



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! On this Laetare Sunday, the mid-point of Lent, a word on CHARITY. Charity certainly takes many forms but one of the oldest forms of charity is financial charity. That is, providing for others and as we know so often that involves finances.

This weekend, two opportunities to consider as Lent continues.

- 1) Cross Catholic Outreach: We are blessed to be hosting Fr. Victor Ibhawa, a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Donation envelopes will be provided. Please be generous and be sure to say hi after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/ outreach.
- 2) Catholic Charities Appeal: This appeal is the main source of income for the charitable work in the Archdiocese. That charitable work includes Social Services, Evangelization, Special Education, Retired and Infirm Priests. Please visit the Catholic Charities Appeal Website for more information. Please note that all monies collected for this stay in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and are not affiliated with Catholic Charities USA. That is a separate work.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



FIRST FRIDAY
April 4, 2025

**Stations of the Cross
and Holy Hour**

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
St. Patrick Church



Did You Know? Laetare Sunday

by Joe Hines

On March 30th, we will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday. The entrance antiphon is taken from Isaiah 66:

“Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast.”

The first word of this passage – rejoice – sets the theme for Laetare Sunday. The word Laetare is Latin for “rejoice”. This celebration stands out in part because the priest and deacon wear rose colored vestments rather than the usual purple of Lent, similar to Gaudete Sunday in Advent.

The Church celebrates Laetare Sunday for a couple of reasons.

First, it provides a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter the somber days of Passiontide. This celebration allows us to look past the looming passion and death of Jesus in order to focus on His resurrection on Easter Sunday. We should look for restrained rejoicing with a certain amount of sadness.

Second, since Laetare Sunday falls roughly in the middle of Lent, it serves as a sort of breaker during a season that is otherwise of a penitential character.

On Laetare Sunday, the Church and her people express hope and joy in the midst of Lenten fasts and penances. These signs of joy are intended to encourage the faithful in their course through the Lenten season.



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Family Rosary
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7:00 PM
via Zoom

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