



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

Saturday, March 1st	Fourth Sunday of Lent 5:00 p.m. mass: †Tyrone Deane / Steve and Karen Burke †Mary Rose Murzello / Murzello Family †Justina Cajayon / Family
Sunday, March 2nd	Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. mass: †Margaret Seles / Linda Durant 11:00 a.m. mass: †Deceased Braun and Wehrle Families / Alex and Anneliese †Fred Dauk / Anne Fitzpatrick
Monday, March 3rd	Ferial 9:00 a.m. mass: †Mike Stang / McEarchen Family 10:30 a.m. mass: Southwood Care Centre: For all parishioners, living and deceased
Tuesday, March 4th	Ferial / Saint Casimir 9:00 a.m. mass: Marlene Rimmer's birthday / Meg and Roland
Wednesday, March 5th	Ferial 7:00 a.m. mass: †Luis Campos / Pen and Nening 9:00 a.m. mass: †John Van de Pol / Monahan 55+ 6:30 p.m.: Prayers for the Sick
Thursday, March 6th	Ferial 7:00 a.m. mass: †Ken Shippobottom / Stang Family 9:00 a.m. mass: †Bill Weiss / Denis Grady
Friday, March 7th	Ferial / Saints Perpetua and Felicity / First Friday / WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 7:00 a.m. mass: Laurent Nault / Bulger Family 9:00 a.m. mass: †Aleksander Siemieniuk / Denis Grady 1:30 p.m.: Interdenominational World Day of Prayer Service - St. Albert the Great Church followed by STATIONS of the CROSS 7:00 p.m. mass: †Ans Duiker / Brammer Family
Saturday, March 8th	Ferial 9:00 am mass: Ivan Hysek / Peter and Madeleine
Saturday, March 8th	Fourth Sunday of Lent 5:00 pm mass: †Tyrone Deane / Al and Shirley Seguin †Deceased parents of Jerry and Marg Yacyshen
Sunday, March 9th	Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:00 am mass: Mary Dijker van Grol / Family †Margaret Seles / Anne Tocher 11:00 am mass: †Fred Dauk / Lucille Desrochers Marie Bert / Jim and Jenny

"Exercise daily — walk with the Lord."

Dear Parishioners,

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, which marks the halfway point between Ash Wednesday and Easter, has traditionally been called *Laetare Sunday*, taken from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice!" This is a sure promise that salvation will come. Rejoice! There will be Easter. Rejoice! You, too, will rise and live. Rejoice!

The Lenten Scriptures introduce us to some of the most intriguing people in the Bible. Today, we meet David, the anointed one, and the man born blind. Both experienced God's extraordinary action—a power that took them out of their ordinary lives and drew them into the kingdom work of proclaiming God's marvelous deeds. In the First Reading, Jesse's son, David, is called from his flock to serve the Lord and to shepherd his people. The Gospel (John 9:1-41), leads us ever deeper into the mystery of the God-With-Us and His plan of salvation and freedom for us. Blindness is an affliction and we often consider it a curse. Too often, it is connected with shame and feelings of guilt. Blindness stands for all our afflictions and all our limitations, especially those that have been with us all our lives. In *Preaching the New Lectionary: Year A*, Congregation of St. Agnes Sister Dianne Bergrant writes that the blind man's sight was not *restored*; he was born blind and was given new sight through the grace of God.

As Jesus opens the eyes of a man to the wonders of belief in God's son, we, too, become aware of the Lord's plan to take away shame and guilt, to free us for a good life, and to give us the ability to reach out into the distance, with faith and hope. God calls us from our ordinary work and opens our eyes, through baptism, to insight into his mighty works. He calls on us to believe, to worship, and to follow the Lord Jesus, His son. We are made new, enlightened children of the light of God. May all who come into the Lord's presence for His healing see the Lord and acknowledge Him.

*"Father, you enlighten all who come into the world.
Fill our hearts with the light of your Gospel,
that our thoughts may please you,
and our love be sincere."*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

Bible Study	Friday, March 7th
Youth	Friday, March 14th
Parish Priests	Friday, March 21st



EASTER TRIDUUM 2008

(The Three Holy Days of the Life-Giving Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

THE FIRST DAY

Holy Thursday Night 8:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper (with the Washing of Feet, followed by Adoration until midnight)

THE SECOND DAY

Good Friday 3:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (with the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

THE THIRD DAY

Holy Saturday 8:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.