

# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 27, 2022**



***May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Lent

What is worse than being separated from your home, loved ones, and friends? The pain of separation can only be surpassed by the joy of the homecoming and reunion. When God commanded his people to celebrate the Passover annually, he wanted them to never forget what he did for them when he freed them from oppression and slavery in the land of Egypt and brought them back to their promised homeland which he gave as a sign of his immense love and favor (Joshua 5:9-12). Jesus illustrates this Passover from slavery to sin and condemnation to freedom and new life in Christ with the longest parable recorded in the Gospels (Luke 15:11-32). What is the main point of Jesus' story about two ungrateful sons and their extravagant loving father? Is it the contrast between a grudging obedient son and a rebellious son who had wished his father was dead? Or the warm reception given to a spendthrift son and the cold reception given by the oldest son? Jesus does contrast the oldest son's cold and aloof reception for his errant brother with the father's warm embrace and lavish homecoming party for his repentant son.

In this parable Jesus gives a vivid picture of God and what God is like. God is truly kinder than any of us. He does not lose hope or give up when we stray from him. He is always on the lookout for those who have a change of heart and want to return. He rejoices in finding the lost and in welcoming them home. Do we know the joy of repentance and the restoration of relationship as a son or daughter of our heavenly Father? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, may I never doubt your love nor take for granted the mercy you have shown to me. Fill me with your transforming love that I may be merciful and generous as you are merciful and generous.

### Readings for next Sunday, April 3, 2022

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

## † Saint of the Week: St. Francis of Paola

After accompanying his parents on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, Francis of Paola began to live as a contemplative hermit in a remote cave on Italy's southern seacoast. Before he was 20, he received the first followers who had come to imitate his way of life. Seventeen years later, when his disciples had grown in number, Francis founded the Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi, who were approved by the Holy See in 1474.

In 1492, Francis changed the name of his community to "Minims" because he wanted them to be known as the least (minimi) in the household of God. Humility was to be the hallmark of the brothers as it had been in Francis' personal life. Besides the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, Francis enjoined upon his followers the fourth obligation of a perpetual Lenten fast.

It was Francis's desire to be a contemplative hermit, yet he believed that God was calling him to the apostolic life. He began to use his gifts to minister to the people of God. A defender of the poor and oppressed, Francis incurred the wrath of King Ferdinand of Naples for the admonitions he directed toward the king and his sons.

At the request of Pope Sixtus IV, Francis traveled to Paris to help Louis XI of France prepare for his death. While ministering to the king, Francis was able to influence the course of national politics. He helped to restore peace between France and Brittany by advising a marriage between the ruling families, and between France and Spain by persuading Louis XI to return some disputed land.

Francis died in 1507 at the age of 91 while at the French court. He is the patron saint of sailors because many of the miracles attributed to him were related to the sea.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



Feast Day: April 2



Patricia Ansel, Jennifer Boling, Kista Crites, Judy Davis\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs\*, Larry Hinkle\*, Helen Holder\*, Kathy Jenkins, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Caroline Reeves, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts\*, Bill Stine, Scott Tasker and Maleigha Taylor.

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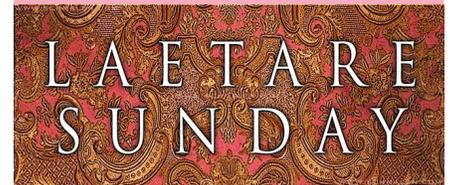
## Knights of Columbus Support Ukraine Relief Efforts



Knights of Columbus Council 10545 recently contributed \$1,000 to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund. Bob Konka, Council Treasurer, presents the check to Marion Dorsey, Council Advocate. The donation is in conjunction with the Supreme Council of the K of C Charities, with 100

percent of the money being directed toward food, medicine, shelter and clothing to displaced Ukrainian people.

May God grant them peace and restoration of their nation.



*The Fourth Sunday of Lent is the midpoint and known as Laetare Sunday.*

*Laetare (pronounced lay-TAH-ray) is Latin and means "rejoice."*

*On this day we express hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices.*

## Easter Flower Offerings

Remember and honor your loved ones this Easter with an offering for the lilies which will decorate our beautiful church. All names will appear in our Easter bulletin.

If you use offertory envelopes, be sure to include on the envelope who your donation is in memory or honor of. If you do not use offertory envelopes but would like to make a memorial donation, simply use any envelope and include a note with your intentions.



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 26	4:00 p.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
Sunday, March 27	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Joseph & Catherine Blundon.....	Assumption Parish
Monday, March 28	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 29	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 30	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Bobby Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey
Thursday, March 31	12 noon	Soul of Ellen Cessna .....	Linda Marsh
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber .....	Kerri Wittman
Friday, April 1	6:00 p.m.	The Landis & Rexrode Families.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Souls of Larry & Carmela DeMasi .....	Dena Turner
Saturday, April 2	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Bobby Dorsey.....	Linda Marsh
Sunday, April 3	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Marge & Carl Simpson and Joanna Schoppert.....	Rene Trezise

*Note: Mass on Fridays during Lent is held at 6 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross.*



## Donut Sunday is Back!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (March 27) at St. Mary's Hall to enjoy a donut, a cup of coffee and some long-awaited fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this event!



## Thursday, March 31 Synod Listening Sessions

Pope Francis has invited all faithful around the world to journey together in a global listening process the Church has named, "Synod for a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

To ensure that our voices are heard, Assumption Parish will host Listening Sessions later this month. The sessions will be led by Nancy Starcher who is our Parish Coordinator for the Synod. Written feedback from these meetings will be forwarded to the Diocese which will then pass on the results to the Vatican.

**Two listening sessions will be held on Thursday, March 31, at St. Mary's Hall.** The first will be at 12:30 p.m. following Mass (lunch will be served); the second at 6 p.m. Thank you in advance for participating in this important process!

## Collections & Attendance

March 19-20, 2022

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$3,335
Loose Donations .....	\$299
Easter Flowers.....	\$50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,684</b>

### Diocesan Collection

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund .....	\$789
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### Attendance

Saturday 3/19 .....	56
Sunday 3/20 .....	100
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>156</b>

## Youth Group Food Drive

As a reminder, our Youth Group is sponsoring a food drive to benefit Faith in Action Food Pantry. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off at the vestibule or the Parish Office anytime between now and April 3. The members are also distributing flyers in neighborhoods for a front porch food drive; if you receive one at home this is the same food drive (you can donate at home or at church, whichever is most convenient for you).

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, April 2

Lector: Celia Cole  
 Servers: Evelyn Cole  
 EM: Sue Harber  
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
 Greeter: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

### Sunday, April 3

Lector: Pam Williams and Don Starcher  
 Servers: Jane Placka, Beverley Iser, Nick McKenzie  
 EM: Pam Williams  
 Cantors: Julie Alt  
 Greeters: Mike Landis & Jeff Kuhn

### Saturday, April 9

Lector: Doug Minnich  
 Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
 EM: Jean Harber  
 Cantor: Linda Marsh  
 Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber

### Sunday, April 10

Lector: Derek Stephen  
 Servers: Abby & Libby DelSignore  
 EM: Kelley Kuhn  
 Cantor: Julie Alt  
 Greeters: Kelley & Katie Kuhn

## Register for Easter Mass!

### Online

<https://signup.com/go/LNZufWb>

### Email

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Mass times:

Vigil: 8:00 p.m. Easter Sunday: 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.