

Daily Readings for the Week of March 30, 2025

Mar.30: Joshua 5:9, 10-12/ Psalms 34:2-7/ 2 Corinthians 5:17-21/ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Mar.31: Isaiah 65:17-21/ Psalms 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/ John 4:43-54
April 1: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/ Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/ John 5:1-16
April 2: Isaiah 49:8-15/ Psalms 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/ John 5:17-30
April 3: Exodus 32:7-14/ Psalms 106:19-23/ John 5:31-47
April 4: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22/ Psalms 34:17-21, 23/ John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
April 5: Jeremiah 11:18-20/ Psalms 7:2-3, 9-12/ John 7:40-53

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for March 30, 2025

Lector: Shari
Greeters/Gifts: J. Ahrendsen Family
Servers: Evie/Gabi
Money Counters: Jon/Sharon
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Monte/Margo

Schedule for April 6, 2025

Lector: CCD
Greeter/Gifts: CCD/Parents
Servers: CCD
Money Counters: Mary A M/Mary A K
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Jon/Margo

Today's Mass Intention Josephine Behn

Mass Intention April 6th
Paul and Mary Lasack

Priest Visit to the Homebound

If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

Betty Anderson, Karen Kleineck, Bill Ihns, John Swan,
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Zoey Meyers,
Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,
Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

SACRED HEART



March 30, 2025

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Mon., Wed., Fri.

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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4th Sunday of Lent

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Liturgical Changes During Lent

Liturgical celebrations incorporate certain changes to reflect the nature of the season. These changes foster aesthetic appreciation and attentive reflection for some spiritual benefits from the celebration. Lent has its own unique rules, including giving up or suspending some things for the period to convey the unique character of the season. Here are some changes that occur in the season of Lent.

The Liturgical Color

The liturgical color for Lent is typically purple or violet, symbolizing penance, humility, and preparation. However, on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, known as Laetare Sunday, the color may be rose (pink) to symbolize a brief respite in the austerity of Lent, signaling the nearing approach of Easter joy.

Singing or saying the Gloria

One of the most notable things we give up at Mass is the Gloria. That joyous hymn that the angels sang the night of our Savior's birth, which we sing on Sundays, Feast days, and Solemnities, is omitted during Advent and Lent.

The singing or saying of Alleluia before the Gospel.

We also omit the Alleluia, an acclamation derived from a Hebrew expression of praise to God. We sing Alleluia to thank and glorify God. During Lent, however, our focus is on the spiritual journey just like the Israelites in the Old Testament. We journey toward the coming of Christ and the salvation of humankind through His death on the cross and the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Flowers and decoration at the Sanctuary.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal forbids using fresh flowers during Lent. The idea is that Lent is a time to focus on Christ and His sacrifice, and that means only those elements necessary for the Eucharistic celebration should be in the sanctuary and on the altar. Exceptions, however, are Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts. Flowers are typically removed from the altar; other decorations are simplified to create a more subdued atmosphere.

Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for Easter; these changes in the liturgical celebration reflect the penitential nature of the season. They are designed to get our attention and focus more on the season's nature. The changes are also intended to remind us of the changes we need to introduce to reflect the season's character and purpose. So, as you enter the church and notice the somberness of the place, it should prompt you to ask yourself, "Am I responding to anything unusual in my life?"

Today is our Communal Penance Service.

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart will have a meeting following Mass today.

Our next "Table of Plenty" is April 6. Please consider donating some baked goods or a craft that you think someone would appreciate. Remember to price the items before you bring them in. The money collected from sale of these items each month goes towards our fundraising goal for 2025 of \$15,000.

Refreshments will be served following Mass on April 6th. Amy Eganhouse, Kathleen Mizaur and Mary Ann Kouba will be hosting. Thank you ladies.

Our bible study dates for April will be the 9th and the 23rd, at 6:30pm in the church library.

The Sacrament of Anointing the Sick and Blessing Healthcare & First Responders will be take place during Mass on April 6th.

Parishioners are invited to bring Easter flowers to decorate our altar during the Easter season. The altar will be decorated sometime after the Good Friday service at church.

Hope for Caregivers

During this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has encouraged us to focus on "the hope that does not fade." Hope is an especially important ingredient for healthy living as caregivers, who face stress, isolation, and sometimes ask where God is in their situations. This group is for anyone caring for a child, parent, spouse, or loved one with a chronic illness or disability. Through Scripture, prayer, and discussion, the group will affirm and encourage each other. Zoom connection will be offered for those who are not free to meet in person. Meeting monthly from 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning April 21 in the Clare Room at St. Pius X. Questions or for more information contact: marthahanley2@gmail.com.

WEEKLY OFFERING

March 16, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 568.00
Offertory	32.00
Candles	15.00
TOTAL	\$ 615.00

Baptism Information

If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail dbq155sec@dbqarch.org.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM