



Moses and the bronze serpent. (Woodcut by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, *Die Bibel in Bildern*, 1860)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

LÆTARE “ROSE” SUNDAY
(YEAR B)

MARCH 10, 2024
II:00 AM



ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WOODHAVEN, NEW YORK



⚔. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

R. Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

⚔. Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain.

R. Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

⚔. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

R. Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

⚔. Honor thy father and thy mother.

R. Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

⚔. Thou shalt do no murder.

R. Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

⚔. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

R. Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

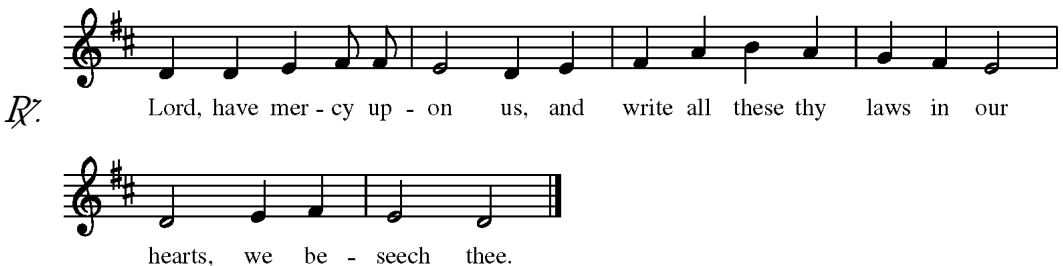
⚔. Thou shalt not steal.

R. Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

⚔. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

R. Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

⚔. Thou shalt not covet.



R. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we be - seech thee.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Liturgy of the Word

¶ *Please be seated.*

Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

℣. The Word of the Lord.

℟. *Thanks be to God.*



1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is **good**, and his mercy endureth for **ever**.

2 Let all those whom the LORD hath redeemed pro-**claim** that he redeemed them from the hand of the **foe**.

3 He gathered them out of the **lands**; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the **south**.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious **ways**; they were afflicted because of their **sins**.

18 They abhorred all manner of **food** and drew near to death's **door**.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their **trouble**, and he delivered them from their di-**stress**.

20 He sent forth his word and **healed them** and saved them from the **grave**.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his **mercy** and the wonders he doeth for his **children**.

22 (*2nd half*) Let them offer a sacrifice of thanks-**giving** and tell of his acts with shouts of **joy**.

The Epistle

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that

in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

℣. The Word of the Lord.

℟. *Thanks be to God.*

¶ *Please stand.*

Gradual

Lætatus sum

I was glad when they said unto me, “We will go into the house of the LORD.” *Verse.* Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Psalm 122:1, 7

Gospel Tract

Qui confident

They that put their trust in the LORD shall be even as the mount Sion, which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever. *Verse.* The hills stand about Jerusalem; even so standeth the LORD round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 123:1-2

The Gospel

John 3:14-21

℣. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

℟. *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who

do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

℣. The Gospel of the Lord.

℟. *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Sermon

Fr. Whitmire

¶ *After the sermon, please stand.*

The Nicene Creed

Hymnal #S-103

The Prayers of the People

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Final Response: To thee, O Lord, our God.

The Confession and Absolution

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words

The Peace

℣. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

℟. *And with thy spirit.*

¶ *Please be seated.*

Offertory Sentence

Laudate Dominum

O praise the LORD, for he is gracious; O sing praises unto his Name, for he is lovely; whatsoever he pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth.

Psalm 135:3, 6

Offertory Hymn #339 - "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness" (*Schmücke dich*)

Orate Fratres ac Sorores

℣. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this sacrifice of yours and mine may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

℟. *May the Lord accept this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.*

The Secret Prayer

Be reconciled, O Lord, and give heed to these our sacrifices, that they may avail at once for our devotion and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Eucharist

(Eucharistic Prayer I)

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. *And with thy spirit.*

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

℣. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

℟. *It is meet and right so to do.*

Preface of Lent A

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Plainchant

H-O-LY, * Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts, Hea-ven
and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord
Most High. Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of
the Lord. * Ho-san-na in the High-est.

¶ *Please kneel as you are able, or stand.*

¶ *At the elevation of the Host and Chalice, you are invited to make the Sign of the Cross and say silently, "My Lord and my God," in adoration of our Lord's Eucharistic presence.*

The Canon of the Mass

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

“TAKE, EAT,
THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.
DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

“DRINK YE ALL OF THIS;
FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT,
WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.
DO THIS, AS OFT AS YE SHALL DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of

thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

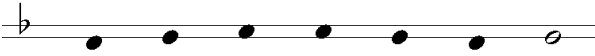
The Lord's Prayer (#S-119)

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Anthem (#S-153)

∇. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



R. There-fore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Plainchant



○ LAMB of God, *that ta-kest a-way the sins of



the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, *



that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy



up - on us. O Lamb of God, * that ta - kest



a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Let us pray. *We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

Ecce Agnus Dei & Non sum dignus

℣. Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who taketh away the sins of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

℟. *Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but, speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.*

Communion Sentence

Jerusalem quæ ædificatur

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself, for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD, to give thanks unto thy Name, O LORD.

Psalm 122:3, 4

All persons are invited to the Lord's Table. All baptized Christians, regardless of tradition, are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament. If you prefer not to receive, you may receive a blessing from the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

¶ *If you cannot receive the Blessed Sacrament physically, you are invited to receive Jesus spiritually by making an Act of Spiritual Communion. Please pray the following prayer.*

My Jesus, I believe that thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love thee above all things, and I desire thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace thee, as though thou wert already there, and unite myself wholly to thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from thee. Amen.

Hymn after the Ablutions #690 - "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" (*Cwm Rhondda*)

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and ever living God, *we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

Postcommunion Collect

Grant us evermore, we pray, O merciful God, to receive with sincere devotion and faithful hearts these holy mysteries whereon we are fed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Please kneel.*

Prayer over the People

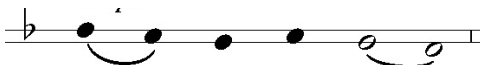
Priest: Bow down before the Lord.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on thy people who kneel before thee; and grant that those whom thou hast nourished by thy Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Benedicamus Domino

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℞. 
Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Debbie Tuffano
George Kelly
Darlene Kelly
Elna Rampersaud Goorahoo
Nazmoon Khan
Anjani Boodram
Roy Smith
Katie Paulson Cline
Norma Chapparo
Debbie Dawson
Maureen Tai
Alvin Nandi
Dorothy Wildhagen
Hazra Whitney
Cyril Hassell
Ronald Lall

Alison Briones
Harrinarian Wishart
Emily Hunter
Ronald Persaud
Norma Harripersaud
Rhoda Mann
Caroline Ureña
Rosa Vasquez
Ruben Aguirre
Kenneth Kawall
Frank Pagano
James Crawford
Barbara Marshall
Larry Orsomaso
Sherry B. Singh
Marsh Dean

Rose Francis
Enid Kelly
Uriah Uhomobhi
Christine Surdyka
Harriman Supersad
Sintra Supersad
+Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
Andy Maharaj
Elma Devilla
Mark Schaffrod
Canon Ephraim Goorahoo+
Harold Kauffman
Howard Dixon
Claudette Hackett

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Harry Sooknanan
Shawn Charles, Sr.
Parsram Lall

BIRTHDAYS

Aaron Brown
Gregory Chan
Justin Persaud

ANNIVERSARIES

None this week.

God grant them many years!

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OFFERINGS AND INTENTIONS

- A gift for the roses today is offered in loving memory of Christine Ragunath, given by Henry and Maureen Chan.
- A gift for bread, wine, and the Blessed Sacrament Candle is given in loving memory of Rena Chetram in commemoration of the Third Anniversary of her passing, given by Diana, Jennifer, & Annie Chetram, and Janella Clarke.
- A gift for bread and wine is offered with thanksgiving and many blessings for the birthday of Gregory Chan, given by Maureen and Henry Chan.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - Adult Baptism/Confirmation Class, 1 PM.

Tuesday, March 12 - Bible study and potluck supper, 6:00 PM.

Wednesday, March 13 - Low Mass, 7 PM.

Friday, March 15 - Low Mass - Chapel, 9:30 AM.

Saturday, March 16 - Youth Vocations Day @ Mercer, 9 AM. El Vía Crucis, 10:30 AM. Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5:00 PM.

Tuesday Evening Potluck & Educational Forum

This Tuesday
6:00 PM, Lower Parish Hall

BUDGET REPORT

For the month of February, we received \$9,389 in pledges (envelopes + online). **Please pick up your 2024 pledge envelopes in the back of the church. If you have not made a pledge for 2024, please do so.** Pledges and donations can be placed in the collection plate, made online, or by scanning the QR Code to the right.



A HISTORY OF ROSE SUNDAY

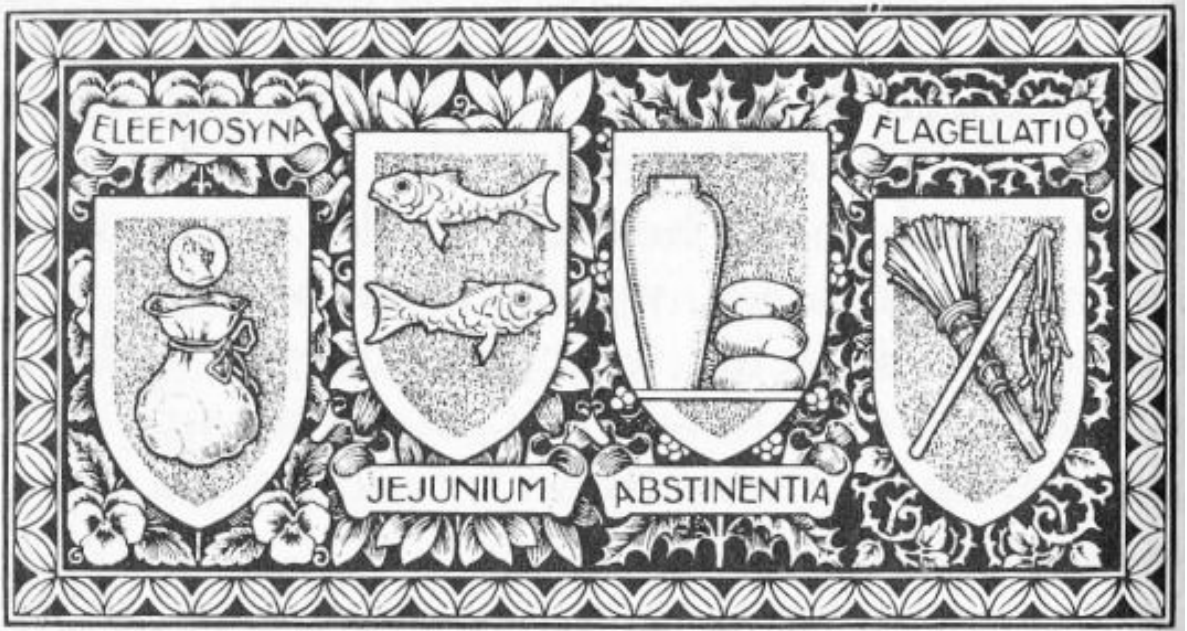


The fourth, or middle, Sunday of Lent, so called from the first words of the Introit at Mass, “*Lætare Ierusalem*” – “Rejoice, O Jerusalem.” During the first six or seven centuries the season of Lent commenced on the Sunday following Quinquagesima, and thus comprised only thirty-six fasting days. To these were afterwards added the four days preceding the first Sunday, in order to make up the forty days’ fast, and one of the earliest liturgical notices of these extra days occurs in the special Gospels assigned to them in a Toulon manuscript of 714.

Strictly speaking, the Thursday before *Lætare* Sunday is the middle day of Lent, and it was at one time observed as such, but afterwards the special signs of joy permitted on this day, intended to encourage the faithful in their course through the season of penance, were transferred to the Sunday following. They consist of (like those of *Gaudete* Sunday in Advent) in the use of flowers on the altar, and of the organ at Mass and Vespers; rose-coloured vestments also allowed instead of purple, and the deacon and subdeacon wear dalmatics, instead of folded chasubles as on the other Sundays of Lent.

The contrast between *Laetare* and the other Sundays is thus emphasized, and is emblematical of the joys of this life, restrained rejoicing mingled with a certain amount of sadness. The station at Rome was on this day made at the church of S. Croce in Gerusalemme, one of the seven chief basilicas; the Golden Rose, sent by the popes to Catholic sovereigns, used to be blessed at this time, and for this reason the day was sometimes called “*Dominica de Rosa*.” Other names applied to it were Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, from a miracle recorded in the Gospel; Mid-Lent, *mi-carême*, or *mediana*; and Mothering Sunday, in allusion to the Epistle, which indicates our right to be called the sons of God as the source of all our joy, and also because formerly the faithful used to make their offerings in the cathedral or mother-church on this day. This latter name is still kept up in some remote parts of England, though the reason for it has ceased to exist.

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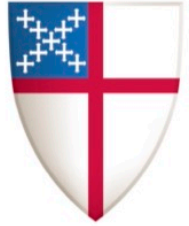
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The mission of All Saints Church is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord by our participation in the Eucharist, our fellowship in oneness and diversity, by respect for each other, and through outreach into the community.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass	8:00 AM
La Misa en Español	9:30 AM
Sung Mass	11:00 AM
Grupo AA	3:00 PM

Tuesday

Bible Study & Educational Forum (as announced)	6:00 PM
Grupo AA	8:00 PM

Wednesday

Low Mass	7:00 PM
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Thursday

Rosary with Walsingham Devotions via Zoom (1st Thursday)	7:00 PM
Grupo AA	8:00 PM

Friday

Low Mass or Morning Prayer	9:30 AM
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Saturday

Altar Guild Monthly Mass & Meeting (1 st Saturday)	10:30 AM
Senior Lunch Program (2 nd Saturday)	12:15 PM
Estudio Bíblico via Zoom (como anunciado)	10:30 AM

The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano

The Right Reverend Geralyn Wolf

The Right Reverend Daniel Allotey

The Right Reverend Bill Franklin

The Very Reverend Dr. Norman Whitmire, Jr.

Mr. Nicholas F. Russotto

Bishop of Long Island

Assistant Bishop

Assisting Bishop

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Rector

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