The Sermon on the Mount is its principal expression.

#### **GRACE AND JUSTIFICATION**

##### **422. What is justification?**

Justification is the most excellent work of God's love. It is the merciful and freely-given act of God which takes away our sins and makes us just and holy in our whole being. It is brought about by means of the grace of the Holy Spirit which has been merited for us by the passion of Christ and is given to us in Baptism. Justification is the beginning of the free response of man, that is, faith in Christ and of cooperation with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

##### **423. What is the grace that justifies?**

That grace is the gratuitous gift that God gives us to make us participants in his trinitarian life and able to act by his love. It is called habitual, sanctifying or deifying grace because it sanctifies and divinizes us. It is supernatural because it depends entirely on God's gratuitous initiative and surpasses the abilities of the intellect and the powers of human beings. It therefore escapes our experience.

##### **424. What other kinds of grace are there?**

Besides habitual grace, there are actual graces (gifts for specific circumstances), sacramental graces (gifts proper to each sacrament), special graces or charisms (gifts that are intended for the common good of the Church) among which are the graces of state that accompany the exercise of ecclesial ministries and the responsibilities of life.

#### **To Be Continued Next Week**

#### **Lawn Party**

#### **Lawn Party is on April 24, 2022**

**We need water, soft drinks (cans), Liquor and beer, you're requested to donate.**

**We have envelopes that have your names for pick up. The envelope has two books of raffle tickets, Pastor's Letter, flyer for the lawn party and the Sponsorship form. Please sell or buy those books by yourself and return the money to the church office any time between 9:00am-12 noon.**

#### **Gospel Reflection**

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love. The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree. Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father. First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being. The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father. We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit—  
Amen.

**3/31/2022 Thursday @ 6:00pm Lenten confessions before Easter. There will be several priests to hear confessions so please make use of the opportunity to make your confessions before Easter**

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Roy Williams, Logan Bowers, Clement Boney, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Anne Davidson, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, John Dumas, Dodie Dumas, Johnny Finch, Louise Frontz, Tim Frontz, Janet Gafford, Tony Golemon, Ginny Johnston, MaryAnn Keith, Dennis Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Shirley McDonald, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O'Rourke, James M. O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Glenda Pose, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Dorothy Sanchez, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Tootie Spikes, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Melanie Wacker, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Diane Little, Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A, Fred L. Lorge, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith, Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cottrell, Pete, Sim Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Chuck Simmons, Damian Turk, John O'Conner, Fr. Francis J. Sofie Jr, Megan, Stephen Wiese, Jeremy Summerlin, Matthew wiese, Mr. & Mrs Ronald Summerlin, Raymond Floyes, Bridget, Sprinkle & Kay K Shaw, Lloyd J. Thompson, Ruby P Thompson, George E. Merren, Jr, Flora Decker.

#### **MASS OPENINGS**

**22 April 2022—OPENING**

**24 April 2022—8:30 & 11:00am  
OPENING**

**26 April 2022—Opening**

**27 April 2022—Opening**

**28 April 2022—Opening**

**29 April 2022—Opening**

**1 May—8:30 & 11am—Opening**

**3 May 2022—Opening**

**4 May 2022—OPENING**

**5 May 2022—OPENING**

**6 May 2022—OPENING**

**8 May 2022—11:00am Opening**

**10 May 2022—Opening**

**11 May 2022—Opening**

**12 May 2022—Opening**