

MARCH 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Our readings today identify the most unlikely individuals for the most extraordinary tasks. These individuals are examples to us in our lives.

In our First Reading, the Lord appoints Samuel to declare the next king of Israel. The Lord's words to Samuel about who should become king cut right to the heart of what matters in God's eyes, "man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." We often embrace the misconception that things like status and appearance are what carry importance in life. Yet, God clearly states that it is what is in our hearts that matters most. So how do we cultivate hearts worthy of God? It starts in prayer — giving God undivided attention each day. Through this time set aside for our Lord, He will work on our hearts so that they will become more like His.



Our Gospel resounds what was proclaimed in our First Reading, "not as man sees does God see." Jesus heals a blind man who people assumed was born blind as a punishment from sin. Yet, Jesus says, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."

Jesus often worked through the most vulnerable people to show His greatest works. Like the blind man, we must recognize our need for healing and give God the authority to work through us.

During these final weeks of Lent, let us ponder God's words, "not as man sees does God see." May we become dependent on our Lord so that He might work through us and transform us.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 15

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Karl Tazel †

Tuesday, March 16

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Angelo Albanese †
7:00 p.m. - RCIA (Virtual)

Wednesday, March 17

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Herman Seiler †

Thursday, March 18

No Mass

Friday, March 19

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Steve Bak †
9:00 a.m. - Livestream - Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. - Mass

Saturday, March 20

5:00 p.m. - Livestream on YouTube
CWL Gathering Mass
Peter Grampola †
Rosario Alzamora †

Sunday, March 21

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People
11:00 a.m. - Frank Niesink †



ST. JULIA CWL

Please join the St Julia Catholic Women's League on Saturday, March 20th, at 5 pm for our first Gathering Mass in 2021. We will not be able to sit together as we used to do before the pandemic, and we may not recognize each other with our masks on, but it will be great to see some of you again at St. Julia. And for those who cannot attend, the Mass will be live-streamed so you can still join us as we continue to pray together with Fr. Greg for an end to this pandemic. God bless!

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?
Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS



Interested in joining our RCIA session at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 16, 2021 for *"Call to Holiness & Living the Virtues"*? Please contact the parish office to join the Google Meet.

Lent is the time for greater love,
listen to Jesus' thirst...

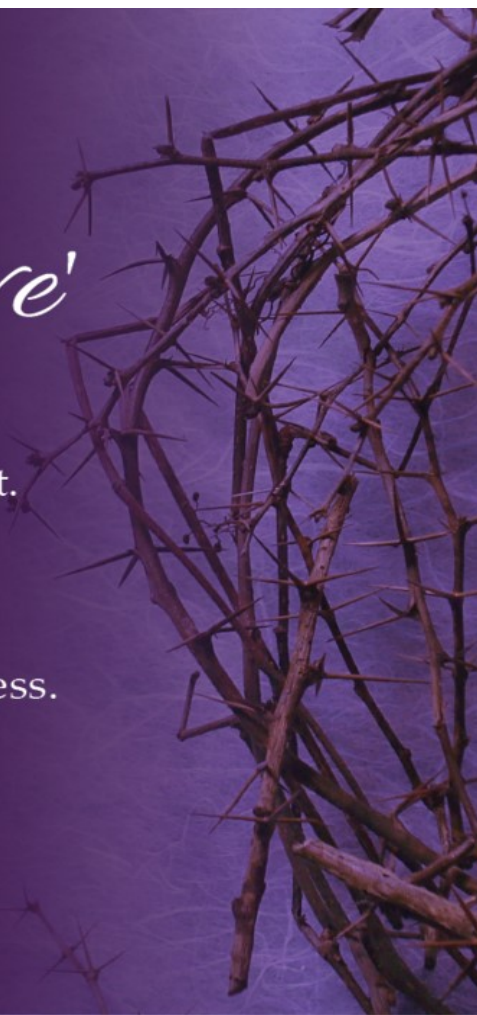
'Repent and believe'

What are we to repent?
Our indifference, our hardness of heart.

What are we to believe?
Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart
and in the poor - He knows your weakness.

He wants only your love,
wants only the chance to love you.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT: RAISE A TOAST TO YOURSELF!

Did you know that over 10,000 Canadian Catholics like you are members of Development and Peace?

The Share Love, Share Lent campaign invites you to pray for them and to honour their solidarity towards our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

Show your support by donating generously this coming Solidarity Sunday. You can also become a monthly donor and have your year-long contribution matched, thanks to the support of religious communities across Canada. Not only will you double your impact, but you will also automatically become a member of Development and Peace!



Learn more at devp.org/lent.

Retrouvaille Hamilton Virtual Weekend
April 8 - 11, 2021

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*A single act of kindness
throws out roots in
all directions.
And the roots spring up
and make new trees.*

Tather Faber

