

# *St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church*

## *March 27th - Fourth Sunday of Lent*



The fourth Sunday in Lent is commonly known as Laetare Sunday. The word "laetare" means rejoice in Latin, and this idea is taken from the entrance-antiphon for the Mass, which starts "Rejoice, O Jerusalem...". Falling roughly at the half-way point in the Lenten season, this is a Sunday when traditional Lenten austerity is relaxed, and we have a reminder of the joyous resurrection to come.

### **March 20th:**

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,505.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 91.30
Building	\$ 40.00
Snow Removal	\$ 35.00
Bulletin Advertisers	\$ 2,000.00
Candles	\$ 43.15
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,714.45</b>

*Thank  
You*

### ***Fr. Denis Vaiz:***

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### ***Weekday Masses:***

Tuesday to Friday at 12:00 pm

### ***Weekend Mass Times:***

Saturday at 4:30 pm  
Sunday at 10:00 am

### ***Office Hours:***

***Tuesdays to Thursdays***  
8:00 am -12:00 pm  
***Mondays & Fridays***  
Closed

## Mass Intentions

**Wednesday, March 30**

*Genesio Gregorini* by Elisa Gregorini & Family

**Thursday, March 31**

*Gord Whalen* by Shirley Miles

**Saturday, April 2**

*Missa Pro Popolo*

*Teresa Lehman* by Thelma Hayes

**Sunday, April 3**

*Special Intention* by A Parishioner

*Peter Petrin* by Family



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## Easter Masses

**Palm Sunday:** April 9 at 4:30 pm, April 10 at 10:00 am

**Holy Thursday:** April 14 at 6:30 pm;

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30 pm

**Good Friday:** April 15 at 3:00 pm

**Holy Saturday:** April 16 at 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday:** April 17 at 10:00 am



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## Collections for John Howard Society



We are once again collecting newly purchased articles for the John Howard Society during our Lenten season (Mar. 2 - Apr. 10). Place your articles in the boxes near the cross at the back of the church. They are requesting underwear (lg and xl), playing cards, toothpaste and socks. Thank you for your support! Food Bank non-perishable items may be placed in the box in the lobby. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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### **The merciful Father who welcomes home his lost son:**

The prodigal son, while he was away, learned a lot about himself. And he realized that his father had given him love which he had not returned. He had yet to learn about the depth of his father's love for him. His deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed on the husks of pigs and his reflection on all he had lost, led to his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father.

While he hoped for reconciliation with his father, he could not have imagined a full restoration of relationship. The father did not need to speak words of forgiveness to his son; his actions spoke more loudly and clearly! The beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet symbolize the new life - pure, worthy, and joyful - of every person who returns to God.

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. Let us know the joy of repentance and the restoration of relationship as a son or daughter of your heavenly Father.

*Fr. Denis Vaiz*