



March 10, 2024 4th Sunday of Lent (red missal pg 130; black Latin Missal pg 391)



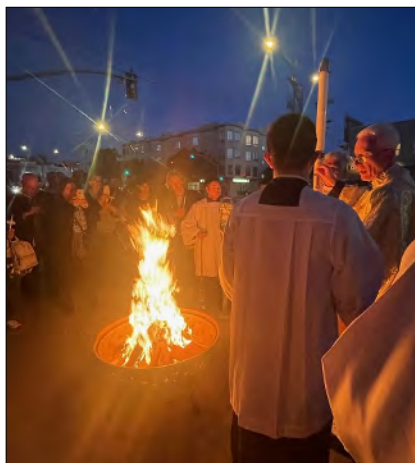
“Laetare” Don’t you just love that first word of today’s Mass? “Rejoice” (or *Laetare*, in the official language of the Church) begins our Mass today. It’s the first word in the “Introit” or “entrance antiphon,” the Scriptural text that the priest says as he “enters” (*introire* in Latin) the

holy of holies to begin the Mass. This Fourth Sunday of Lent, our midway point to Easter, begins with these words from Isaiah 66:10-11: “Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning.” I hope you love Jerusalem, although many over the years have hated the Holy City. Hitler certainly did, and many do today, but she will always be our joy, because it is Jerusalem that the Lord God redeemed the world. Many have cause to mourn in Jerusalem today, and in other cities of the Middle East, and many of us have cause to mourn over the destruction of our own cities, for truly we are in a war, a war of cultures. Bombs are dropping, both explosive “ordnance” in many parts of the world, but also “digital” bombs that daily rain on us from various media to destroy the good, the true, and the beautiful in our minds. People are dying in this war: the number of “deaths of despair” (from suicide, opioids and other drugs, alcohol, and obesity) have exploded over the last 20 years, not to mention domestic and street violence. We are in a war of cultures in which a pagan culture of death seeks to destroy our Christian culture of life. *We are repaganizing.*

Rejoice! And yet, we begin our worship today with the prophet’s words of “Rejoice, Jerusalem!” The earthly Jerusalem has always been full of sin and violence, never living up to the name God has given her, which means “City of Peace.” But we love the earthly Jerusalem because God has chosen her to point us to the heavenly Jerusalem, a “better homeland.” Even though our own cities will always be marked by crime and injustice, we worship God in our

earthly Jerusalems in the joyful hope of reaching the heavenly Jerusalem, where there will be no more mourning, or crying out, or pain. It is with that hope and with that joy that we enter, into the sanctuary of God. Christ will indeed redeem our lives from despair, and he will do it in three weeks. On the night of the Easter Vigil, we will gather around the blessed Easter Fire on Geary Boulevard, light the pascal candle, and process behind ten men and women who are to be baptized. God’s grace will pour over us with them, into a new life of joy and peace that comes to us through every Paschaltide. *Happy Easter*, in advance!

33 Days to Divine Mercy I began our 33-Day preparation for Consecration to Divine Mercy, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, last Wednesday. If you want to receive my morning email reflections based on Fr. Gaitely’s book *33 Days to Merciful Love*, and you didn’t get them last week, you may not be registered in the parish, or perhaps we don’t have your email in the registration files. You can register, or complete your registration by providing an email (if you have one) on the parish website or calling the office. Here is part of my reflection from Day 1: “I opened Fr. Gaitley’s book this morning before sunrise, sitting at my desk by an open window. The city was quite still, but then a quiet rain began touching the skylight above my window. The gentle drops made me think of how God’s tenderness comes upon us and how easily we miss His soft touch. It made me think also of how ungrateful and suspicious we can be. No doubt our



Last year's Easter Fire

phones and computers will tell us how terrible the rain is today, that increasing “atmospheric rivers” prove the climate is in chaos, that emergency crews are standing by to rescue victims, and that nature is angry at us. The fact is, God is not angry with us. He is sending us sunshine tomorrow. Fr. Gaitley’s book begins on Day 1 today with *Trust*. When we hear the rain, we will trust that God is sending us *just what we need today.* Fr. Joseph



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LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin. Sat. Vigil Mass 4:30pm. Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm. Holy Day Mass, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass. Confessions, 20 min. before Mass; Sat, 3:15-4:15pm.

Eucharistic Adoration 24/7. Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm. Holy Hour & Confessions, Tuesday 7pm-8pm. Devotions: Sacred Heart First Friday 12noon, 6pm Latin. Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wed. 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturday, 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses.

The Sunday Scriptures

By Fr. Joseph Illo (1 Sam 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5: 8-14; Jn 9: 1-41) **Blindness** In today's Gospel Christ heals the man born blind, and the clergy get upset. They actually throw the healed man out of church for telling the truth about his healing. Jesus later says to these theologians: "If you [admitted that you] were blind, you would be sinless, but since you claim to see, so your sin remains." In other words, *humility*. To claim to know everything is pride, and it damns us. *Humility is the queen of the virtues*.



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We commemorate St. Gregory the Great on March 12 (Trad). He is known to witness a Eucharistic miracle whereby he prayed while a woman mocked the Host. Soon after, it became flesh. He's quoted, "The contemplative life means ...charity... and fixing all our desires on our Creator."



We pray "Dear St. Gregory, ... May the Lord grant me your contemplative spirit, that I may seek out silence and desire to grow deeper in love with God. Amen."

Sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org



FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS (Sign up to Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

Find the titles below at: <http://watch.formed.org>

The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre

Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.

Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained | Forgiven

Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite—what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life.

PLANNED GIVING ONE CHARITABLE GIFT, A LEGACY OF BENEFITS

Make a WILL. Include Star of the Sea in your estate plans. Help preserve the mission and values of the church and its commitment to ministry.

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Mass Intentions

Sat 03/09	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	+ Timothy Richard Baptista Int. of Pro-Life + Rene Ing
Sun 03/10	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 7:30pm	+ Gertrude Halloran Int. of Phillip Telesforo and Family + Juan Diego Miranda People of the Parish
Mon 03/11	7am 12noon 6pm	Int. of Leslie Low Int. of The Dwyer Family + Tony Tai + Roger Mosher (bday) + Loren Harper + Gloria Sandino + Marilyn B. Whelan + Raimundo Carneiro Correa + Souls in Purgatory Int. of Tara (bday) + Jean Rathle
Tue 03/12	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Donnacha O'Cochlain (bday) Int. of Emmy Yee (bday) + Edwina Colvert
Wed 03/13	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	+ Holy Souls Int. of Felix, Lucy and The Tai Family Int. of Pablo Read
Thu 03/14	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	+ Msgr. Philip J. O'Ryan Int. of Mike Neary and Family Int. of Cecilia Read
Fri 03/15	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	+ John Nathan Inferrera + Phyllis Holland Gurries Int. Cecilia Read
Sat 03/16	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	Int. of Tani Faye Nagaoka (bday) + Pacencia A. Villanueva (bday) + Consuelo Francisco (bday)

Prayer for the Sick



Maria Jessue, Il'eana Rozario, Susan Lewitt, Brian Walsh, Oonough, Kim Edwards, Patty Turok and all sick parishioners.

Communal prayers

Saturdays, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm in the gym.

Sundays, Latin Rosary. You are invited to pray the rosary at 11am. Pamphlets with the Latin words will be provided.

Sundays, Rosary Walk 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. For updates: <https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk>



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Special thanks from Marie-Cécile and Gregoire Vallancon, coordinators of last week's Children of the Mekong presentation. They thank all who have generously contributed to help the Children of the Mekong Association. We raised \$2,508 in the second collection at the Sunday Masses. Thanks also for your personal support in sponsoring a child. Thanks to this event, we can count on the sponsorship of 9 additional children. Thank you too, to all our volunteers who helped making the soup supper a welcoming event. For information on how to help The Children of the Mekong contact: gvallancon@gmail.com



STAR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY APOSTOLATE

If you would like to join us to meet families with young children and participate in our activities, please let us know!

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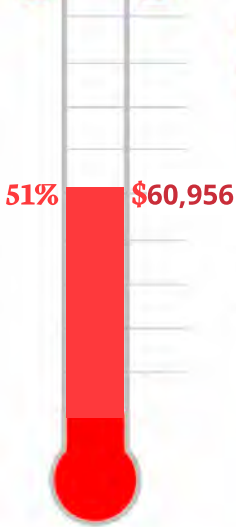
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Daily Masses: 7:00am, noon, 6pm. Public rosary after every Mass

Confessions: 20 minutes before every Mass; Tuesdays 7-8pm; Saturdays 3:15-4:15pm

Stations of the Cross: every Friday of Lent at 6:30pm

March 16: St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's dinner-dance (auditorium) after the 4:30pm Mass

March 19: St. Joseph Table (auditorium) after the 6pm Sung Latin Mass

Palm Sunday (March 24): Blessing and Distribution of Palms at all Masses

Holy (Maundy) Thursday (March 28): 7am Tenebrae chant service, 6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday (March 29): 7am Tenebrae chant service, 12noon Service of the Lord's Passion, 7pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday (March 30): 7am Tenebrae chant service, 8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (March 31): 8am, 9:30, 11:30 (Sung Latin), No 7:30pm Mass

Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday at 3:00pm, and daily through Mercy Sunday (April 7) at 3pm. Special Divine Mercy Mass on April 7 at 3pm with Fr. Joseph Homick, COSJ

STAR of the SEA TUESDAY HOLY HOUR



7:00 - 8:00PM

Rosary prayer. A half hour of silence after the rosary. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions.



STEWARDS STATS

Through work, we serve, minister, and become God's stewards on the earth.

Time: 15 people joined the Divine Mercy devotion chaplet last Saturday.

Talent: Three volunteers helped in the office last week.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$7,133
Children of the Mekong \$2,508

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