



**19 March 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**LAETARE SUNDAY**



## **INTRODUCTION:**

Dear friends, today is “Laetare or Rejoice Sunday” when rose vestments are used and the Liturgy brings us a new hope of Christ Our Shepherd-King who will light up our way and cure our spiritual blindness, even as we walk through the darkness of this world often assailed by fears and misgivings.

**READINGS:** 1Sam 16:1. 6-7; 10-13; Ps 22; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**CEL:** Let us ask the Lord for the grace of deep insight into our lives and the situations around us:

**R/- Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for the Church and her leaders that through introspection and active apostolate, she may be the bearer of Christ’s light, illumining the darkness of our world. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for those in Government that they may strive to banish the darkness of poverty, sickness, hunger, and disease through proper and selfless legislation and providing resources. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for all of us Christians, that overcoming our prejudices, we may see the face of Christ in all people of goodwill and collaborate to bring justice and peace. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for the adult Catechumens who are preparing for Baptism this Easter, that their lives may bear witness to Jesus, who calls them out of darkness into his own wonderful light. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for our personal intentions (*p-a-u-s-e*). We pray to the Lord.

**CEL:** Lord, giver of all life, pour out your Spirit into our hearts and enable us to see things from your divine perspective so that freed from all darkness we may come to see everything in your light. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.