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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Jubilee Year - Fun Facts!

Fourth Week of Lent (Year C) - The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus describes God's reconciling love in a parable. The father in the parable is an image for us of how much God wants to forgive us. In our lives, we are sometimes like the younger son; we wander away from God. At other times, we might be like the older son, jealous of the love and forgiveness that God shows to others. This story speaks to us of the meaning of reconciliation, of God's forgiveness and the mercy God wants us to show to one another. During Lent, we remember this story and we seek to be reconciled with God and others, especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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Manna - What is it?

When the heavenly bread began to rain down, in the original Hebrew the people of Israel asked: "Ma'n Hu?" {מן הוּא} - English for "what is it?" and that is the origin of the name "manna."

In today's first reading from the book of Joshua, the Israelites' long journey has ended as they entered the Promised Land. They will no longer need "manna." They are no longer wanderers but settlers in the Promised Land. The yield of the land represents abundance and the blessings that come from living in accordance with God's covenant.

Family Table Talk

How can you show mercy and forgiveness to others in your daily life?

Do you see yourself more in the younger son or the older son? Why?

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Parable
of the
Prodigal Son



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Week Four - Suggestions- or write your own!
Check the box if you met your Lenten Challenge this week.

- PRAY** - Pray a decade of the joyful mysteries each day. See bit.ly/Joyful-Mysteries-Kids to guide you.
- FAST** - Fast from complaining.
- GIVE** - Do an extra chore each day this week to help at home.

Scripture Memory Quote:

So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us.

(2 Corinthians 5:20-21)



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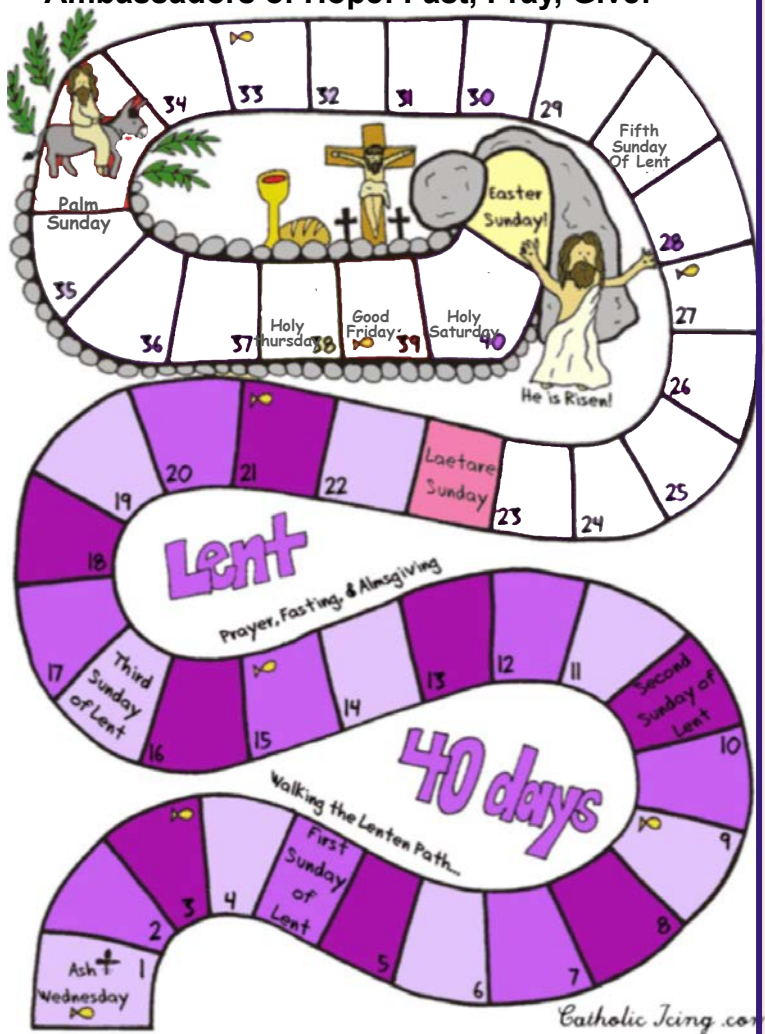
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Snack of the Day

Laetare Sundaes on Laetare Sunday! Rejoice and share some sundae smiles with any flavor of pink ice-cream! Top your sundae with pink sprinkles. Add strawberry or chocolate syrup. Talk about how you rejoice in God's love.



Take notice! We are halfway through Lent! Rejoice for Easter is soon! Keep going as Ambassadors of Hope: Fast, Pray, Give!



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LOOK for this



It's not pink... its ROSE!!

In the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church, there are two Sundays that are designated as "rose" Sundays. This Sunday is Laetare Sunday. The color rose is used to signify joy. Laetare Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent, marking the middle of Lent. We rejoice in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We also saw the color rose used on the third Sunday of Advent, marking again, the middle of a season of waiting. In the season of Advent, Gaudete Sunday celebrates joy and hope in anticipation of the birth of Jesus.

The use of rose on these Sundays serves as a reminder of the joy that accompanies the seasons of Advent and Lent, amidst the penitential themes that characterize these times.

Look for the color rose this week. The priest and deacons will don rose colored vestments. You may see rose colored cloths covering the altar. What items did you see that were rose?

Listen for this!

"Laetare, Jerusalem"
"Rejoice O Jerusalem"

The Entrance Antiphon or opening words are **"Rejoice, O Jerusalem"** or similar words giving the faithful a sense of joy and hope reflecting the spirit of the day.

Pilgrims of Hope - Ambassadors of Hope - Rejoice and have a GLORIOUS day!



What does gratitude have to do with hope and joy? Beth Hoey, Executive Director, Foundation of the Diocese of Syracuse shares how she is an ambassador of hope by living a life focused on gratitude. She rejoices in the blessings bestowed upon her. **Watch this short one minute video.**

How are you an Ambassador of Hope?



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