



# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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IV Dominica in Quadragesima, "Laetare"

27 March A.D. 2022

Laetare Sunday

## From the Pastor

Dear family,

*In this time of war abroad and increasing difficulties at home we must remain focused on what is important by avoiding distractions. Let us pray for an end to all killing, whether in the womb or in war. Let us pray for an end to the scandal of two Christian peoples fighting each other in Europe.*

***Please redouble your efforts, saying the Holy Rosary every day, in obedience to the request by the mother of God. Consecrate yourselves to her Immaculate Heart.***

*Let us also take this opportunity for each of us to renew our own commitment to the First Saturday devotion to the Immaculate Heart: Confession, Holy Communion, Holy Rosary, and Fifteen minutes meditation.*

*"Pray always"*

## Collect: IV Dominica Quadragesima

**L**et us pray.

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that we who justly suffer for our sins may find relief in the help of Your grace.

**T**hrough Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

**R.** Amen.

## TODAY, March 27

The Second Collection at all Masses today is for Catholic Relief Services

## Oysterfest Thank-you

Thanks to all of our parishioners, neighbors and friends for volunteering, cooking, serving and in many other ways supporting our Oysterfest yesterday.

We had our first sell-out Spring fest crowd and had some trouble finding enough seats for all our guests. Everyone was patient and everything turned out so that everyone had a good time. Our new menu item hush puppies were a big hit. Thank also to all who came to patronize the fest: without you all the hard work would be in vain.

## Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of

### Deployed Military

## Dom Gueranger on Laetare Sunday

This Sunday, called, from the first word of the Introit, *Laetare* Sunday, is one of the most solemn of the year. The Church interrupts her Lenten mournfulness; the chants of the Mass speak of nothing but joy and consolation; the Organ, which has been silent during the preceding three Sundays, now gives forth its melodious voice; instead of purple, Rose-coloured Vestments are allowed to be used... The Church's motive for introducing this expression of joy in today's Liturgy, is to encourage her Children to persevere fervently to the end of this holy Season.

The Station at Rome, is in the Basilica of *Holy Cross in Jerusalem*, one of the seven principal Churches of the Holy City. It was built in the fourth century, by the Emperor Constantine, in one of his villas, called Sessorius, on which account it goes also under the name of the *Sessorian Basilica*. The Emperor's mother, St. Helen, enriched it with most precious relics, and wished to make it the *Jerusalem* of Rome. It was with this intention that she ordered a great quantity of earth, taken from Mount Calvary, to be put on the site. Among the other Relics of the Instruments of the Passion which she gave to this Church, was the *Inscription* which was fastened to the Cross; it is still kept there, and is called the *Title of the Cross*. The name of *Jerusalem*, - which has been given to this Basilica, and which recalls to our minds the heavenly Jerusalem, towards which we are tending, - suggested the choosing it as to-day's Station.

The blessing of the *Golden Rose* is one of the ceremonies peculiar to the Fourth Sunday of Lent, which is called on this account *Rose Sunday*. The thoughts suggested by this flower harmonise with the sentiments wherewith the Church would now inspire her Children. The joyous time of Easter is soon to give them a spiritual Spring, of which that of nature is but a feeble image. Hence, we cannot be surprised that the institution of this ceremony is of a very ancient date. We find it observed under the Pontificate of St. Leo the Ninth (eleventh century); and we have a Sermon on the Golden Rose preached by the glorious Pope Innocent the Third, on this Sunday, and in the Basilica of Holy Cross in Jerusalem. In the Middle Ages, when the Pope resided in the Lateran Palace, having first blessed the Rose, he went on horseback to the Church of the Station. He wore the mitre, was accompanied by all the Cardinals, and held the blessed Flower in his hand. Having reached the Basilica, he made a discourse on the mysteries symbolised by the beauty, the colour, and the fragrance of the Rose. Mass was then celebrated. After the Mass, the Pope returned to the Lateran Palace. Surrounded by the sacred College, he rode across the immense plain which separates the two Basilicas, with the mystic Flower still in his hand. We may imagine the joy of the people as they gazed upon the holy symbol. When the procession had got to the Palace gates, if there were a Prince present, it was his privilege to hold the stirrup, and assist the Pontiff to dismount; for which filial courtesy he received the Rose, which had received so much honour and caused such joy.

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**Stewardship  
Last Sunday:**

Offertory: \$1441.00  
 Parish use/restricted:  
 \$1205.00  
 Maint \$100.00  
 Website Paypal portal wkly  
 avg: \$200  
 Easter flowers \$185.00  
 Fuel \$140.00  
 Votives \$28.00  
 Papers/Pamphlets \$45.00

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound:** Irving Chappellear, Dorothy Hume, Miles and Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn, Daniel Rodriguez, Paul Custer, and Jerome and Jean Malsack.

Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at [cusickk@adw.org](mailto:cusickk@adw.org) to arrange for him to visit any homebound, ill or hospitalized parishioners or family members.

**Rite of Christian Initiation - Adult Faith Formation Classes**

Classes for adults seeking to enter the Church are scheduled by our faith formation director Aaron Percich. Email him to start formation: [aaron.percich@comcast.net](mailto:aaron.percich@comcast.net). Pick up a copy of the weekly Wanderer Newspaper available in church and see the "B" section for a basic adult catechetical resource.

**Children's Faith Formation**

Our Church teaches that parents are the first teachers in the ways of Faith for all of our young people. No one has more power or responsibility before God for witnessing to our children of the fact of the Lord's Resurrection and His presence in our lives through the Church. Those parents who wish to augment home school with parish faith formation are asked to contact the parish office.

Families must be attending Sunday Mass throughout the year before children can receive first sacraments.

**Holy Sweepers for the week of March 27 and April 3**

**Percich Family**

Holy Sweepers are the families and individuals who graciously keep our church clean and tidy. They clean once a week, for a two week period, on a rotating basis. If you would like to be a

**Service on the Altar**

Training for all current and prospective members of the Society of Saints Aloysius and Alphonsus (SSAA) altar boy society will be held on the first Saturday of each month after the 9:00 am Mass.

All interested boys and men are invited to please contact Jamieson Scarlata at [1619surfer@gmail.com](mailto:1619surfer@gmail.com)

**UPCOMING:** ProLife prayers every second Saturday of the month, **and next on April 9th**, from 10-11 am at Waldorf Planned Parenthood, 3975 St. Charles Parkway, Gateway Plaza, 20602  
**April 13: Second Collection, Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27 Mar</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	†Poor Souls in Purgatory	<b>IV Dominica in Quadragesima Laetare Sunday</b>
		<b>9:00 am*</b>	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	
		<b>11:00 am</b>	†Raymond Stublarec	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>28 Mar</b>	9:00 am	Norys Jimenez	S. Joannis a Capistrano Confessoris
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29 Mar</b>	**	†Poor Souls in Purgatory	Lenten Feria
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30 Mar</b>	6:00 pm	Adoration/Confessions	
		7:00 pm	†Poor Souls in Purgatory	Lenten Feria
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>31 Mar</b>	9:00 am	†Raymond Stublarec	Lenten Feria
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 Apr</b>	9:00 am	†Raymond Stublarec	Lenten Feria
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2 Apr</b>	9:00 am	†Raymond Stublarec	S. Francisci de Paula Confessoris
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3 Apr</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	†Raymond Stublarec	<b>V Dominica in Quadragesima Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
		<b>9:00 am*</b>	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	
		<b>11:00 am</b>	†Robert Laurence Chaney	

\* Mass in English \*\*Father away - no public Mass

If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email [meitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com](mailto:meitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com), stop by the parish office during regular business hours, drop a note in the collection basket or see Father after Mass. The customary offering for a Mass, per Archdiocesan guidelines, is \$10.00.

**Staff**

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**Mass and Sacrament Schedule**

**Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays** 8 am & 11 am  
 Weekdays: Mon 9 am, Wed 7 pm, Thurs-Sat 9 am  
**Holy Days:** 8 am, 7 pm  
**English: Sundays** 9 am, **Holy Days** 6 pm  
**Confessions** offered prior to all weekend Masses

**Baptisms and Marriages:** By appointment 6 months in advance. **Bulletin Deadline:** Two Thursdays prior to the date of publication. Send to [sjkrautle@gmail.com](mailto:sjkrautle@gmail.com) or call the rectory at 301-274-3416.  
**New Parishioners: Welcome!** Please complete a registration form, available in the back of the church and also at <https://www.stfrancisbenedict.org/registration-form/>. You may email it, return it to Father, or drop it in the collection basket.