



St. Leo's Parish Community
Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023



Welcome to St Leo's!
We are so glad you
could join us!



Lenten Prayer

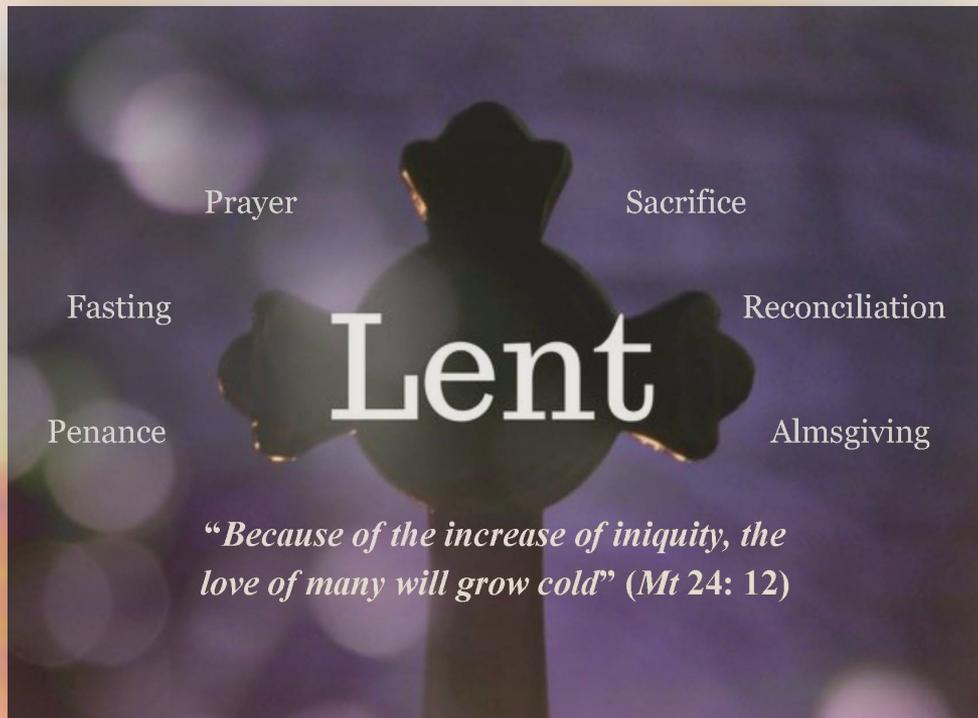
Protect me, God:
for in you I take refuge.
You are my portion and cup,
my life is in your hands.
I keep you ever before me,
for you are my God.
You stand at my right hand;
I shall not waver.

And so my heart is glad
and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

For you do not leave
my life among the dead,
or let your servant
go down into the pit.

You will show me the path of life,
fullness of joy in your presence,
happiness forever
at your right hand. Amen.

-- Pope Francis





Thank you for joining us today for Mass!
~~There is nothing like receiving the Holy Eucharist~~
We hope to see you soon.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

Re-joyce, Je - ru - sa - lem, and all who love her.

Be joy - ful, all who were in mourn-ing; ex - ult and
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be sat - is - fied at her con - sol - ing breast.

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Greeting

Penitential Act: *Confiteor*

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints;
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

-AND/OR-

Lord have Mercy,
Christ have Mercy,
Lord have Mercy

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel:
"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.
I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,
for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice,
Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,
"Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him."
But the LORD said to Samuel:
"Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature,
because I have rejected him.
Not as man sees does God see,
because man sees the appearance
but the LORD looks into the heart."
In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel,
but Samuel said to Jesse,
"The LORD has not chosen any one of these."
Then Samuel asked Jesse,
"Are these all the sons you have?"
Jesse replied,
"There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep."
Samuel said to Jesse,
"Send for him;
we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here."
Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.
He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold
and making a splendid appearance.
The LORD said,
"There—anoint him, for this is the one!"
Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

The Word of the Lord,
~Thanks be to God



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Owen Alstott



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.
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Responsorial Psalm Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

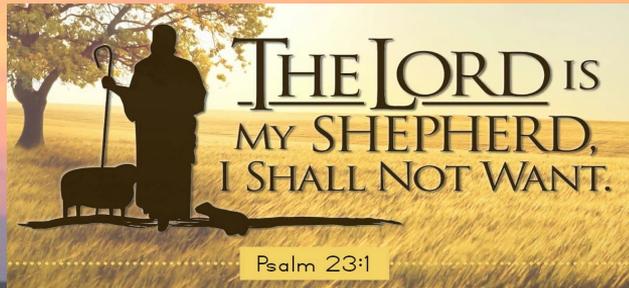
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



2nd Reading Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind of goodness
and righteousness and truth.

Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention
the things done by them in secret;
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says:

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light."

The Word of the Lord,
~ **Thanks be to God**

for at one time you were darkness,

BUT NOW

you are light in the Lord.

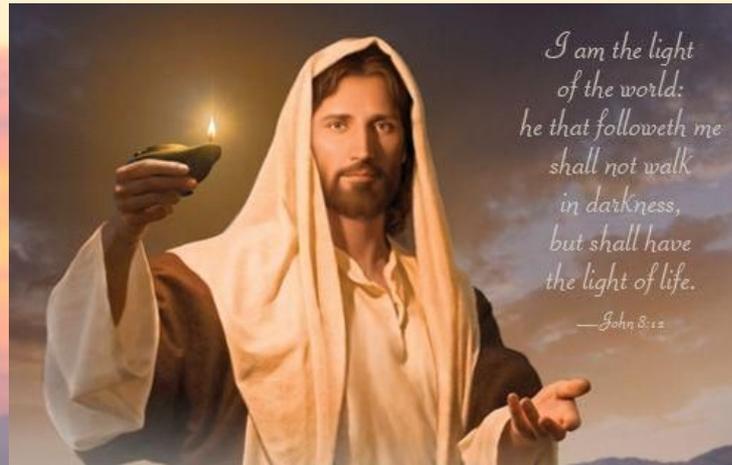


Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory**



Gospel Jn 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered,

"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,

"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—.

So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"

Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him."

He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

He replied,

"The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see."

And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.

Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

He said to them,

"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

So some of the Pharisees said,

"This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath."

But others said,

"How can a sinful man do such signs?"

And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again,

"What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a prophet."



Gospel Jn 9:1-41

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.

They asked them,

"Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?"

His parents answered and said,

"We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself."

His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue.

For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner."

He replied,

"If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

So they said to him,

"What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

He answered them,

"I told you already and you did not listen.

Why do you want to hear it again?

Do you want to become his disciples, too?"

They ridiculed him and said,

"You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses!

We know that God spoke to Moses,

but we do not know where this one is from."



**The Gospel of the Lord,
~ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Gospel Jn 9:1-41

The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.



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~ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Profession of Faith:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten,
not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through Him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

He came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

He suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Universal Prayer: Prayers of Petition ~ Lord, hear our prayer

Offertory song:

THERE IS A LONGING

Anne Quigley



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re-



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for



love we on - ly find in you, our God.

- Verses
1. For jus - tice,
 2. For wis - dom,
 3. For heal - ing,
 4. Lord save us,



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|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----|
| 1. for free - dom, | for mer - cy: | hear our prayer. | In |
| 2. for cour - age, | for com - fort: | hear our prayer. | In |
| 3. for whole - ness, | for new life: | hear our prayer. | In |
| 4. take pit - y, | light in our dark - ness. | | We |



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|-----------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 1. sor - row, | in grief: | } be near, hear our prayer, O God. |
| 2. weak - ness, | in fear: | |
| 3. sick - ness, | in death: | |
| 4. call you, | we wait: | |

to Refrain



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Acclamations:

R: Blessed be God forever

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R: May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands for the praise and glory
of his name, for our good and
the good of all His holy Church

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R: And with your spirit

R: We lift them up to the Lord

R: It is right and just.

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection, until you come again.**

Or

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again

Or

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free

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Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

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The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.*

Thy Kingdom come.

*Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread.

*And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

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For the kingdom, the power and glory
are yours now and forever.~Amen



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Sign of Peace

R: And with your Spirit

(to one another) :

~ *Peace be with you!*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

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R: Lord i am not worthy that should enter
under my roof, but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.



Spiritual Communion:

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
And unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.**

Communion Song:

BEHOLD THE LAMB

Martin Willett

Verses



1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from



1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his
2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this
4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that

Refrain



1. gift, thank - ful for his love. Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of
2. word and the love we share.
3. feast; shel - ter them with peace.
4. blow; cra - dle us with love.



God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,



all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo - ry.

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Concluding Rite

Closing Song:



TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

Jaime Cortez

Refrain

Take up your cross, take up your cross, take up your cross
and fol - low me. Take up your cross, take up your cross,
take up your cross and fol - low me.

Verse 1

1. Who - ev - er wish - es to come af - ter me must de - ny him -
1. self; who - ev - er wish - es to come af - ter me must
to Refrain
1. take up his cross, and fol - low me.

Verse 2

2. Who - ev - er wish - es to save his life will lose it,
to Refrain
2. who - ev - er los - es his life for my sake will find it.

Verse 3 (Bridge)

3. Why gain the whole world but lose your soul?
to Refrain
3. Why gain the whole world but lose your soul?

Vocations Prayer

**Lord Jesus, You said to your disciples,
"I am the way the truth and the life."**

**Give young people the gift of discernment,
to find their way and embrace their true vocation,
the life for which you have created them.**

**In all that lies before them, help them discern a life
that is pleasing to you,
whether to Christian marriage,
to priesthood,
or the consecrated religious life.**

**Send your Holy Spirit to inspire them.
Grant them the grace to embrace
a life of joyful service.**

**Fulfill their desires to make a
generous gift of themselves to others,
after your example.**

**Give them the loving support of family and friends
as they prayerfully discern their vocation in this life.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

~ Amen





Dear God, May we as individuals and as a society find healing from the trauma of war and racism. Show us how to rise from ashes. Show us how to bloom from barbed wire. Give us your grace to find resurrection within ourselves, and give us the courage to create new life in our world. May your will be done. Amen.



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