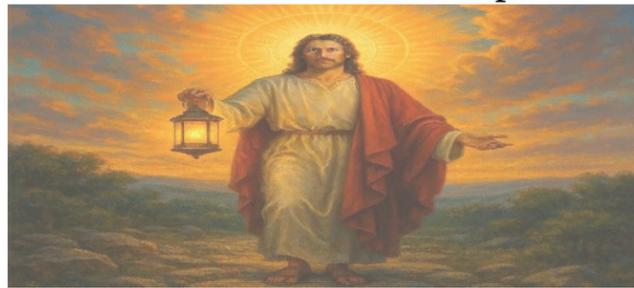


# Laetare Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Update: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026



*"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."  
(John 8.12)*

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> TO MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>

- Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> Ferial**  
Office Closed No Mass
- Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> Ferial**  
9:00 a.m. Liv. & Dec. Members of the Venditelli, DiFabio, Duemo and Dumont Families (C&L Vendittelli)
- Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> Ferial**  
9:00 a.m. +Marlyn Honsberger (Dn M&F Prindiville)  
9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
9:00 a.m. St. Joseph (N Vendittelli)  
6:45-8:15 p.m. Choir Practice, Church
- Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> Ferial**  
9:00 a.m. +Helen Flanagan (Dn M&F Prindiville)  
9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
4:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
5:00 p.m. +Jaime Rodrigues Rego (L Rego)
- Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup>**  
10:00-2:00 p.m. Diocesan Day of Reconciliation (4hrs of Confession at ALL parishes)  
3:30-4:30 p.m. Confession  
5:00 p.m. CWL Diocesan Mass  
Sp. Int. of Eileen McAuliffe (SOTS-SVDP)
- Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 a.m. St. Aubin (B Aubin)  
11:00 a.m. +Lawrence LaRoche (Martin Family)  
**Please Note: Our Parish Office will be closed March 16<sup>th</sup> thru March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

### From the Pastor's Desk

**Dear Friends:** It is my sincere hope that many have been finding my column series on Stewardship to be thought provoking. You may well have been surprised to be asked to consider thinking in terms of a percentage of overall income as a guide to your support for the mission of the Church. Now that the era of "mechanical" church attendance is basically dead for the majority of people, ie: the habit of going to church because it is Sunday, most who do make it a point to come worship do so because their faith is very meaningful to them. What happens in and to the Church that we love matters to us. We are less likely to think that "someone else will look after all of these things."

That is why giving our overall participation and support some reflection can be of great value.

At a Stewardship conference I had been privileged to attend about 20 years ago, I purchased a book title, "Why Catholics Don't Give." I have since tried to relocate it as I would like to reread it. However, one area which the book addressed stays with me. It deals with the large size of the Catholic Church and the widespread belief that this is a very wealthy organization with so many adherents (1.4 Billion at last count), that the financial resources of "the little guy" (you and me) are not needed. Where this thinking may be especially manifested is in large parishes. The book uses the term "free rider" to describe those who may even gravitate towards a large parish to "fly under the radar." The idea there is that there are so many people supporting this parish that there is really no need for my help. Nobody wants to be just "another drop in the bucket." This is one reason we publish an annual or semi-annual financial report to demonstrate transparency. On the other hand, there are those who may see a financially healthy parish's financial report and wrongly conclude that it could do more with more. I once served at a parish where the Finance Council recommended leaving off the ledger any bequests or funds on deposit with the diocese or otherwise showing too much prosperity as it was feared this would deter giving. And it may well do that. However, this is problematic for two reasons. For one thing, no offerings are wasted. Any surplus is to be sent to the diocese "on deposit", meaning that the funds belong fully to the parish of origin and remain available for the parish's use at any time. Similar to a bank, the diocese pays interest on the deposit and uses the funds for lending to parishes and for any other purpose in the furtherance of the Church's mission. Secondly, limited parish income brought on by donors who think "the parish has enough", has the unintended effect of **limiting the scope of the parish vision.** Priests and Finance Councils normally do not wish to approve projects or ministry outreach which appears to be unsustainable. Over time, the parish vision may become more and more conservative just to keep everything balanced, all the while missing opportunities to evangelize the unchurched. While on my internship at St. Julia's Parish, I distinctly recall the pastor saying to me that, while that parish was one of the "wealthiest" ones in the diocese, nevertheless, another priest on staff and/or a youth minister would be a challenge to fund. He also told me that the "loonie" dollar coin had been helpful since it prompted many to give a 2-dollar bill instead of the coin and that a 2-dollar coin would be even better (this was not introduced until 1996) as it was likely to attract more \$5 bills. Four Masses each weekend, mostly very full, would have had trouble supporting just one more paid staff member. Anyone who marvels at some of these Evangelical "super" churches and how many worshipers they attract needs to know that, the moment you walk through the door, some real financial substance is going to be required. Conclusion next week! With gratitude, *Fr. Richard*

**TINS AND TUPPERWARE** – Our generous parishioners have brought in some tasty treats over the past few months for different functions, and as a result we have amassed quite a collection of tins, Tupperware and other storage boxes. These will be placed on the table in the hall. If you have left something behind, please pick it up in the next week or so. Whatever is left will be donated.

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Update: March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026



*"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die."  
(John 11.25, 26)*

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> TO MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

- Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Ferial**  
Office Closed No Mass
- Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> Ferial**  
9:00 a.m. Sp. Int. of the Daily Mass Coffee Group (J Mascarin)
- Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord**  
9:00 a.m. +Diane Sassi (Dn M&F Prindiville)  
9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 p.m. Respect for Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria
- Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> Ferial**  
9:00 a.m. +Catherine Angelone (Dn M&F Prindiville)  
6:45-8:15 p.m. Choir Practice, church
- Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> Ferial**  
9:00 a.m. +Brian Armstrong (Dn M&F Prindiville)  
9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
4:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
5:00 p.m. +Ed & +Betty Ann Yuhasz (M Paroyan)
- Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup>**  
3:30-4:30 p.m. Confession  
5:00 p.m. +Joelle Toal (M Paroyan)
- Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**  
9:00 a.m. +Ed Yuhasz (N Vendittelli)  
11:00 a.m. +Nicola Dragone & +Maria Brancaccio (L&S Molinaro)

**Star of the Sea Blanket Drive:** Only due to the generosity of our Parish family, the Blanket drive was a monumental success! In total 137 blankets and sleeping bags were collected! They were gratefully received by the Out of the Cold programs at the Cathedral and St. Alfred parishes as well as Community Care. As usual, our parish does not disappoint! On behalf of the homeless in our community, thank you so very much! May God bless you all!

**PRAYER ANGELS** Our ministry is set up to pray for the parish's intentions. Please send by email or phone your concerns or cares and they will be passed on to the members of this group who will daily offer up your intentions to the Lord. Prayer is powerful. Let us help ease your troubles or shower the Lord with praises. Please call or email Marg 289-214-6679 [mgmartin113@gmail.com](mailto:mgmartin113@gmail.com)

*"He who prays most receives most."  
St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori*

**Parish Photo Directory - 2026 - Appointments are now being taken!** Be a part of our Star of the Sea Parish Family Album. We need you to make our directory complete! Photos will be taken in the parish hall beginning on Tuesday, April 28 to Saturday, May 2. Then again from May 27-29. Appointments are available from 1:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Photo shoot appointments may be made at the back of the church before and after all Masses (except Easter weekend) until April 11/12. Online scheduling will be available beginning Sunday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. Click on the Portrait Sign-Up button below. Follow the easy directions to schedule your portrait session <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/d7b3y55k/> Please note that the online scheduling system will be closed from Saturdays at noon to Sundays at 6:00 p.m. so paper/pen bookings can be completed and entered. Include your e-mail address when you sign up, and you will receive an appointment confirmation along with an appointment reminder. All e-mail addresses are confidential. Church members who participate in this program will receive a Parish Photo Directory free of charge. You will also have the opportunity to order photos for you and your family and friends.



**CWL CORNER**  
(Catholic Women's League)  
"Blessed are the Poor"

E-transfer payments for CWL may be made to [cwllstarofthesea@gmail.com](mailto:cwllstarofthesea@gmail.com). Please remember to indicate which event in the subject line.

We ask that our current CWL Members submit their \$40 membership dues by the end of March. We continue to welcome new members to join our CWL Council. For more information, please contact [jayne.evans98@gmail.com](mailto:jayne.evans98@gmail.com)



March 21/22	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	Dn. Maurice	Dn. Maurice	Dn. Maurice
Lector	R Jesik	W Riddle	G LaRoche
Hospitality Ministers	R&A Hancock D MacNeill	Zacharchuk Family	Bott Family

**March 29<sup>th</sup> / April 5<sup>th</sup> – Holy Week**  
As per sign-up sheet at main entrance of the church

## WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 4,125.00
Loose Collection: CAD	\$ 268.00
USD	\$ 0.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 40.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,443.00</b>
<b>Our Special Needs</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>

*Thank you  
MAY GOD BLESS YOU*