

Pulpit Announcements

Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare “Rejoice” Sunday March 19, 2023

- Our charitable tithes this weekend will go to Catholic Relief Services, which is the arm of the US Bishops Conference that provides international aid in times of distress or disaster.
- For Laetare Sunday, we are permitted to have flowers in the sanctuary. Our flowers this weekend are in honor of Jim and Anne Hess’ 21st Wedding Anniversary. We wish them a very *Happy Anniversary!*
- For Laetare Sunday, I’d like to remind the faithful that during Catholic Mass, we do not hold hands during the Lord’s Prayer, we do not elevate our arms, and we do not do a mini-orans to the celebrant during liturgical greetings. In some places, these practices have wormed their way into the Catholic Mass. Here at Our Lady of Grace, we follow the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, which does not permit these practices. I ask that all abstain from them and so avoid any unintentional disrespect to the sacred liturgy.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in our parish personal hygiene items collection. I’m especially grateful to the members of our Helping Hands ministry who are facilitating the drive. All of the items will go to the [Women’s Enrichment Center](#).
- Thank you also to everyone who volunteered to give blood this Sunday. Your kindness will save lives.
- 11:00 AM ONLY: This Sunday, we’ll have a bagpiper at the end of Mass in honor of Laetare “Rejoice” Sunday.
- This Saturday, March 25, is our next parish Prayer Outreach at the local abortion facility. All parishioners are encouraged to come at 8:30 AM for this peaceful, prayerful protest against abortion. The facility is located at 3220 Latrobe Drive. Charlotte, NC.