

OPENING GREETING

Fourth Sunday of Lent

5 minutes before Mass starts, read the Opening Greeting and then return to your seat in the pew.

Commentator:

Good morning/afternoon!

Welcome to Saint Clare Catholic Church
as we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

We extend a special welcome to all visitors and new parishioners.

Our presider today is _____
and he will be assisted by _____.

Pause 3 seconds

This weekend, we will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Catholic Relief Services relies on the support it receives to address the immediate needs and provide long-term solutions for victims of wars and natural disasters throughout the world. We hope you will prayerfully consider supporting this collection. *Pause 3 seconds*

Today, Holy Mother Church exhorts us to rejoice on Laetare (lae-TAH-reh) Sunday, where we pause and rejoice in this Sunday of the Lenten season to remind us that we are about to experience the greatest joy of all—the joy of full reconciliation with God in Jesus Christ at Easter. We can rejoice in the face of our struggle with sins and sufferings because these painful realities are not the final word. We are joyful because we are on a journey to complete reconciliation with God as His beloved sons and daughters.

Pause 3 seconds

Before we begin this celebration of the Eucharist, let's all greet and welcome one another.

Pause 10 seconds or until people are done greeting each other.

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Now, please open the front cover of your Breaking Bread book so we can all pray together the Prayer for Vocations:

Loving God,
You speak to us and nourish us
through the life of this church community.
In the name of Jesus,
we ask you to send your Spirit to us
so that men and women among us, young and old,
will respond to your call to service and leadership in the church.

We pray especially, in our day,
for those who hear your invitation
to be a priest, sister, brother, or deacon.
May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call
be encouraged and strengthened
through our enthusiasm in your service.
Amen.

Pause 10 seconds

We will begin our liturgy momentarily, so please take a few moments of silence now to put yourselves in the presence of the Lord.