

MARCH 7, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.



In today's Gospel, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

Jesus witnessed the way people mistreated the temple — the place to worship God and God alone. He drives out evil and works to purify all that is sinful in that place. This is what Jesus wants to do for us this Lenten season. He wants to remove all impurity and evil in our lives and hearts so that we may have a proper dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Let us ask ourselves, what areas of our life need cleansing? Let us name those areas and invite Jesus to purify us. He became man to carry our burdens and wipe away our sins. He has given us boundless mercy, but we must do our part to seek it and commit to living a more faithful life as a disciple of Christ. With this knowledge, let us seek to be purified from our sins so that our hearts might be a true temple of the Holy Spirit.

This season of Lent is only halfway done — there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for Easter morning. But let us not waste another moment. Let us name our shortcomings, seek God's mercy and invite Him to transform our hearts.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 8

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - James Koch †

Tuesday, March 9

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Louise Minniti

9:30 a.m. - St. Peter Virtual Mass

10:15 a.m. - Denis Morris Virtual Mass

7:00 p.m. - RCIA (Virtual)

Wednesday, March 10

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - George Albanese †

Thursday, March 11

No Mass

Friday, March 12

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Steve Bak †

9:00 a.m. - Livestream - Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. - Mass

Saturday, March 13

5:00 p.m. - Livestream on YouTube

Aristide Tacinelli †

Sunday, March 14

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

11:00 a.m. - Aristide Tacinelli †
Peter Sheperd †

FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS



Interested in joining our RCIA session at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 9, 2021 for *"The Role of Laity & Your Spiritual Gifts"*? Please contact the parish office to join the Google Meet.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH



Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

"We proclaim Christ crucified... the power and wisdom of God."

Could Jesus be calling you to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

ASAP
ALWAYS STOP AND PRAY





YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

December 8, 2020-December 8, 2021

"We cannot help but marvel at the faith of Saint Joseph. Tormenting doubts harass his soul and he is on the point of leaving Mary. But an angel appears to him and all his doubts and fears vanish. On the angel's word He accepts the mystery of the Incarnation. In the ensuing years his faith was to be frequently put to the test. At Bethlehem he had to content himself with a stable for a home where the Incarnate Word might be born. Soon after, he was forced to flee in order to save the Infant God, and when later he returned to the tiny village of Nazareth it was to live there unknown and in dire poverty. All these trials only tempered his faith. Although he sees only the Child's wretchedness and poverty, his faith pierces the shroud and uncovers the hidden God within this weak baby frame. Because his faith was so strong, Joseph's mind and heart bowed in perfect adoration. Imitate his faith as you kneel before the humble Christ annihilated in the Eucharist. Pierce the veil which covers this furnace of love and adore the hidden God. At the same time respect the veil of love and make the immolation of your mind and heart your most beautiful homage of faith."

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT: THE PASSION OF YOUTH

Did you know Development and Peace has an active youth movement from coast to coast?

The Share Love, Share Lent campaign celebrates the passion and commitment of youth, who represent the present and the future of the Development and Peace movement. Join them in supporting our work for positive change in Canada and the Global South.

Start a solidarity letter chain in aid of Development and Peace.

Learn how at devp.org/chainletter.



OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY

Envelopes	\$8,343.05
Monthly Preauthorized Giving	7,573.26
Canada Helps	144.25
Interac e-Transfer	2,740.00
Heating/Cooling	15.00
Christmas	1,340.00
New Years	1,260.00
Renovations & Repairs	3,005.00

Total **\$24,420.56**

OFFERINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Envelopes	\$ 13,279.00
Monthly Preauthorized Giving	7,828.75
Canada Helps	168.31
Interac e-Transfer	3,045.00
Christmas	50.00
New Years	295.00
Renovations & Repairs	3,990.00

Total **\$28,656.06**

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