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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



March 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

### Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm— Pro Populo

### Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm— Pro Populo

### Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm— Pro Populo

### Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm — Pro Populo

### Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm— Pro Populo

### Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

10:00am— Ester Liwanag

Ariston Pulumbarit

Famatigan Family

Benjamin Famatigan

Venerable Aloysius Schwartz

12:00Noon— Community of

Our Lady of the Assumption

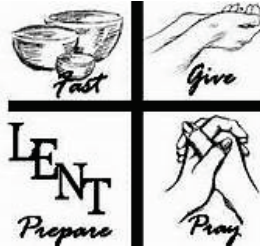
5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) — Pro Populo

7:00pm— Pro Populo

## Sunday Reflection.....

*Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him will have eternal life (John 3:14-21).*

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.



Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus,

the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.



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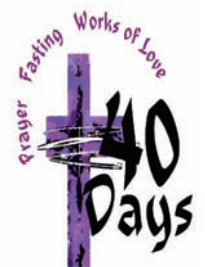
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**HOLY WEEK/ EASTER SCHEDULES**

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**MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:30pm**

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow until midnight*

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**“PABASA NG PASYON”**

“Chanting Passion of Christ”

At 8:30pm until Good Friday morning

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**GOOD FRIDAY– THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**THE SEVEN LAST WORDS**

**(Huling Pitong Wika in Tagalog)**

**at 9:00am-11:45am**

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATION**

**OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

**12:00noon / 3:00pm**

**NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY**

**at 4:30pm**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**at 5:00pm**

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**EASTER VIGIL MASS**

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 8:00PM**

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**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**ENCOUNTER / SALUBONG**

**4:30am—Procession at the parking lot**

**5:00am– Holy Mass (Filipino)**

**10:00am / 12:00noon / 5:00pm (Filipino)**

**NO 7:00pm Mass**



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and the Archdiocesan Filipino Catholic Mission invite you for a Lenten Recollection

**Monday, March 18, 2024**

**6:30pm—Praying the Holy Rosary**

**7:00pm— Holy Mass**

**7:30pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Lenten Talk: “Who is my Mother?”**

**Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**6:30pm—Praying the Holy Rosary**

**7:00pm —Holy Mass**

**7:30pm—with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Lenten Talk: St. Joseph, models of Prayer, fasting, almsgiving**

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**6:30pm—Praying the Holy Rosary**

**7:00pm—Holy Mass**

**7:30pm—the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Lenten Talk: “Jesus heals the broken hearted” ‘Praying for healing’**

**Thursday, March 21st, 2024**



**7:00pm Holy Mass**

**7:30pm—Community Lenten Confession**

(A number of priests will be available to hear Confessions)



**COFFEE SUNDAY !!!**

Please come and join us at basement hall after the Sunday, 10am mass. Please bring any baked goods you want to share with our fellow parishioner."



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