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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

# LIGHT CAME INTO THE WORLD.

— JOHN 3:19 —

## SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

Española/Spanish  
(Church & On-line)

## DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m.

(Chapel & On-line)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturdays

3 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.

(St. House 3347 S Michigan)

First Friday of the Month

7:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

(Chapel)

BUT WHOEVER LIVES  
THE TRUTH COMES TO  
THE LIGHT...

JOHN 3:21

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**MARCH 10, 2024**

## ON THE WAY....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

If you ever went to Vacation Bible School you probably learned the song: "I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart to stay. For I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love of Jesus in my heart." The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called by its Latin title, Laetare Sunday, which translates as the "Sunday to rejoice." We are in the midst of Lent so rejoicing might not seem to be an obvious action to take. Why should we rejoice while during Lenten fasting? Doesn't joy only come when things are going right? The liturgy teaches otherwise. There is a song in *Fiddler on the Roof* which captures this liturgical moment. "God would like us to be joyful, Even when our hearts lie panting on the floor. But how much more can we be joyful When there's really something to be joyful for?" Joy is a condition which is not dependent on events swirling around it.

We tend to think of the English words happiness and joy in the same way – as feelings when our hearts are lifted up and we feel that all is well. Perhaps that is the way to think about happiness but not the way the Bible thinks about joy. Think of a parent: when their child does well in school or in sports they are happy. It fills their hearts with warm feelings. However, think of a mother holding her newborn in her arms. The child has not done anything yet, in fact is the cause of constant effort and worry. Yet the warm feeling in her heart comes about simply because of the very presence of the child. That is joy.

The instinct of the liturgy is that we need to be reminded even during Lent that as believers we are made for joy. Things might be going to hell in a handbasket all around us but we know that God is still God, that there is a plan at work, that love is stronger than death, that all will be well. Our hearts can rest joyfully in God no matter the external circumstance because of the blessed assurance that we are the children of God, precious in God's sight, beloved from the first moment of our existence.

If you are anything like me the initial enthusiasm with which you entered your Lenten practices has waned. I find myself fudging on the things I committed myself to do during the season. This Sunday is an invitation to enter into these final weeks of the season with a renewed spirit. We aren't simply slogging through Lent waiting for it to end. We go through the season in order to re-capture that joy that comes in living more consciously in the presence of God. All of our Lenten practices should focus us more closely on the God who formed us in our mothers' wombs and will one day call us to abide with him forever. No wonder this is a season of Joy!

In the Most Holy Trinity,  
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

Sun 03/10	<b>4th Sunday Of Lent</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
	†	<b>For the people of St. James</b>
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Española/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 03/11	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Bible Study (On-line)
Tues 03/12	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <b>Catherine Richardson by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</b>
	6:30 p.m.	Just Action (On-line)
Wed 03/13	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Taize Prayer Service (Church & On-line)
Thurs 03/14	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <b>Joseph Eaton by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</b>
Fri 03/15	7:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Stations Of The Cross (Church)
Sun 03/17	<b>5th Sunday Of Lent</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
	†	<b>Sister Arlene Semesky by Sister Marissa Butler, RSM</b>
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Española/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
	5:00 p.m.	Campus Mass (Godbox)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

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3PM - 4:30PM**

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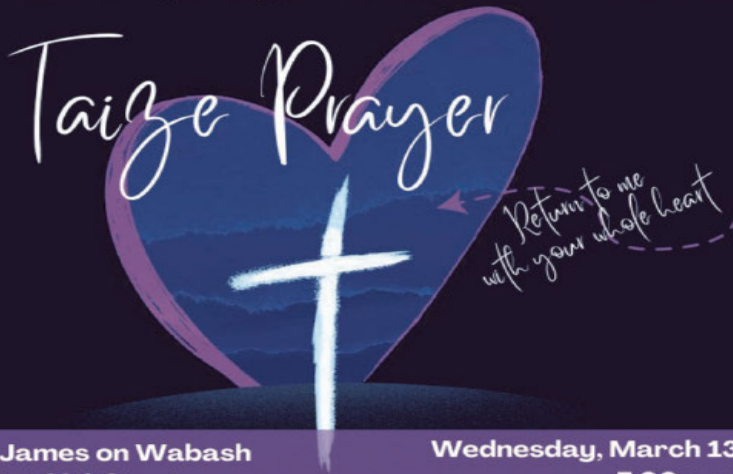
# Chicago Southland Catholic Men's Breakfast

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Saturday, April 6, 2024

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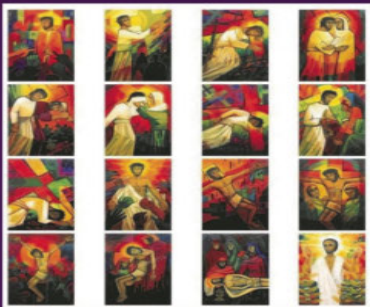
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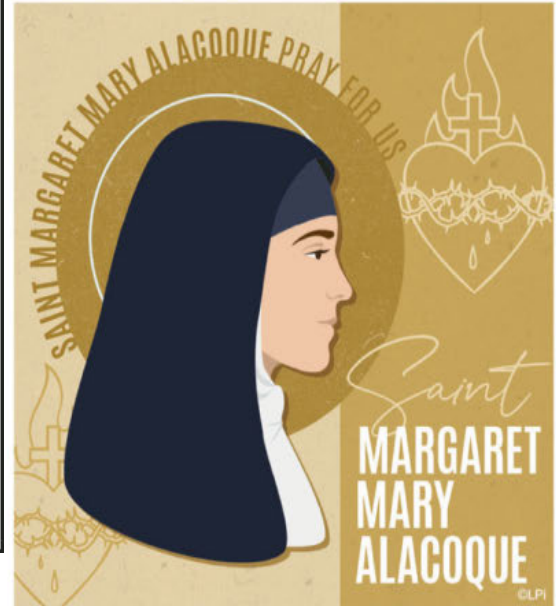
Wednesday, March 13  
7:00 p.m.  
Free and open to all

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**FRIDAYS AT 6:30PM**  
**2/23 - ZOOM**  
**3/1 - CHURCH**  
**3/8 - ZOOM**  
**3/15 - CHURCH**  
**3/22 - ZOOM**

See "Zoom links for Events and Ministries"



## Saint of the week

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a French nun who had visions of Jesus and his Sacred Heart. She devoted her life to promoting Eucharistic adoration and the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Her Thursday night holy hours are still a common practice among modern Catholics!

## Prayer for Laetare Sunday

Dear Jesus,

We've been in this season of Lent for a few weeks now. I want to re-commit myself in this time — renew and strengthen my resolve. Help me to use these last few weeks to grow closer to you. Amen.



**St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:**

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



**Our Home Bound:**  
 Judy Archer  
 Margie Bass  
 Paul Freeman  
 Juanita James  
 Barbara Southhall

**Our Sick:**  
 Yvonne Christmas  
 Aayliah Cooper

**Patsy Cunningham**  
 Marvelean Doss  
 Claude Fisher  
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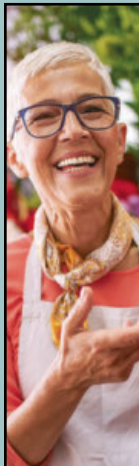
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