



Building Faith@HOME

March 14, 2021



1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137: 1,2,3,4,5,6
Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21

4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday, Rejoice! This Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare, meaning "Rejoice" comes from the entrance antiphon reflecting on Isaiah 66:10-11: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Similar to Guadete Sunday celebrated on the Third Sunday of Advent, on Laetare Sunday the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. In Advent, we recognize that "light" is dispelling the darkness. In today's Gospel, Nicodemus comes to Jesus in the darkness of the night and encounters a light that provides truth, "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be seen as done in God." Today's Gospel stresses the importance of faith. All who believe in Jesus, who died and rose for us, have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world so that it might be saved, and not to condemn it. Jesus is the key to salvation. This is the light of truth shared in the Gospel on Laetare Sunday... rejoice!

Question and Action for all: Nicodemus comes to see Jesus at night so that his colleagues would not know of his interest in Jesus. Many Catholics are very quiet about their faith. What has or is helping you to be more public about your Catholic faith?

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is a gift of God..." (Eph 2:8).

[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) - **Your Grace is Enough** Matt Maher (music video)

Year of Vocation

Everyone has a vocation. Hear some of the testimonial stories from people in our diocese ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)) Talk about your own vocation story with your family members. How are you serving God? How do you witness God's love?

Pray: Lord, I thank You for the gifts You have given me, especially for life, love, family and friends. Help me to know myself better and to know my talents, as I pray, study and decide on my life's work. Help me to see and understand the path You open for me. Help me choose a life's work which will be in response to my potential and your love for me. If I am being invited to follow You as a priest, brother, sister, give me a generous heart to respond to your challenging call and the strength to follow You wherever You lead me. Amen

The ABCs for Fostering Vocations

Guide your child to pray that he or she might discover and use the gifts God has given.

Lenten Recipe of the Week!

[Ten Best Fish Fry Recipes](https://www.catholic-sun.com/recipes/ten-best-fish-fry-recipes/)



OR... Visit a parish fish fry and vote in the Holy Mackerel Contest. [CatholicSun.com](https://www.catholic-sun.com)



Gospel Weeklies

Joseph, Dreamer or Believer: Is There a Difference?

PRESENTED BY: SISTER EILEEN MCCANN, CSJ



Solemnity of St. Joseph March 19

Family-Time Retreat

Enrich your Lenten season by participating in the **Lenten Retreat with Bishop Lucia**, March 15, 16 & 17 at 6:30PM.

March 15 - Eucharistic Adoration "Renewed in Faith"

March 16 - Penitential Service "Renewed in Hope"

March 17 - Votive Mass "Renewed in Love"

[syracusediocese.org](https://www.syracusediocese.org) - **Lenten Retreat with Bishop Lucia**, Livestream Link



Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) - **What is Laetare Sunday: 3 things to know** (All ages Faith Builder)

[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) - **Joseph: Dreamer or Believer with Sr. Eileen McCann** (Adult Faith Builder)

[catholic-link.org](https://www.catholic-link.org) - **10 Surprising Things That Happen When You Go To Adoration** (Young Adult - Adult Faith Builder)

[catholicicing.com](https://www.catholicicing.com) - **St. Patrick's Day Fun Food Ideas For Kids** (Family Faith Builder)

[catholicicing.com](https://www.catholicicing.com) - **Printable Trinity Shamrock Craft** (Kids Faith Builder)



Our website [RCfaithquest.syrdio.org](https://www.rcfaithquest.syrdio.org) has many ideas during this Lenten Season!

