

Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday

Celebrant:

With faith and confidence, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

1. We pray for our leaders in the faith – especially the parents, godparents and all who work with our school communities to strengthen the bonds of Christian care in our parish. **Lord, hear us.**

2. We pray for our civic leaders and for all who work as diplomats to establish peace and justice in our troubled world. **Lord, hear us.**

3. On this Mother's Day, we pray a blessing from Heaven on all mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers. We give thanks for their nine months of patient and tender care for us and for the very many years of kind attention which they have given us all since we were born. **Lord, hear us.**

4. May the Confirmation candidates in our parish kindle the fire of God's love in their hearts. May they use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to look beyond the appearances of our passing world. **Lord, hear us.**

5. We pray for the blind, the disabled, the housebound and for all who help them to develop a sense of hope and independence in their daily lives. **Lord, hear us.**

6. May the light of Heaven shine brightly on those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially the deceased mothers of our parish whose graves will be visited by family and friends this day. May they rest in peace. **Lord, hear us.**

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God our Father, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may clearly see the love you have for us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**