

Laetare Sunday

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is what is called Laetare Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Most of us are quite accustomed to the Mass being conducted in our native tongue, and we may have lost track of the fact that Latin is still the official language of the Church. On occasion Latin reasserts itself.

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.

The actual midpoint of Lent occurred this past Thursday, and this day has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, when we sort of lessen the soberness normally attached to Lent. You may notice some changes in the church itself in terms of environment, and priests and deacons have the option of wearing rose vestments rather than purple or violet.

This Sunday has a corresponding day during Advent called Gaudete Sunday. The point of both these days is providing us with encouragement in the midst of our two penitential seasons. While both Gaudete and Laetare refer to rejoicing, there is a slight difference between them. Gaudete more correctly refers to “enjoyment.” Laetare means to “be light-hearted.”

So even though we are entering a time of the church year when our hearts become heavy in the shadow of the Cross, *Laetare* Sunday is a moment to remember that the Cross was the beginning of glory for the Lord and for us. It is meant to lift our hearts with hope. As part of this more upbeat attitude and approach to our celebration of Mass this weekend, there is a focus on salvation and redemption, which is the reason we have to “rejoice.”

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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Jamestown, Tennessee 38556
Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor***



March 10, 2018

Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 6:30 P.M. (CST)

Holy Days (Vigil): 6:00 P.M. (CST)

Confessions: After Mass (1st Saturday of month or as needed)

Spanish Communion Service: Sundays 8:00 A.M.(CST)

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**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
(March 17, 2018)**

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**Readers:** R. Germann / W. Allen / M. Criswell  
**Altar Servers:** A. Fackler / T. McDonald  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / L. Savastano  
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March Sacristan: Peggy Dalton
Hospitality: Linda Savastano
KoC Round Table Coordinator: George Savastano
Mass Intentions: Sarah Mahon
Webmaster: Stormy Allen
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Bulletin: Mary Germann
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**INTENTIONS**



Together, let us pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters. Remember the sick, home-bound, caregivers and recovering of our parish and all those on the St. Christopher prayer list (available to view in the narthex) in your daily prayers: Juan Herrera; Zachary Chamness, grandson of George & Linda Savastano; Cissy and Vickie, daughters of Joyce Vaughn; Pete Yahner, brother of Sarah Mahon; Don Briggs; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Mollie Ann Wenzel, daughter of a friend of Allen Bigard; Teddie Stevenson; Leo Duchon; Mike Emmons; Terry McDonald; Mike Baldalament and for those of us who suffer in silence. Also, pray for our military personnel, especially those serving in harm's way. For these and all other unspoken needs; we pray to the Lord.

**ATTENDANCE & DONATIONS**

**March 3, 2018**

Parish: \$ 427  
Building Fund: \$ 175

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 50 / NA  
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MASS INTENTIONS

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For the repose of the soul of **Josephine Halaburda**;
Requested by daughter, **Sue** (and **Howard**) **Duncan**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The second collection this weekend is for the **Catholic Relief Services**.

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DLST starts this weekend. Don't forget to **set your clocks back** one hour tonight.
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**Kudos to Fr. Michael** for a very informative and entertaining question and answer session with the parish this past Wednesday evening. Congratulations, Father, you have passed your oral exams!!  
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Again this year, the Ladies Guild is asking for a \$15 donation towards the purchase of **flowers to be used at the Easter Vigil Service**. Should you wish to contribute, forms and envelopes are on the back table.
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**After the Easter Vigil Mass** we will have our **Easter dinner celebration**. If you wish to bring something, sign up sheets are in the narthex.

**Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)**

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Mar. 24th **Readers:** M. Criswell / S. Mahon / P. Dalton
Altar Servers: W. Allen / B. Rindler
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Mahon / S. Mahon