

**LENT IV – LAETARE SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 10, 2024**  
**LOW MASS**

***Priest & People:*** We fly / to thy patronage, / O holy Mother of God! / Despise not our petitions in our necessities / but deliver us from all dangers, / O ever glorious and Blessed Virgin!

*V.* Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

***Priest:*** O Jesus, living cornerstone and Head of Thy Church, which Thou hast redeemed, purchased, and cleansed with Thy holy Blood, preserve her, Thy spouse, from sacrilege, heresy, and schism; unite all her members in faith, hope, and charity; let the daily Sacrifice of the altar, and prayer, never cease, but be for ever presented to Thy heavenly Father to obtain us grace and blessing, pardon and salvation. Amen.

***Priest & People:*** Glorious patriarch St. Joseph, / patron and protector of the Catholic Church / and head of the Holy Family, / entreat for me today / tender, constant love / of Jesus in the Sacrament of the altar, / as well as all of my other needs and intentions, / especially God's blessings on the Church / and on our church. / Could I but make adequate return / for the plenitude of His love and mercy! / Could I but love Him as thou didst, / and press Him to my heart with Mary's ardor! / "St Joseph, / model and patron of those who love the Sacred Heart of Jesus, / pray for us!"

**PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

***Priest & People:*** **ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,** / defend us in battle; / be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. / May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, / and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, / by the power of God, / cast into hell, Satan, and all the evil spirits, / who wander about the world, / seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

V. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, **R. Have mercy on us.**  
V. Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick, **R. Have mercy on us.**  
V. Our Mother of Good Counsel, **R. Pray for us.**  
V. Our Lady of Consolation, **R. Pray for us.**  
V. Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
**R. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.**  
V. Pure Heart of St. Joseph, **R. Pray for us.**  
V. Ye Forty Holy Martyrs, **R. Pray for us.**  
V. All ye holy Angels and Archangels, **R. Pray for us.**  
V. May the Divine assistance remain always with us.  
**R. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS**

1. The glory of these forty days,  
We celebrate with songs of praise;  
For Christ by whom all things were made,  
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

2. Alone and fasting Moses saw,  
The loving God who gave the law  
And to Elijah, fasting, came,  
The steeds and chariots of flame.