Prayers of the Faithful Fourth Sunday of Lent March 13 - 14, 2021

Presider: Knowing that God is rich in mercy and that all is gift, we present our prayers and petitions.

Lector: For the Church as we celebrate Laetare Sunday, may we consistently and authentically witness to God's abundant mercy in all we say and do, we pray...**Lord**, hear our prayer.

For the success of the 2021 Catholic Appeal, may our parish wholeheartedly join other parishes in its generous support of this important and worthwhile appeal, we pray...Lord, hear our prayer.

For women, during Women's History Month, may sex trafficking, domestic violence, sexism and all forms of abuse and discrimination because of gender be banished from our world, we pray...Lord, hear our prayer.

For the world-wide family of nations, may they abandon the ways of darkness to follow the ways of Jesus, the light that has come into the world, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our nation, may we resist those ways of darkness that simply puts our own country's self-interest first, we pray...Lord, hear our prayer.

For our St. Ignatius Parish community, for our elect and candidates, may this Lenten Season be a time of spiritual renewal, allowing us to realize ever more fully that we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works, we pray...Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are sick, those who mourn or are in need of our prayers among them Barbara Stanton, may they experience God's mercy and compassion through our kindness towards them, we pray...Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, among them Florinda lantosca, David Andrew DiCarlo, Ann Marie Mahoney, Patricia Rios de Reyes, John Caruso, and Leonora Sarno, may they rejoice in the gift of eternal life, we pray...Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you help us to move from darkness into the light of your Kingdom. Free us, from all that keeps us from rejoicing in the riches of your mercy and the greatness of your love in and through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**.