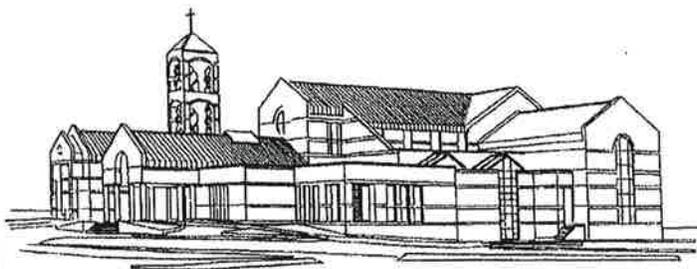


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 2026

Message from Fr. Shaiju

My dear brothers and sisters, this Fourth Sunday of Lent invites us to reflect on the image of light. God's light has come into the world not to condemn it, but to save it. Sometimes we hesitate to step into that light because it reveals what is hidden in our hearts. Yet when we stand in God's light, we discover that He sees more than our weaknesses and shame. He sees only the goodness He has placed within us and the hope He continues to nurture in our lives. When we bring our struggles and burdens before Him, they begin to lose their power. Through prayer, reconciliation, acts of kindness, and trust in God's mercy, we move from darkness into light. Christ is our light, and without Him, the eyes of our hearts remain closed, even if the eyes of our bodies can see. When His light touches us, we begin to see God, ourselves, and the path that leads to life. Therefore, my dear friends, let us allow ourselves to be illumined and renewed by the light of Christ and be a beacon of light and hope for those around us.

Cari fratelli e sorelle, la Quarta Domenica di Quaresima ci invita a riflettere sull'immagine della luce. La luce di Dio è venuta nel mondo non per condannarlo, ma per salvarlo. A volte esitiamo a entrare in questa luce perché rivela ciò che è nascosto nel nostro cuore. Tuttavia, quando rimaniamo nella luce di Dio, scopriamo che Egli vede più delle nostre debolezze e della nostra vergogna: vede il bene che ha posto dentro di noi e la speranza che continua a far crescere nella nostra vita. Quando portiamo davanti a Lui le nostre fatiche e i nostri pesi, essi cominciano a perdere il loro potere. Attraverso la preghiera, la riconciliazione, gli atti di bontà e la fiducia nella misericordia di Dio, passiamo dalle tenebre alla luce. Cristo è la nostra luce: senza di Lui, gli occhi del cuore restano chiusi. Lasciamoci quindi illuminare e rinnovare dalla sua luce, diventando segni di speranza e di luce per tutti.

~Fr. Shaiju Ponmalakunnel

Feast of St. Joseph

A Solemn Mass in honour of St. Joseph will be celebrated on **Thursday March 19, 2026 at 8am in Italian & 7pm Bilingual.**

La festa di San Giuseppe sarà celebrata con una Messa solenne giovedì 19 marzo, 2026 alle ore 8am in Italiano e alle ore 7pm Bilingue.

SL ShareLife

PARISH GOAL: \$106,000

You can help men answer God's call to priesthood by supporting ShareLife

God planted the seed of a priestly vocation in Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi's heart as a child. He later entered St. Augustine's Seminary, where God led him through moments of joy, deep reflection, and a faith that continues to grow. Your generous heart lifted the burden of financial worry, allowing him to prepare for a life of service to the Church.

**NEXT WEEKEND is the ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

Dio ha posto il seme della vocazione sacerdotale nel cuore del Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi fin da bambino. Il tuo cuore generoso ha alleviato il peso delle preoccupazioni finanziarie, permettendolo di prepararsi per una vita al servizio della Chiesa.

DOMENICA PROSSIMA è una domenica di ShareLife. Per favore, dona generosamente.

2026 Summer Camp

The **Immaculate Conception Parish Summer Camp** will take place from **July 6 -10, 2026!** Open to children ages 4-12, the week will be filled with activities and faith-filled experiences. **Registrations will open on March 16, 2026.** The registration fee is \$100 per child. **Limited space available!**

This Week's Marriage



Marina Abbelmaseia & Robert Grimaldi

2026 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday ~ *Domenica delle Palme*

March 28, 2026

5:00pm: English



March 29, 2026

8:00am: Italian

9:30am: English

11:00am: Italian

12:30pm: English

7:00pm: English

Holy Thursday ~ *Giovedì Santo*

April 2, 2026

7:30pm: Bilingual
Adoration until 12am.



Good Friday ~ *Venerdì Santo*

April 3, 2026

The church will be open at 5am for private prayer.

1:00pm: English

3:00pm: Italian

5:00pm: Passion Play.



Holy Saturday ~ *Sabato Santo*

April 4, 2026

8:00pm: English

11:00pm: Italian

N.B. No 5pm Mass.



Easter Sunday ~ *Domenica di Pasqua*

April 5, 2026

8:00am: Italian

9:30am: English

11:00am: Italian

12:30pm: English

NB. No 7:00pm Mass



Lenten Confessions

Monday March 30, 2026 from 4pm-6pm & 7:30pm

Easter Flower Donations

We are accepting monetary donations to help purchase flowers to decorate the church for Easter. If you would like to contribute, please use the envelopes available in the lobby.

Si accettano donazioni monetarie che saranno usati per acquistare i fiori per decorare la chiesa per la Santa Pasqua. Potete utilizzare le buste nell'atrio.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday March 16

7pm Augustine & Enid Tellis

8pm Maria Corbo

Tuesday March 17

7pm Paola Sepe

8pm Anastasia Pascarella

Wednesday March 18

7pm Isabella Ferrara

8pm Diega Rumeo

Thursday March 19 St. Joseph

7pm

8pm Silvana Iori Ferrante

Friday March 20

7pm English Mass & Stations of the Cross

8:15pm Via Crucis

CWL Meeting

CWL invites members and guests to the monthly meeting on **Monday March 16, 2026 at 7:30pm.**

Pilgrimage Information Session

You are warmly invited to attend an Information Session for our upcoming **Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey** – Walking in the Footsteps of St. Paul on **Thursday March 26, 2026 at 6:30pm** in the parish hall. Come and learn more about this beautiful spiritual journey, the itinerary, and travel details.

Actors Needed! Passion Play

We are seeking additional actors for our upcoming Passion Play. This is a meaningful opportunity to help share the story of Jesus' journey on Good Friday.

Save the Date! 2026 Golf Tournament

The 19th Immaculate Conception Parish Charity Golf Tournament in support of ShareLife and parish needs will be held on **Thursday June 4, 2026 at Glen Eagle Golf Club.**

Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts for the 2025 taxation year may be picked up from the parish office during office hours.

Le ricevute delle tasse per l'anno 2025 possono essere ritirate in ufficio parrocchiale.