

March  
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SAINT MARY'S  
CATHEDRAL

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## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT *LAETARE, REJOICE*

Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday, Rejoice Sunday. Anticipating Easter joy, today's Readings invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and the confession of our sins and by celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God.

This is what the Gospel celebrates: the joy of the prodigal son on his "homecoming" where he discovers his father's forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the rejoicing of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honour, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community, and his God. At the same time, by presenting a self-righteous elder brother, the parable invites us to avoid self-righteousness and self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother. We need to admit the truth that we are an assembly of sinful people, repentant, and now we are ready to receive God's forgiveness and to experience Jesus' Personal Presence in the Holy Eucharist as our loving and forgiving God.

Some time ago a woman wrote a letter to Ann Landers describing the terrible relationship that once existed between her and her brother. It took the death of their father to get her to forgive him and to treat him as a brother again. Sometime after their reconciliation, her brother had a heart attack and died in her arms. She ends her letter with this moving paragraph. "I am grateful for the years we had together, but I could scream when I think of all the years we missed because we were too bull-headed and short-sighted to try to get along. Now he is gone, and I am heartsick."

Today we celebrate the Second Scrutiny. What are the scrutines? The scrutines are a series of liturgical rites that are part of the 40 Days retreat for the spiritual benefit of the elect, those who will celebrate the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation during the Easter Vigil. "The scrutines are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good....to give them strength in Christ...and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all." For us, today's Readings are an invitation to review our own relationships in our lives and to bring them into line with Jesus' teachings, preparing us to celebrate the JOY OF EASTER, LAETARE.

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SAT 5 PM  
SUN 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM  
4 PM (SFXC)

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

MON - FRI 7:30 AM, 5 PM  
WED 7 PM (SFXC)  
SAT 9 AM  
STAT HOLIDAYS during the  
week 9 AM mass only

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

TUES - THURS 4:30 - 4:50 PM  
FRI 8 - 8:30 AM, 3 - 4:30 PM  
SAT 4:30 - 4:50 PM

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRI 8 AM - 4:30 PM

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact Deacon  
Dennis (403) 228-4170

### DONATIONS

If you would like to donate to help with the costs and maintenance of the parish, please call Lillian (403) 228-4170. You can donate over the phone, online, or in person

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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**March 12th to 18th 2022**

**GENERAL COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK**

Envelopes/Loose/etc. \$6,731

To donate online, please visit [bit.ly/SupportStMarysCathedral](http://bit.ly/SupportStMarysCathedral) or contact [lillian@stmaryscalgary.ca](mailto:lillian@stmaryscalgary.ca)

*Thank you*



Consider Direct Debit for your Sunday offertory donation. This gives St. Mary's predictable cash flow, allowing us to plan for parish needs & programs. It also gives you as Christian stewards a predictable and convenient way to support your church, even if you are away for travel/illness/covid protocol.

Pick up a box of 2022 Offertory Envelopes before/after any weekend Mass, or weekdays at the parish office.

**PRAYER CORNER INTENTIONS**

*In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the soul of Annie Kuzma and all those who have died in Christ, that they may be resurrected with Him into eternal life Requiescant in pace.*



*Please pray for the health of Maria Fraser, Manuel Fernandez, Cathy Simard, and for all the sick, the suffering, the elderly, the lonely, and all those who find themselves on the margins of society.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 28**

7:30 am Samuel Malagon (RIP)  
5:00 pm Jeff Arges (INT)

**Tuesday, March 29**

7:30 am Nick Dilello (RIP)  
5:00 pm Fr. Julian Studden (INT)

**Wednesday, March 30**

7:30 am Sr. Joan Cartlidge (RIP)  
5:00 pm In Gratitude of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday, March 31**

7:30 am Linda Scurr (RIP)  
5:00 pm Elias Canlas (RIP)

**Friday, April 1**

7:30 am Ryan Bickert (INT)  
5:00 pm Chief Lady Ngozi Umeoji (RIP)

**Saturday, April 2**

9:00 am Dale Glen Harms (RIP)  
5:00 pm Osvalda Ferreira (RIP)

**Sunday, April 3**

8:00 am Emma Vespa (RIP)  
10:00 am Lillian Meagher (RIP)  
noon St. Mary's Parishioners

**LENT REFLECTION RAFFLE**

Only 100 tickets printed, and they're going quickly! Make sure to get your ticket soon, for a chance to take home a beautiful Indoor/Outdoor Pieta Statue (1st draw), Last Supper Slate Tile (2nd Draw) or a Family Fireside Bible (two bonus draws). Proceeds to support your Cathedral's Roof Repair/Replacement Fund.



**DRAW DATE: April 10, 2022** (~1:00 PM after the noon Mass)

Tickets (\$25 each) are available at the Gift Booth (open before/after most weekend Masses) and at the Parish Office (M-F 8:30-4:00 pm) For inquiries, please contact Marilyn ([marilyn@stmaryscalgary.ca](mailto:marilyn@stmaryscalgary.ca))



**Together in Action Campaign for 2022 has just launched! TIA is an annual, diocesan-mandated parish charitable appeal that funds local, national and international initiatives.**

To read the Bishop's Pastoral Letter and for a list of this year's beneficiaries: [catholiccyc.ca/tia](http://catholiccyc.ca/tia)

Please consider sharing God's love to those in need by supporting this key initiative for your Lenten Almsgiving. Questions and to donate, contact Lillian.



**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION**

Sat April 2 at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend, whether or not you are already signed up to serve in this ministry. Come and find out more!

**FLOWERS for Easter**

You are invited to make a donation for the flowers and decor that will be used in our Cathedral this Easter. The flowers will be a visible reminder of those who have gone home to the Eternal Lord, as well as those who are unable to be with us this Easter. Your loved ones will also be prayed for at a Special Mass. Flower Offering envelopes may be found near the main entrance of the church.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays during Lent (5:45 pm) Please consider spending 30 minutes each week reflecting on the final hours of Jesus' life by praying the Stations of the Cross. This week, the Stations will be led by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus. Whether you are new to the practice or well-practiced... Everyone is welcome!



"You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

**LUKE 15:32**



**PALM SUNDAY**

is only two weeks away! Regular Mass times will be in effect: Sat April 9 at 5:00pm and Sun, April 10 at 8:00am, 10:00am and 12 noon. Palms will be distributed before all Masses.



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**